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EIGHTY-EIGHTH DAY  
Hall of the House of Representatives, Columbus, Ohio  
**Wednesday, July 17, 2019, 9:00 o'clock a.m.**

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Representative Ginter-5th district, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following guest of the House of Representatives was recognized prior to the commencement of business:

Cami Price, a guest of Representative Hillyer-98th district.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bill was introduced:

**H. B. No. 312** - Representative Powell.

To amend sections 145.114, 742.114, 1707.01, 1707.03, 1707.04, 1707.042, 1707.10, 1707.13, 1707.161, 1707.17, 1707.19, 1707.20, 1707.21, 1707.23, 1707.24, 1707.25, 1707.26, 1707.261, 1707.27, 1707.28, 1707.29, 1707.30, 1707.31, 1707.32, 1707.34, 1707.35, 1707.38, 1707.39, 1707.391, 1707.40, 1707.431, 1707.44, 1707.99, 1724.02, 3307.152, 3309.157, 4582.06, 4582.31, and 5505.068 and to enact sections 1707.05, 1707.051, 1707.052, 1707.053, 1707.054, 1707.055, 1707.056, 1707.057, 1707.058, and 1707.50 of the Revised Code to permit intrastate equity crowdfunding under certain circumstances.

Said bill was considered the first time.

### REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Representative Butler moved that House Rule 66A, pertaining to conference committee reports carrying an appropriation, be suspended and that the report of the committee of conference on **Sub. H. B. No. 80**- Representative Oelslager, et al., be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion was agreed to without objection.

Representative Oelslager submitted the following report:

The committee of conference to which the matters of difference between the two houses were referred on Sub. H.B. 80, Representative Oelslager - et al., having had the same under consideration, recommends to the respective houses as follows:

The bill as passed by the Senate with the following amendment:

After line 142, insert:

"INTERIM BUDGET RECONCILIATION

All amounts expended or encumbered from interim budget appropriations made in S.B. 172 of the 133rd General Assembly, or any successive act providing such interim budget appropriations shall be deducted from the appropriate line item appropriations made in this act. The Director of Budget and Management shall make any necessary adjustments to the appropriate line item appropriations to carry out this section.

Managers on the Part of the  
House of Representatives

/S/ SCOTT OELSLAGER  
SCOTT OELSLAGER

/S/ THOMAS E. BRINKMAN, JR.  
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/S/ JACK CERA  
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Managers on the Part of the  
Senate

/S/ BOB HACKETT  
BOB HACKETT

/S/ MATT HUFFMAN  
MATT HUFFMAN

/S/ HEARCEL F. CRAIG  
HEARCEL F. CRAIG

The question being, "Shall the report of the committee of conference be agreed to?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 78, nays 13, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Antani	Baldrige	Becker	Blair
Blessing	Boyd	Brent	Brinkman
Brown	Butler	Callender	Carfagna
Cera	Clites	Cross	Crossman
Cupp	Denson	DeVitis	Edwards
Galonski	Ghanbari	Ginter	Green
Greenspan	Grendell	Hambley	Hicks-Hudson
Hillyer	Holmes, A.	Hood	Hoops
Jones	Jordan	Keller	Kick
Koehler	Lanese	Lang	LaRe
Lepore-Hagan	Lipps	Manchester	Manning, D.
Manning, G.	McClain	Merrin	Miranda
Oelslager	Patton	Perales	Plummer
Powell	Reineke	Richardson	Riedel
Robinson	Roemer	Rogers	Romanchuk
Ryan	Scherer	Seitz	Sheehy
Smith, K.	Smith, R.	Smith, T.	Stein
Stoltzfus	Sweeney	Sykes	Upchurch
Vitale	Weinstein	Wiggam	Wilkin
Zeltwanger			Householder-78

Those who voted in the negative were: Representatives

Boggs	Crawley	Ingram	Kelly
Leland	Lightbody	Liston	Miller, A.
O'Brien	Russo	Sobecki	Strahorn
			West-13

The report of the committee of conference was agreed to.

Representative Butler moved that House Rule 66A, pertaining to conference committee reports carrying an appropriation, be suspended and that the report of the committee of conference on **Am. Sub. H. B. No. 166**-Representative Oelslager, et al., be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion was agreed to without objection.

Representative Oelslager submitted the following report:

The committee of conference to which the matters of difference between the two houses were referred on Am. Sub. H.B. 166, Representative Oelslager - et al., having had the same under consideration, recommends to the respective houses as follows:

The bill as passed by the Senate with the following amendments:

In line 61 of the title, delete "3715.08,"

In line 127 of the title, delete "5739.03, 5739.05,"

In line 163 of the title, delete "3747.462," and insert "3727.462,"

In line 267, delete "3715.08,"

In line 315, delete "5739.03, 5739.05,"

In line 4757, delete "the"

In line 64298, delete "workgroups" and insert "workgroup"

In line 64299, delete "261..." and insert "261.230"

In line 64735, delete "program" and insert "programs"

Delete lines 74684 through 74905

In line 82905, delete "5739.03, 5739.05,"

In line 96383, after the period insert a paragraph break

In line 97366, after "5739.011," insert "and"; delete ", 5739.03, and 5739.05"

Delete lines 97593 and 97594

In line 44359, delete "physician" and insert "health care professional"

In line 44365, delete "3902.54" and insert "3902.60"

In line 44543, after "issuer" delete the balance of the line

In line 44544, delete "3922.01 of the Revised Code."

In line 68860, delete "pilot"

In line 68861, delete "project"; after "scholarship" insert "pilot"

In line 76860, delete "Vapor" and insert "Electronic smoking"

In line 80403, after "distributor" insert an underlined comma

In line 34 of the title, delete "3302.042,"

In line 247, delete "3302.042,"

Delete lines 24835 through 24933

In line 82837, delete "3302.042,"

In line 18253, after the first underlined semicolon insert "a host family as defined in section 2151.90 of the Revised Code."

After line 19355, insert:

"Qualified organization" excludes any entity that accepts public money intended for foster care or kinship care funding or the placement of children by a public children services agency, private noncustodial agency, or private child placing agency."

After line 87478, insert:

**"Section 265.**\_\_\_\_. The Department of Education shall accept an amendment to data submitted to the Department by a school district for the calculation of a component under division (C)(1) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code on the state report card for the 2018-2019 school year if both of the following apply:

(A) Extenuating circumstances, including the death of a district's Education Management Information System (EMIS) coordinator anytime during the collection of data for submission to be used for that school year;

(B) The district provides adequate information to the Department not later than August 10, 2019, to explain and support the amendment of the data."

In line 32670, strike through "shall" and insert "may"

In line 29394, delete "as of the school's payment under section 3314.08 of"

In line 29395, delete "the Revised Code in June of" and insert "in"

In line 30353, delete "that was used for"

Delete line 30354

In line 30355, delete "of" and insert "for"

In line 30356, delete "that was used for the second payment under Chapter 3317. of"

In line 30357, delete "the Revised Code in June of" and insert "for"

In line 31627, delete "as of the district's payment under"

In line 31628, delete "section 3317.16 of the Revised Code in June of" and insert "in"

In line 31746, delete "At" and insert "After"

In line 31749, after "education" insert ", in a manner prescribed by the department,"

In line 33286, delete "as of the school's" and insert "in the"

Delete line 33287

In line 86643, delete "aggregate annualized"

In line 86645, delete ", as of"

In line 86646, delete "the second payment in June 2019"

In line 86647, delete "aggregate annualized"

In line 86649, delete ", as of the second payment in June"

In line 86650, delete "2019"

In line 86668, delete "that"

Delete line 86669

In line 86670, delete "Code in June" and insert "for fiscal year"

In line 86680, delete "aggregate annualized"

In line 86682, delete ", as of the second payment in June"

In line 86683, delete "2019"

In line 86700, delete "aggregate"

In line 86702, delete "as of the second payment in June" and insert "for fiscal year"

In line 86703, delete "aggregate"

In line 86705, delete "as of the second payment in"

In line 86706, delete "June" and insert "for fiscal year"; delete "aggregate"

In line 86708, delete "as of the"

In line 86709, delete "June" and insert "for fiscal year"; delete "payment"

In line 86720, after "3314.08" insert "and division (D) of section 3314.091"

In line 86731, after "3314.08" insert "and division (D) of section 3314.091"

In line 86734, delete "Notwithstanding section 3314.085 of the Revised Code, for" and insert "For"

In line 86736, delete "an amount equal to the school's payment under" and insert "graduation and third grade reading bonuses in accordance with"

In line 86737, delete "for fiscal year 2019." and insert ", except that, for each of those fiscal years, the "formula amount" shall equal the amount specified in division (F)(1) of the section of this act entitled "OPERATING FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021.""

In line 86755, delete "Notwithstanding section 3326.41 of the Revised Code, for" and insert "For"

In line 86757, delete "an amount equal to the school's payment under" and insert "graduation and third grade reading bonuses in accordance with"

In line 86758, delete "for fiscal year 2019." and insert ", except that, for each of those fiscal years, the "formula amount" shall equal the amount specified in division (F)(1) of the section of this act entitled "OPERATING FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021.""

In line 97612, after "3311.79," insert "3314.35,"

After line 97592, insert:

"The amendment by this act of section 1509.50 of the Revised Code takes effect January 1, 2020."

After line 96242, insert:

**Section 715.20.** (A) The Director of Natural Resources shall establish a pilot program to study the environmental impact of oil and gas production operations on stream flow using continuous stream flow monitoring technology. The study shall conclude on or before December 31, 2020.

(B) The Director shall adopt policies and procedures for the administration and implementation of the pilot program.

(C) After the conclusion of the study, the Director shall submit a report of the study's findings to the General Assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code."

In line 93958, delete "\$180,000 \$90,000" and insert "\$90,000 \$0"

In line 93959, subtract \$90,000 from each fiscal year

In line 93964, subtract \$90,000 from each fiscal year

In line 97415, delete "2020" and insert "2019"; delete "The Tax Commissioner shall provide a"

Delete lines 97416 through 97419

In line 97426, delete "2020" and insert "2019"

In line 97427, delete "2021" and insert "2020"

In line 68857, delete "orally"; after "education" insert ", upon that

department's request."

In line 68859, delete "family incomes of students" and insert "whether the family income of a student"

In line 68860, delete "and" and insert "or"; delete "scholarships" and insert "a scholarship"; delete "pilot"

In line 68861, delete "project"; after "scholarship" insert "pilot"; delete "pursuant to" and insert "is equal to, less than, or greater than the income thresholds prescribed by"; after "3310.02" insert "or 3310.032"

In line 68862, after "Code." insert "The department of education shall provide sufficient information about the student and the student's family to enable the department of taxation to make the verification."

In line 93347, after the comma insert "up to"

In line 93348, delete "shall" and insert "may"

In line 47703, after "(E)" insert "(1)"

In line 47705, after "insurer," insert "or"

In line 47706, delete ", or law enforcement"

After line 47708, insert:

"(2) Upon receipt of a valid warrant, the program shall provide the records required by division (D) of this section to law enforcement."

In line 47793, after "(B)" delete the balance of the line

Delete lines 47794 through 47801

In line 47802, delete "(C)"

After line 97605, insert:

**"Section 812. \_\_\_\_.** The amendment by this act of section 4549.65 and the enactment of sections 4516.01, 4516.02, 4516.03, 4516.04, 4516.05, 4516.06, 4516.07, 4516.08, 4516.09, 4516.10, 4516.11, 4516.12, and 4516.13 of the Revised Code takes effect on the one hundred eighty-first day after this act is filed with the Secretary of State."

In line 24311, strike through "two" and insert "one"; strike through "errors" and insert "error"

In line 24313, strike through "at least" and insert "less than"; after "measure" insert "above"

In line 24314, strike through "less" and insert "greater"; strike through "two" and insert "one"; strike through "errors" and insert "error"; strike through "above"; insert "below"

In line 24316, after "than" insert "or equal to"

In line 24317, strike through "above" and insert "below"; strike through "or equal to one" and insert "two"



In line 24318, strike through "error" and insert "errors"

In line 24320, strike through "not greater" and insert "less"; strike through "one" and insert "or equal to two"; strike through "error" and insert "errors"

In line 24321, strike through "or equal to two" and insert "three"

In line 24324, strike through "not greater" and insert "less"; strike through "two" and insert "or equal to three"

In line 24513, strike through ""B"" and insert ""C""

In line 53197, delete "as a consequence of that action" and insert "solely because the licensed person engaged in activities permitted under this chapter and related to activities under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code"

In line 23437, delete "governor's executive"

Delete line 23438

In line 23439, delete "Code" and insert "department"; delete "state"

In line 23440, delete "superintendent" and insert "governor's office of workforce transformation"

In line 26759, delete "four" and insert "three or more"

In line 88441, delete "\$181,107,628 \$181,397,628" and insert "\$186,107,628 \$186,397,628"

In line 88455, add \$5,000,000 to each fiscal year

In line 88507, add \$5,000,000 to each fiscal year

In line 88852, delete "\$3,500,000" and insert "\$8,500,000"

In line 91482, delete "\$2,061,162 \$2,084,200" and insert "\$2,311,162 \$2,334,200"

In line 91486, add \$250,000 to each fiscal year

In line 91513, add \$250,000 to each fiscal year

After line 91550, insert:

"Of the foregoing appropriation item 768425, Justice Program Services, up to \$250,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, for the purposes of implementing recommendations of the Governor's Warrant Task Force."

After line 96179 insert:

**"Section 701.XX. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
PERFORMANCE AUDIT**

The Auditor of State shall conduct a performance audit of selected offices or programs within the Department of Education. The audit shall be completed by October 1, 2020."

In line 91880, delete "\$1,728,000 \$1,728,000" and insert "\$4,228,000 \$4,228,000"

In line 91921, add \$2,500,000 to each fiscal year

In line 91946, add \$2,500,000 to each fiscal year

In line 91898, delete "\$2,753,850 \$1,278,000" and insert "\$2,803,850 \$1,328,000"

In line 91921, add \$50,000 to each fiscal year

In line 91946, add \$50,000 to each fiscal year

In line 92877, delete "\$75,000" and insert "\$125,000"

In line 91917, delete "\$650,000 \$650,000" and insert "\$1,262,500 \$1,462,500"

In line 91921, add \$612,500 to fiscal year 2020 and \$812,500 to fiscal year 2021

In line 91946, add \$612,500 to fiscal year 2020 and \$812,500 to fiscal year 2021

In line 93115, delete "\$50,000" and insert "\$612,500"; delete "each"; after "year" insert "2020 and \$812,500 in fiscal year 2021"

In line 93118, delete "\$50,000" and insert "\$62,500"

In line 93122, delete "\$50,000" and insert "\$62,500"

In line 93129, delete "\$150,000" and insert "\$100,000"

In line 93145, delete "\$50,000" and insert "\$75,000"; after "support" insert "the Model United Nations Program and"

After line 93154, insert:

"Of the foregoing appropriation item 235591, Co-op Internship, \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support the Kent State University Washington Program in National Issues."

In line 93280, delete "The" and insert "Upon the approval of the Controlling Board, the"

After line 96454, insert:

**Section 735. \_\_\_\_.** Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Revised Code, a declaration of candidacy, nominating petition, or other petition filed with the secretary of state or a board of elections for the 2020 primary election or a special election on the day of that election shall not be considered invalid on the ground that it identifies the date of the 2020 primary election as March 10, 2020, instead of March 17, 2020."

In line 149 of the title, after "122.84," insert "124.91,"

In line 330, after "122.84," insert "124.91,"

After line 6719, insert:

**"Sec. 124.91.** The director of administrative services annually shall conduct a survey on diversity within each state agency's workforce at the time of the survey. Not later than December 31, 2020, and not later than the thirty-first day of December of each year thereafter, the director shall issue a report on the results of the surveys with the governor and the general assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code."

After line 84487a, insert:

"GRF 195501 iBELIEVE \$200,000 \$200,000"

In line 84496, add \$200,000 to each fiscal year

In line 84554, add \$200,000 to each fiscal year

After line 84659, insert:

"iBELIEVE

The foregoing appropriation item 195501, iBELIEVE, shall be allocated to the iBELIEVE Foundation to provide opportunities for Appalachian youth to develop twenty-first century skills, including leadership, communication, and problem-solving for college access and retention."

In line 15638, delete "an" and insert "a nonvoting."; delete "with voting rights"

In line 68 of the title, after "4501.24," insert "4503.29,"

In line 272, after "4501.24," insert "4503.29,"

After line 47155, insert:

**"Sec. 4503.29.** (A) The director of veterans services in conjunction with the registrar of motor vehicles shall develop and maintain a program to establish and issue nonstandard license plates recognizing military service and military honors pertaining to valor and service.

(B) The director and the registrar shall jointly adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for purposes of establishing the program under this section. The director and registrar shall adopt the rules as soon as possible after ~~the effective date of this section~~ June 29, 2018, but not later than nine months after ~~that effective date~~ June 29, 2018. The rules shall do all of the following:

- (1) Establish nonstandard license plates recognizing military service;
- (2) Establish nonstandard license plates recognizing military honors pertaining to valor and service;
- (3) Establish eligibility criteria that apply to each nonstandard license plate issued under this section;

(4) Establish requirements governing any necessary documentary evidence required to be presented by an applicant for a nonstandard license plate issued under this section;

(5) Establish guidelines for the designs, markings, and inscriptions on a nonstandard license plate established under this section;

(6) Establish procedures for altering the designs, markings, or inscriptions on a nonstandard license plate established under this section;

(7) Prohibit nonstandard license plates established under this section from recognizing achievement awards or unit awards;

(8) Establish any other procedures or requirements that are necessary for the implementation and administration of this section.

(C) The rules adopted under division (B) of this section shall provide for the establishment of the military nonstandard license plates created under sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.436, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code as those sections existed prior to ~~the effective date of this section~~ June 29, 2018.

(D)(1) Any person who meets the applicable qualifications for the issuance of a nonstandard license plate established by rule adopted under division (B) of this section may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle the person owns or leases of a class approved by the registrar. The application may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code.

(2) Upon (a) Except as provided in division (D)(2)(b) of this section, upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle under this section and the required taxes and fees, compliance with all applicable laws relating to the registration of a motor vehicle, and, if necessary, upon presentation of the required documentary evidence, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle registration and a set of license plates and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code.

(b) Any disabled veteran who qualifies to apply to the registrar for the registration of a motor vehicle under section 4503.41 of the Revised Code without the payment of any registration taxes or fees, may apply instead for registration of the motor vehicle under this section. The disabled veteran applying for registration under this section is not required to pay any registration taxes or fees as required by sections 4503.038, 4503.04, 4503.10, 4503.102, and 4503.103 of the Revised Code, any local motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, or any fee charged under

section 4503.19 of the Revised Code for up to two motor vehicles, including any motor vehicle registered under section 4503.41 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of an application for registration of the motor vehicle and presentation of any documentation the registrar may require by rule, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle registration and a set of license plates authorized under this section and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code.

(3) The license plates shall display county identification stickers that identify the county of registration as required under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code.

(E) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do not apply to license plates issued under this section."

In line 82862, after "4501.24," insert "4503.29,"

After line 91478a, insert:

"GRF 763512 Ohio Task Force One \$250,000 \$250,000"

In line 91486, add \$250,000 to each fiscal year

In line 91513, add \$250,000 to each fiscal year

After line 91544, insert:

"OHIO TASK FORCE ONE

The foregoing appropriation item 763512, Ohio Task Force One, shall be distributed to the Ohio Task Force One – Urban Search and Rescue Unit for the purpose of paying for its operating expenses and developing new programs."

In line 93436, delete "\$34,961,767 \$33,950,000" and insert "\$35,154,257 \$34,142,490"

In line 93437, add \$192,490 to each fiscal year

In line 93460, add \$192,490 to each fiscal year

After line 93530, insert:

"Of the foregoing appropriation item 506321, Institution Education Services, \$192,490 in each fiscal year shall be used to pay for the costs associated with increasing tuition for postsecondary education programming by 5 per cent."

In line 14 of the title, after "317.321," insert "319.302,"; after "323.151," insert "323.155,"

In line 150 of the title, after "195.02," insert "323.16,"

In line 232, after "317.321," insert "319.302,"; after "323.151," insert "323.155,"

In line 331, after "195.02," insert "323.16,"

After line 10995, insert:

**"Sec. 319.302.(A)(1)** Real property that is not intended primarily for use in a business activity shall qualify for a partial exemption from real property taxation. For purposes of this partial exemption, "business activity" includes all uses of real property, except farming; leasing property for farming; occupying or holding property improved with single-family, two-family, or three-family dwellings; leasing property improved with single-family, two-family, or three-family dwellings; or holding vacant land that the county auditor determines will be used for farming or to develop single-family, two-family, or three-family dwellings. For purposes of this partial exemption, "farming" does not include land used for the commercial production of timber that is receiving the tax benefit under section 5713.23 or 5713.31 of the Revised Code and all improvements connected with such commercial production of timber.

(2) Each year, the county auditor shall review each parcel of real property to determine whether it qualifies for the partial exemption provided for by this section as of the first day of January of the current tax year.

(B) After complying with section 319.301 of the Revised Code, the county auditor shall reduce the remaining sums to be levied by qualifying levies against each parcel of real property that is listed on the general tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property for the current tax year and that qualifies for partial exemption under division (A) of this section, and against each manufactured and mobile home that is taxed pursuant to division (D)(2) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code and that is on the manufactured home tax list for the current tax year, by ten per cent, to provide a partial exemption for that parcel or home. For the purposes of this division:

(1) "Qualifying levy" means a levy approved at an election held before September 29, 2013; a levy within the ten-mill limitation; a levy provided for by the charter of a municipal corporation that was levied on the tax list for tax year 2013; a subsequent renewal of any such levy; or a subsequent substitute for such a levy under section 5705.199 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Qualifying levy" does not include any replacement imposed under section 5705.192 of the Revised Code of any levy described in division (B)(1) of this section.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in sections 323.152, 323.158, 323.16, 505.06, and 715.263 of the Revised Code, the amount of the taxes remaining after any such reduction shall be the real and public utility property taxes charged and payable on each parcel of real property, including property that does not qualify for partial exemption under division (A) of this section, and the manufactured home tax charged and payable on each manufactured

or mobile home, and shall be the amounts certified to the county treasurer for collection. Upon receipt of the real and public utility property tax duplicate, the treasurer shall certify to the tax commissioner the total amount by which the real property taxes were reduced under this section, as shown on the duplicate. Such reduction shall not directly or indirectly affect the determination of the principal amount of notes that may be issued in anticipation of any tax levies or the amount of bonds or notes for any planned improvements. If after application of sections 5705.31 and 5705.32 of the Revised Code and other applicable provisions of law, including divisions (F) and (I) of section 321.24 of the Revised Code, there would be insufficient funds for payment of debt charges on bonds or notes payable from taxes reduced by this section, the reduction of taxes provided for in this section shall be adjusted to the extent necessary to provide funds from such taxes.

(D) The tax commissioner may adopt rules governing the administration of the partial exemption provided for by this section.

(E) The determination of whether property qualifies for partial exemption under division (A) of this section is solely for the purpose of allowing the partial exemption under division (B) of this section."

After line 11283, insert:

"**Sec. 323.155.** The tax bill prescribed under section 323.131 of the Revised Code shall indicate the net amount of taxes due following the reductions in taxes under sections 319.301, 319.302, ~~and 323.152,~~ and 323.16 of the Revised Code.

Any reduction in taxes under section 323.152 of the Revised Code shall be disregarded as income or resources in determining eligibility for any program or calculating any payment under Title LI of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 323.16.(A)** As used in this section:

(1) "Qualifying child care center" means real property on which a licensed child care program operates. For purposes of this division, "licensed child care program" means a licensed child care program, as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code, that meets all of the following requirements:

(a) The program only serves children under six years of age;

(b) At least twenty-five per cent of the children in the program reside in a household that receives public assistance;

(c) The program is not operated from the permanent residence of the licensee or administrator or from a location that is also used for a separate commercial purpose.

(2) "Public assistance" means benefits or assistance provided under any of the following government programs:

(a) The publicly funded child care program authorized by Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code;

(b) Medicaid.

(3) The Ohio works first program established by Chapter 5107. of the Revised Code;

(4) The supplemental nutrition assistance program administered by the department of job and family services under section 5101.54 of the Revised Code;

(5) The special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children administered by the department of health under section 3701.132 of the Revised Code.

(B) A partial real property tax exemption is allowed to a qualifying child care center for each tax year for which an application for the partial exemption has been approved. The partial exemption shall take the form of a percentage reduction in the real property taxes levied on the qualifying child care center. That percentage shall equal one of the following:

(1) Twenty-five per cent, if at least twenty-five per cent, but less than fifty per cent, of the children that attend the qualifying child care center reside in a household that receives public assistance;

(2) Seventy-five per cent, if at least fifty per cent of the children that attend the qualifying child care center reside in a household that receives public assistance.

After complying with section 319.301 of the Revised Code, the county auditor shall reduce the remaining sum to be levied against a qualifying child care center by the applicable percentage. The auditor shall certify the amount of taxes remaining after the reduction to the county treasurer for collection as the real property taxes charged and payable on the qualifying child care center.

(C)(1) To obtain the partial exemption, the owner of a qualifying child care center shall file an application each year with the county auditor of the county in which the center is located. The application shall be filed on or before the thirty-first day of December of the year for which the partial exemption is sought. The tax commissioner shall prescribe the form of the application, which shall contain a statement that conviction of willfully falsifying information to obtain the partial exemption results in the revocation of the right to the partial exemption for a period of three years.

(2) The county auditor shall approve or deny an application for the partial exemption within thirty days after receiving the application. Notification shall be provided on a form prescribed by the tax commissioner. If the application is approved, upon issuance of the notification the county auditor shall record the partial exemption in the appropriate column on the



general tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property. If the application is denied, the notification shall inform the applicant of the reasons for the denial.

If an applicant believes that the application for the partial exemption has been improperly denied for a tax year, the applicant may file an appeal with the county board of revision on or before the last day of March of the ensuing tax year. The appeal shall be treated in the same manner as a complaint relating to the valuation or assessment of real property under Chapter 5715. of the Revised Code."

In line 82822, after "317.321," insert "319.302,"; after "323.151," insert "323.155,"

After line 97573, insert:

"**Section 757.** \_\_\_\_\_.The amendment or enactment by this act of sections 319.302, 323.155, and 323.16 of the Revised Code applies to tax year 2019 and thereafter."

After line 97573, insert:

"**Section 757.** \_\_\_\_\_.As used in this section, "qualified property" means any property that satisfies the qualifications for tax exemption under the terms of section 5709.08 of the Revised Code and that is owned by a municipal corporation that, within the preceding twenty-five years, (A) was part of an area subject to a federal disaster declaration on the basis of severe storms or flooding and (B) following that declaration, obtained the title to one or more parcels pursuant to the terms of a hazard mitigation grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Notwithstanding section 5713.081 of the Revised Code, when qualified property has not received tax exemption due to a failure to comply with Chapter 5713. or section 5715.27 of the Revised Code, the municipal corporation that owns the property, at any time on or before twelve months after the effective date of this act, may file with the Tax Commissioner an application requesting that the property be placed on the tax-exempt list and that all unpaid taxes, penalties, and interest on the property be abated.

The application shall be made on the form prescribed by the Commissioner under section 5715.27 of the Revised Code and shall list the name of the county in which the property is located; the property's parcel number or legal description; its assessed value; the amount in dollars of the unpaid taxes, penalties, and interest; and any other information required by the Commissioner. The county auditor shall supply the required information upon request of the applicant.

After receiving and considering the application, the Commissioner shall determine if the applicant meets the qualifications set forth in this section. If so, the Commissioner shall issue an order directing that the

property be placed on the tax-exempt list of the county and that all unpaid taxes, penalties, and interest be abated. If the Commissioner finds that the property is not now being used for an exempt purpose or is otherwise ineligible for abatement of taxes, penalties, and interest under this section, the Commissioner shall issue an order denying the application.

If the Commissioner finds that the property is not entitled to tax exemption and to the abatement of unpaid taxes, penalties, and interest, the Commissioner shall order the county treasurer of the county in which the property is located to collect all taxes, penalties, and interest due on the property for those years in accordance with law.

The Commissioner may apply this section to any qualified property that is the subject of an application for exemption pending before the Commissioner on the effective date of this section without requiring the property owner to file an additional application."

In line 94012, delete "\$6,669,687" and insert "\$6,419,687"

In line 94013, subtract \$250,000 from fiscal year 2021

In line 94017, subtract \$250,000 from fiscal year 2021

In line 94206, after the period insert "All of this funding shall be spent in Ohio on Ohio veterans."

In line 73 of the title, delete "4723.44,"

In line 275, delete "4723.44,"

Delete lines 49535 through 49601

In line 82865, delete "4723.44,"

In line 3 of the title, delete "117.46,"

In line 224, delete "117.46,"

Delete lines 2516 through 2554

In line 82814, delete "117.46,"

In line 84171, delete the second "\$30,729,000" and insert "\$30,929,000"

In line 84189, add \$200,000 to fiscal year 2021

In line 84199, add \$200,000 to fiscal year 2021

After line 84344, insert:

"INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE

Of the foregoing appropriation item 800615, Industrial Compliance, \$1,200,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration within the Division of the Industrial Compliance."

In line 189 of the title, delete "3333.63,"

In line 82919, delete "3333.63,"

In line 49 of the title, delete "3345.55,"

In line 258, delete "3345.55,"

Delete lines 34204 through 34230

In line 82848, delete "3345.55,"

In line 91121, delete ", 2019" and insert "of each fiscal year"

After line 83257 insert:

"Notwithstanding division (B) of section 125.14 of the Revised Code, the Director of Budget and Management, at the request of the Director of Administrative Services, shall transfer up to \$3,800,000 of cash in excess of needs from the Investment Recovery Fund (Fund 4270) to the Enterprise Applications Fund (Fund 5PC0) during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, to pay the operating and maintenance expenses of the Ohio Business Gateway."

In line 20 of the title, after "991.02," insert "1321.73, 1349.43,"

In line 70 of the title, after "4705.10," insert "4712.02,"

In line 73 of the title, after "4723.44," insert "4727.03, 4728.03,"

In line 151 of the title, after "940.37," insert "1181.23,"

In line 236, after "991.02," insert "1321.73, 1349.43,"

In line 273, after "4705.10," insert "4712.02,"

In line 275, after "4723.44," insert "4727.03, 4728.03,"

In line 332, after "940.37," insert "1181.23,"

After line 15714, insert:

"Sec. 1181.23.(A) The superintendent of financial institutions may require persons licensed or registered by the division of financial institutions to participate in a multistate licensing system."

(B)(1) If the superintendent requires use of a multistate licensing system, the superintendent may establish, by rule, regulation, or order, requirements as necessary to enable information required by existing statutes providing for licensing or registration to be submitted to the superintendent through the multistate licensing system.

(2) The superintendent shall not adopt a requirement in conflict with a provision of the Revised Code, but may add to existing requirements with regard to all of the following:

(a) The manner of obtaining required criminal history records, civil or administrative records, or credit history records;

(b) The payment of fees required for the use of the multistate licensing system;

(c) The setting or resetting as necessary of renewal or reporting dates;

(d) The amending of or surrendering of a license or registration.

(C) Any person engaged in activity that requires licensure or registration pursuant to this section shall utilize the multistate licensing system for the application for, renewal of, amendment to, or surrender of a license or registration, as well as for any other activity as the superintendent may require. Such a person shall pay all applicable charges to utilize the multistate licensing system.

(D) The superintendent is authorized to establish relationships or contacts with the multistate licensing system or other entities designated by the multistate licensing system to collect and maintain records and process transaction fees or other fees related to licensees and registrants.

(E) Any confidentiality or privilege arising under federal or state law with respect to any information or material provided to the multistate licensing system shall continue to apply to the information or material after the information or material is provided to the multistate licensing system. The information and material so provided may be released to any state or federal regulatory official with applicable oversight authority without the loss of confidentiality or privilege protections provided by federal law or the law of any state.

(F) The superintendent may use the documents, materials, or other information made available to the superintendent through the multistate licensing system in furtherance of any action brought by the superintendent.

**Sec. 1321.73.** (A) No person shall engage in the business of entering into or otherwise acquiring premium finance agreements in the state without first having obtained a license as a premium finance company from the division of financial institutions.

(B) The annual license fee shall be determined by the superintendent of financial institutions pursuant to section 1321.20 of the Revised Code. Licenses may be renewed from year to year as of the first day of July of each year, or annually on a different date established by the superintendent pursuant to section 1181.23 of the Revised Code, upon payment of the fee.

(C) The person to whom the license or the renewal thereof is issued shall file sworn answers, subject to the penalties of perjury, to such interrogatories as the division requires. The division may, at any time, require the applicant to fully disclose the identity of all stockholders, partners, officers, and employees, and it may, at its discretion, refuse to issue or renew a license in the name of any firm, partnership, or corporation if it is not satisfied that any officer, employee, stockholder, or partner thereof, who may materially influence the applicant's conduct, meets the standards provided by sections 1321.71 to 1321.83 of the Revised Code.

(D) Each applicant shall execute and file with the division proof that the applicant has a net worth of at least fifty thousand dollars, as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The proof is subject to the approval of the division.

**Sec. 1349.43.**(A) As used in this section, "loan officer," "mortgage broker," and "nonbank mortgage lender" have the same meanings as in section 1345.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department of commerce shall establish and maintain an electronic database accessible through the internet that contains information on all of the following:

(1) The enforcement actions taken by the superintendent of financial institutions for each violation of or failure to comply with any provision of Chapter 1322. of the Revised Code, upon final disposition of the action;

(2) The enforcement actions taken by the attorney general under Chapter 1345. of the Revised Code against loan officers, mortgage brokers, and nonbank mortgage lenders, upon final disposition of each action;

(3) All judgments by courts of this state, concerning which appellate remedies have been exhausted or lost by the expiration of the time for appeal, finding either of the following:

(a) A violation of any provision of Chapter 1322. of the Revised Code;

(b) That specific acts or practices by a loan officer, mortgage broker, or nonbank mortgage lender violate section 1345.02, 1345.03, or 1345.031 of the Revised Code.

(C) The attorney general shall notify the department of all enforcement actions and judgments described in divisions (B)(2) and (3)(b) of this section.

(D) The department may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that are necessary to implement this section.

(E) The electronic database maintained by the department in accordance with this section shall not include information that, pursuant to section 1322.36 of the Revised Code, is confidential.

(F) The department may use the multistate licensing system authorized in section 1181.23 of the Revised Code to fulfill its obligations under this section."

After line 48130, insert:

**"Sec. 4712.02.** (A) A credit services organization shall file a registration application with, and receive a certificate of registration from, the division of financial institutions before conducting business in this state. The registration application shall be accompanied by a one-hundred-dollar fee and shall contain all of the following information:

(1) The name and address of the credit services organization;

(2) The name and address of any person that directly or indirectly owns or controls ten per cent or more of the outstanding shares of stock in the organization;

(3) Either of the following:

(a) A full and complete disclosure of any litigation commenced against the organization or unresolved complaint that relates to the operation of the organization and that is filed with the attorney general, the secretary of state, or any other governmental authority of the United States, this state, or any other state of the United States;

(b) A notarized statement stating that no litigation has been commenced and no unresolved complaint relating to the operation of the organization has been filed with the attorney general, the secretary of state, or any other governmental authority of the United States, this state, or any other state of the United States.

(4) Any other information required at any time by the division.

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2) of this section, each credit services organization shall notify the division in writing within thirty days after the date of a change in the information required by division (A) of this section.

(2) Each organization shall notify the division in writing no later than thirty days prior to any change in the information required by division (A)(1) or (2) of this section and shall receive approval from the division before making any such change.

(C)(1) A credit services organization shall attach both of the following to the registration application submitted pursuant to division (A) of this section:

(a) A copy of the contract that the organization intends to execute with its customers;

(b) Evidence of the bond required under section 4712.06 of the Revised Code.

(2) Any modification made to the contract described in division (C)(1) (a) of this section shall be filed with the division prior to its use by the organization.

(D) Each credit services organization registering under this section shall maintain a copy of the registration application in its files. The organization shall allow a buyer to inspect the registration application upon request.

(E) Each nonresident credit services organization registering under this section shall designate and maintain a resident of this state as the

organization's statutory agent for purposes of receipt of service of process.

(F) If, in order to issue a certificate of registration to a credit services organization, investigation by the division outside this state is necessary, the division may require the organization to advance sufficient funds to pay the actual expenses of the investigation.

(G) Each credit services organization registering under this section shall use no more than one fictitious or trade name.

(H)(1) A certificate of registration issued by the division pursuant to this section shall expire annually on the thirtieth day of April, or annually on a different date established by the superintendent pursuant to section 1181.23 of the Revised Code.

(2) A credit services organization may renew its certificate of registration by filing with the division a renewal application accompanied by a one-hundred-dollar renewal fee.

(I) All money collected by the division pursuant to this section shall be deposited by it in the state treasury to the credit of the consumer finance fund.

(J)(1) No credit services organization shall fail to comply with division (A) of this section.

(2) No credit services organization shall fail to comply with division (B), (D), (E), (F), or (G) of this section."

After line 49616, insert:

**"Sec. 4727.03.(A)** As used in this section, "experience and fitness in the capacity involved" means that the applicant for a pawnbroker's license demonstrates sufficient financial responsibility, reputation, and experience in the pawnbroker business, or in a related business, to act as a pawnbroker in compliance with this chapter. "Experience and fitness in the capacity involved" shall be determined by:

(1) Prior or current ownership or management of, or employment in, a pawnshop;

(2) Demonstration to the satisfaction of the superintendent of financial institutions of a thorough working knowledge of all pawnbroker laws and rules as they relate to the actual operation of a pawnshop.

A demonstration shall include a demonstration of an ability to properly complete forms, knowledge of how to properly calculate interest and storage charges, and knowledge of legal notice and forfeiture procedures. The final determination of whether an applicant's demonstration is adequate rests with the superintendent.

(3) A submission by the applicant and any stockholders, owners, managers, directors, or officers of the pawnshop, and employees of the

applicant to a police record check; and

(4) Liquid assets in a minimum amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars at the time of applying for initial licensure and demonstration of the ability to maintain the liquid assets at a minimum amount of seventy-five thousand dollars for the duration of holding a valid pawnbroker's license. If an applicant holds a pawnbroker's license at the time of application or is applying for more than one license, this requirement shall be met separately for each license.

(B) The superintendent may grant a license to act as a pawnbroker to any person of good character and having experience and fitness in the capacity involved to engage in the business of pawnbroking upon the payment to the superintendent of a license fee determined by the superintendent pursuant to section 1321.20 of the Revised Code. A license is not transferable or assignable.

(C) The superintendent may consider an application withdrawn and may retain the investigation fee required under division (D) of this section if both of the following are true:

(1) An application for a license does not contain all of the information required under division (B) of this section.

(2) The information is not submitted to the superintendent within ninety days after the superintendent requests the information from the applicant in writing.

(D) The superintendent shall require an applicant for a pawnbroker's license to pay to the superintendent a nonrefundable initial investigation fee of two hundred dollars, which is for the exclusive use of the state.

(E)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (E)(2) of this section, a pawnbroker's license issued by the superintendent expires on the thirtieth day of June next following the date of its issuance, or on a different date set by the superintendent pursuant to section 1181.23 of the Revised Code, and may be renewed annually ~~by the thirtieth day of June~~ in accordance with the standard renewal procedure set forth in Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code. Fifty per cent of the annual license fee shall be for the use of the state, and fifty per cent shall be paid by the state to the municipal corporation, or if outside the limits of any municipal corporation, to the county, in which the office of the licensee is located. All such fees payable to municipal corporations or counties shall be paid annually.

(2) A pawnbroker's license issued or renewed by the superintendent on or after January 1, 2006, expires on the thirtieth day of June in the even-numbered year next following the date of its issuance or renewal, as applicable, and may be renewed biennially by the thirtieth day of June in accordance with the standard renewal procedure set forth in Chapter 4745. of



the Revised Code. Fifty per cent of the biennial license fee shall be for the use of the state, and fifty per cent shall be paid by the state to the municipal corporation, or if outside the limits of any municipal corporation, to the county, in which the office of the licensee is located. All such fees payable to municipal corporations or counties shall be paid biennially. If deemed necessary for participation, the superintendent may reset the renewal date and require annual registration pursuant to section 1181.23 of the Revised Code.

(F) The fee for renewal of a license shall be equivalent to the fee for an initial license established by the superintendent pursuant to section 1321.20 of the Revised Code. Any licensee who wishes to renew the pawnbroker's license but who fails to do so on or before the date the license expires shall reapply for licensure in the same manner and pursuant to the same requirements as for initial licensure, unless the licensee pays to the superintendent on or before the thirty-first day of August of the year the license expires, a late renewal penalty of one hundred dollars in addition to the regular renewal fee. Any licensee who fails to renew the license on or before the date the license expires is prohibited from acting as a pawnbroker until the license is renewed or a new license is issued under this section. Any licensee who renews a license between the first day of July and the thirty-first day of August of the year the license expires is not relieved from complying with this division. The superintendent may refuse to issue to or renew the license of any licensee who violates this division.

(G) No license shall be granted to any person not a resident of or the principal office of which is not located in the municipal corporation or county designated in such license unless that applicant, in writing and in due form approved by and filed with the superintendent, first appoints an agent, a resident of the state, and city or county where the office is to be located, upon whom all judicial and other process, or legal notice, directed to the applicant may be served. In case of the death, removal from the state, or any legal disability or any disqualification of any such agent, service of such process or notice may be made upon the superintendent.

The superintendent may, upon notice to the licensee and reasonable opportunity to be heard, suspend or revoke any license or assess a penalty against the licensee if the licensee, or the licensee's officers, agents, or employees, has violated this chapter. Any penalty shall be appropriate to the violation but in no case shall the penalty be less than two hundred nor more than two thousand dollars. Whenever, for any cause, a license is suspended or revoked, the superintendent shall not issue another license to the licensee nor to the legal spouse of the licensee, nor to any business entity of which the licensee is an officer or member or partner, nor to any person employed by the licensee, until the expiration of at least two years from the date of revocation or suspension of the license. The superintendent shall deposit all penalties allocated pursuant to this section into the state treasury to the credit of the

consumer finance fund.

Any proceedings for the revocation or suspension of a license or to assess a penalty against a licensee are subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(H) If a licensee surrenders or chooses not to renew the pawnbroker's license, the licensee shall notify the superintendent thirty days prior to the date on which the licensee intends to close the licensee's business as a pawnbroker. Prior to the date, the licensee shall do either of the following with respect to all active loans:

(1) Dispose of an active loan by selling the loan to another person holding a valid pawnbroker's license issued under this section;

(2) Reduce the rate of interest on pledged articles held as security for a loan to eight per cent per annum or less effective on the date that the pawnbroker's license is no longer valid.

**Sec. 4728.03.** (A) As used in this section, "experience and fitness in the capacity involved" means that the applicant for a precious metals dealer's license has had sufficient financial responsibility, reputation, and experience in the business of precious metals dealer, or a related business, to act as a precious metals dealer in compliance with this chapter.

(B)(1) The division of financial institutions in the department of commerce may grant a precious metals dealer's license to any person of good character, having experience and fitness in the capacity involved, who demonstrates a net worth of at least ten thousand dollars and the ability to maintain that net worth during the licensure period. The superintendent of financial institutions shall compute the applicant's net worth according to generally accepted accounting principles.

(2) In place of the demonstration of net worth required by division (B) (1) of this section, an applicant may obtain a surety bond issued by a surety company authorized to do business in this state if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) A copy of the surety bond is filed with the division;

(b) The bond is in favor of any person, and of the state for the benefit of any person, injured by any violation of this chapter;

(c) The bond is in the amount of not less than ten thousand dollars.

(3) Before granting a license under this division, the division shall determine that the applicant meets the requirements of division (B)(1) or (2) of this section.

(C) The division shall require an applicant for a precious metals dealer's license to pay to the division a nonrefundable, initial investigation fee of two hundred dollars which shall be for the exclusive use of the state. The

license fee for a precious metals dealer's license and the renewal fee shall be determined by the superintendent, provided that the fee may not exceed three hundred dollars. A license issued by the division shall expire on the last day of June next following the date of its issuance or annually on a different date set by the superintendent pursuant to section 1181.23 of the Revised Code. Fifty per cent of license fees shall be for the use of the state, and fifty per cent shall be paid to the municipal corporation, or if outside the limits of any municipal corporation, to the county in which the office of the licensee is located. All portions of license fees payable to municipal corporations or counties shall be paid as they accrue, by the treasurer of state, on vouchers issued by the director of budget and management.

(D) Every such license shall be renewed annually by the last day of June, or annually on a different date set by the superintendent pursuant to section 1181.23 of the Revised Code, according to the standard renewal procedure of Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code. No license shall be granted to any person not a resident of or the principal office of which is not located in the municipal corporation or county designated in such license, unless, and until such applicant shall, in writing and in due form, to be first approved by and filed with the division, appoint an agent, a resident of the state, and city or county where the office is to be located, upon whom all judicial and other process, or legal notice, directed to the applicant may be served; and in case of the death, removal from the state, or any legal disability or any disqualification of any agent, service of process or notice may be made upon the superintendent.

(E) The division may, pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, upon notice to the licensee and after giving the licensee reasonable opportunity to be heard, revoke or suspend any license, if the licensee or the licensee's officers, agents, or employees violate this chapter. Whenever, for any cause, the license is revoked or suspended, the division shall not issue another license to the licensee nor to the husband or wife of the licensee, nor to any copartnership or corporation of which the licensee is an officer, nor to any person employed by the licensee, until the expiration of at least one year from the date of revocation of the license.

(F) In conducting an investigation to determine whether an applicant satisfies the requirements for licensure under this section, the superintendent may request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation investigate and determine whether the bureau has procured any information pursuant to section 109.57 of the Revised Code pertaining to the applicant.

If the superintendent of financial institutions determines that conducting an investigation to determine whether an applicant satisfies the requirements for licensure under this section will require procuring information outside the state, then, in addition to the fee established under

division (C) of this section, the superintendent may require the applicant to pay any of the actual expenses incurred by the division to conduct such an investigation, provided that the superintendent shall assess the applicant a total no greater than one thousand dollars for such expenses. The superintendent may require the applicant to pay in advance of the investigation, sufficient funds to cover the estimated cost of the actual expenses. If the superintendent requires the applicant to pay investigation expenses, the superintendent shall provide to the applicant an itemized statement of the actual expenses incurred by the division to conduct the investigation.

(G)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (G)(2) of this section a precious metals dealer licensed under this section shall maintain a net worth of at least ten thousand dollars, computed as required under division (B)(1) of this section, for as long as the licensee holds a valid precious metals dealer's license issued pursuant to this section.

(2) A licensee who obtains a surety bond under division (B)(2) of this section is exempt from the requirement of division (G)(1) of this section, but shall maintain the bond for at least two years after the date on which the licensee ceases to conduct business in this state."

In line 82826, after "991.02," insert "1321.73, 1349.43,"

In line 82863, after "4705.10," insert "4712.02,"

In line 82865, after "4723.44," insert "4727.03, 4728.03,"

In line 60 of the title, after "3711.02," insert "3713.022, 3713.99,"

In line 266, after "3711.02," insert "3713.022, 3713.99,"

After line 40472, insert:

**"Sec. 3713.022.** (A) No person shall recklessly manufacture, offer for sale, sell, deliver, or possess for the purpose of manufacturing, selling, or delivering a mesh crib liner intended for placement between a crib mattress and one or more of the crib's inner sides that does not comply with consumer product safety standards governing such liners that are promulgated after October 9, 2016, by the United States consumer product safety commission (pursuant to section 104 of the "Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008," 15 U.S.C. 2056a, as amended) for the purpose of ensuring sufficient permeability and breathability so as to prevent infant suffocation.

(B) In the absence of standards described in division (A) of this section, ~~no person shall, beginning three years after the effective date of this section, recklessly~~ a person may manufacture, offer for sale, sell, deliver, or possess for the purpose of manufacturing, selling, or delivering a mesh crib liner.

(C) The superintendent of industrial compliance shall issue a notice of violation to any person found to have violated division (A) ~~or (B)~~ of this

section.

**Sec. 3713.99.** (A) Whoever violates division (A), (B), or (D) of section 3713.02 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(B) Whoever violates division (C) of section 3713.02 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(C) A person who, after receiving a notice issued under division (B) of section 3713.021 of the Revised Code or division ~~(B)~~ (C) of section 3713.022 of the Revised Code, continues to violate the applicable division of either of those sections is subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense."

In line 82857, after "3711.02," insert "3713.022, 3713.99,"

In line 207 of the title, after "215.20" insert ", 217.10,"

In line 95201, after "215.20" insert ", 217.10,"

After line 95313a, insert:

**"Sec. 217.10.COM DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**State Fire Marshal Fund (Fund 5460)**

C80023	SFM Renovations and Improvements	\$ 1,497,500
C80034	Fire Training Apparatus	\$ 1,675,000
<u>C80040</u>	<u>Green Township Department - Lucas CPR Device</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
TOTAL State Fire Marshal Fund		\$ <del>3,172,500</del> <u>3,187,500</u>

**Administrative Building Fund (Fund 7026)**

C80038	Mahoning County Live Fire Training Facility	\$ 375,000
C80039	Weathersfield Township Multi-jurisdictional Center	\$ 150,000
TOTAL Administrative Building Fund		\$ 525,000
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$ <del>3,697,500</del> <u>3,712,500"</u>

In line 95412, after "215.20" insert ", 217.10,"

In line 14 of the title, after "317.321," insert "319.302,"; after "323.151," insert "323.155,"

In line 150 of the title, after "195.02," insert "323.18,"

In line 232, after "317.321," insert "319.302, "; after "323.151, insert "323.155,"

In line 331, after "195.02," insert "323.18,"

After line 10995, insert:

**"Sec. 319.302.(A)(1)** Real property that is not intended primarily for use in a business activity shall qualify for a partial exemption from real property taxation. For purposes of this partial exemption, "business activity" includes all uses of real property, except farming; leasing property for farming; occupying or holding property improved with single-family, two-family, or three-family dwellings; leasing property improved with single-family, two-family, or three-family dwellings; or holding vacant land that the county auditor determines will be used for farming or to develop single-family, two-family, or three-family dwellings. For purposes of this partial exemption, "farming" does not include land used for the commercial production of timber that is receiving the tax benefit under section 5713.23 or 5713.31 of the Revised Code and all improvements connected with such commercial production of timber.

(2) Each year, the county auditor shall review each parcel of real property to determine whether it qualifies for the partial exemption provided for by this section as of the first day of January of the current tax year.

(B) After complying with section 319.301 of the Revised Code, the county auditor shall reduce the remaining sums to be levied by qualifying levies against each parcel of real property that is listed on the general tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property for the current tax year and that qualifies for partial exemption under division (A) of this section, and against each manufactured and mobile home that is taxed pursuant to division (D)(2) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code and that is on the manufactured home tax list for the current tax year, by ten per cent, to provide a partial exemption for that parcel or home. For the purposes of this division:

(1) "Qualifying levy" means a levy approved at an election held before September 29, 2013; a levy within the ten-mill limitation; a levy provided for by the charter of a municipal corporation that was levied on the tax list for tax year 2013; a subsequent renewal of any such levy; or a subsequent substitute for such a levy under section 5705.199 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Qualifying levy" does not include any replacement imposed under section 5705.192 of the Revised Code of any levy described in division (B)(1) of this section.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in sections 323.152, 323.158, 323.18, 505.06, and 715.263 of the Revised Code, the amount of the taxes remaining after any such reduction shall be the real and public utility property

taxes charged and payable on each parcel of real property, including property that does not qualify for partial exemption under division (A) of this section, and the manufactured home tax charged and payable on each manufactured or mobile home, and shall be the amounts certified to the county treasurer for collection. Upon receipt of the real and public utility property tax duplicate, the treasurer shall certify to the tax commissioner the total amount by which the real property taxes were reduced under this section, as shown on the duplicate. Such reduction shall not directly or indirectly affect the determination of the principal amount of notes that may be issued in anticipation of any tax levies or the amount of bonds or notes for any planned improvements. If after application of sections 5705.31 and 5705.32 of the Revised Code and other applicable provisions of law, including divisions (F) and (I) of section 321.24 of the Revised Code, there would be insufficient funds for payment of debt charges on bonds or notes payable from taxes reduced by this section, the reduction of taxes provided for in this section shall be adjusted to the extent necessary to provide funds from such taxes.

(D) The tax commissioner may adopt rules governing the administration of the partial exemption provided for by this section.

(E) The determination of whether property qualifies for partial exemption under division (A) of this section is solely for the purpose of allowing the partial exemption under division (B) of this section."

After line 11283, insert:

**"Sec. 323.155.** The tax bill prescribed under section 323.131 of the Revised Code shall indicate the net amount of taxes due following the reductions in taxes under sections 319.301, 319.302, ~~and 323.152, and 323.18~~ of the Revised Code.

Any reduction in taxes under section 323.152 of the Revised Code shall be disregarded as income or resources in determining eligibility for any program or calculating any payment under Title LI of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 323.18.(A)** As used in this section:

(1) A school district's "operating expenditure per pupil" means the total amount of revenue from state and federal sources spent by the district for operating expenses during the preceding fiscal year, divided by the district's average daily student enrollment as reported on the most recent report card issued for each district under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Statewide average operating expenditure per pupil" means the sum of the operating expenditure per pupil of all school districts in the state, divided by the total number of school districts in the state.

(3) "Qualifying area" means any territory within both of the following:

(a) A school district with a formula ADM, as that term is defined in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code, of at least one thousand three hundred

students and with an operating expenditure per pupil that is at least six thousand five hundred dollars greater than the statewide average operating expenditure per pupil;

(b) A village.

(4) "School district taxes charged and payable" means the taxes charged and payable from taxes levied by a school district on property located in a qualifying area and extended on the real and public utility property tax list, after making the reduction required by section 319.301 of the Revised Code but before the reductions required by this section or section 319.302 or 323.152 of the Revised Code, and excluding levies charged for the purpose of paying debt charges.

(5) "School district" means a city, local, or exempted village school district as defined in sections 3311.02, 3311.03, and 3311.04 of the Revised Code.

(B) Real property located within a qualifying area qualifies for a partial exemption from real property taxation under this section. On or before the first day of August of each year, the county auditor shall determine the amount of the exemption to be applied to each parcel of such real property, which shall be computed as a reduction in taxes as follows:

(1) First, the auditor shall determine the "total qualifying area reduction," which shall equal the difference obtained by subtracting the amount described in division (B)(1)(b) of this section from the amount described in division (B)(1)(a) of this section:

(a) The total school district taxes charged and payable in the qualifying area;

(b) The product obtained by multiplying (i) four times the number of students residing in the qualifying area that are enrolled in the school district located in the qualifying area by (ii) the operating expenditure per pupil for the district.

(2) Second, the auditor shall determine the amount of the reduction to be applied to each parcel, which shall equal the product obtained by multiplying the amount described in division (B)(2)(a) of this section by the amount described in division (B)(2)(b) of this section:

(a) The total qualifying area reduction:

(b) A fraction, the numerator of which is the school district taxes charged and payable on the parcel for the tax year, and the denominator of which is the total school district taxes charged and payable in the qualifying area.

(C) The county auditor shall enter the amount of the reduction for each parcel on the general tax list of real and public utility property.



(D) Upon making the settlement of taxes collected on the general tax list and distributing the proceeds thereof, the county auditor and county treasurer shall apply the reduction authorized in this section only to the taxes distributed to the school district in the qualifying area. All other subdivisions in the qualifying area shall receive the same tax distribution as those subdivisions would have received without regard to the reduction. Upon receipt of tax distributions from the county treasurer, the treasurer of a school district for which taxes are reduced under this section shall reduce the amount of taxes credited to each of the school district's funds, other than bond retirement or other funds established for the payment of debt charges, in proportion to the amount of taxes otherwise payable to each of those funds."

In line 82822, after "317.321," insert "319.302,"; after "323.151," insert "323.155,"

After line 97573, insert:

**"Section 757.**     .The amendment or enactment by this act of sections 319.302, 323.155, and 323.18 of the Revised Code applies to tax year 2019 and thereafter."

Delete lines 96191 through 96201

In line 159 of the title, after "3317.28," insert "3317.60,"

In line 338, after "3317.28," insert "3317.60,"

After line 31816, insert:

**"Sec. 3317.60.** (A) The department of education shall conduct a study that does both of the following:

(1) Reviews the criteria used in the current school funding formula to define "economically disadvantaged students" in order to determine the effectiveness of the criteria;

(2) Researches how other states define "economically disadvantaged students" and how "economically disadvantaged students" are addressed in other states' school funding formulas.

The department shall submit a report of its findings to the individuals prescribed in division (B) of this section not later than December 31, 2020.

(B) The report prepared under division (A) of this section shall be submitted to all of the following:

(1) The president and minority leader of the senate;

(2) The speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives;

(3) The members of the standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate that consider legislation regarding primary and secondary education."

In line 86636, delete "and"; after "3317.51" insert ", and 3317.60"

In line 159 of the title, after "3317.28," insert "3317.60,"

In line 338, after "3317.28," insert "3317.60,"

After line 31816, insert:

**"Sec. 3317.60. (A) The department of education, in consultation with the department of job and family services and stakeholder groups determined appropriate by the department, shall prepare a report including both of the following:**

**(1) A review of early child initiatives in Ohio, including preschool, head start, and other early learning opportunities for young children;**

**(2) Information regarding how other states support early learning opportunities for young children.**

**The department shall submit the report to the individuals prescribed in division (B) of this section not later than December 31, 2020.**

**(B) The report prepared under division (A) of this section shall be submitted to all of the following:**

**(1) The president and minority leader of the senate;**

**(2) The speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives;**

**(3) The members of the standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate that consider legislation regarding primary and secondary education."**

In line 86636, delete "and"; after "3317.51" insert ", and 3317.60"

In line 49 of the title, after "3333.62," insert "3333.65,"

In line 258, after "3333.62," insert "3333.65,"

After line 34019, insert:

**"Sec. 3333.65. The chancellor of higher education shall require each state university or college, and any nonpublic Ohio university or college with which the state university or college is collaborating, that the controlling board approves to receive an award under the Ohio innovation partnership to enter into an agreement governing the use of the award. The agreement shall contain terms the chancellor determines to be necessary, which shall include performance measures, reporting requirements, and an obligation to fulfill pledges of other institutional, public, or nonpublic resources for the proposal.**

**The chancellor may require a state university or college or a nonpublic Ohio university or college that violates the terms of its the agreement to repay the award plus interest at the rate required by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code to the chancellor, except that the chancellor shall not hold a state or nonpublic university or college responsible for a repayment due to a student obligation under section 3333.611 of the Revised Code, until the state or nonpublic university or college is able to obtain repayment from the student**

or if the state or nonpublic university or college has certified collection of the repayment to the attorney general and has sent a copy of the certification to the chancellor.

If the chancellor makes an award to a program or initiative that is intended to be implemented by a state university or college in collaboration with other state institutions of higher education or nonpublic Ohio universities or colleges, the chancellor may enter into an agreement with the collaborating universities or colleges that permits awards to be received directly by the collaborating universities or colleges consistent with the terms of the program or initiative. In that case, the chancellor shall incorporate into the agreement terms consistent with the requirements of this section."

In line 82848, after "3333.62," insert "3333.65,"

After line 70337, insert:

"(7) "Urban township" has the same meaning as in section 504.01 of the Revised Code."

In line 70338, strike through ", by unanimous vote,"

In line 70342, after the period insert "Except for a resolution adopted by the board of an urban township, the resolution shall be adopted by a unanimous vote of the board."

In line 70352, strike through ", by unanimous"

In line 70353, strike through "vote,"

In line 70356, strike through ", but no" and insert "Except for a resolution adopted by the board of an urban township, the resolution shall be adopted by a unanimous vote of the board. A"

In line 70359, strike through "shall" and insert "may not"

In line 87035, after "operation" insert "or the school opened as a kindergarten school and has added one grade per year and has been in operation for less than four school years"

In line 27619, delete "thirtieth" and insert "thirty-first"; delete "June" and insert "May"

In line 27735, strike through "divisions" and insert "division"; strike through "(b) and (c)"

In line 27738, strike through "either" and insert "any"

In line 40 of the title, after "3314.18," insert "3314.19,"

In line 251, after "3314.18," insert "3314.19,"

After line 29483, insert:

**Sec. 3314.19.** The sponsor of each community school ~~annually~~ shall provide the following assurances in writing to the department of education not

later than ten business days prior to the opening of the school school's first year of operation or, if the school is not an internet- or computer-based community school and it changes the building from which it operates, the opening of the first year it operates from the new building:

(A) That a current copy of the contract between the sponsor and the governing authority of the school entered into under section 3314.03 of the Revised Code has been filed with the department and that any subsequent modifications to that contract will be filed with the department;

(B) That the school has submitted to the sponsor a plan for providing special education and related services to students with disabilities and has demonstrated the capacity to provide those services in accordance with Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code and federal law;

(C) That the school has a plan and procedures for administering the achievement and diagnostic assessments prescribed by sections 3301.0710, 3301.0712, and 3301.0715 of the Revised Code;

(D) That school personnel have the necessary training, knowledge, and resources to properly use and submit information to all databases maintained by the department for the collection of education data, including the education management information system established under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code in accordance with methods and timelines established under section 3314.17 of the Revised Code;

(E) That all required information about the school has been submitted to the Ohio education directory system or any successor system;

(F) That the school will enroll at least the minimum number of students required by division (A)(11)(a) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code in the school year for which the assurances are provided;

(G) That all classroom teachers are licensed in accordance with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code, except for noncertificated persons engaged to teach up to twelve hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code;

(H) That the school's fiscal officer is in compliance with section 3314.011 of the Revised Code;

(I) That the school has complied with sections 3319.39 and 3319.391 of the Revised Code with respect to all employees and that the school has conducted a criminal records check of each of its governing authority members;

(J) That the school holds all of the following:

(1) Proof of property ownership or a lease for the facilities used by the school;

(2) A certificate of occupancy;

(3) Liability insurance for the school, as required by division (A)(11) (b) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code, that the sponsor considers sufficient to indemnify the school's facilities, staff, and governing authority against risk;

(4) A satisfactory health and safety inspection;

(5) A satisfactory fire inspection;

(6) A valid food permit, if applicable.

(K) That the sponsor has conducted a pre-opening site visit to the school for the school year for which the assurances are provided;

(L) That the school has designated a date it will open for the school year for which the assurances are provided that is in compliance with division (A)(25) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code;

(M) That the school has met all of the sponsor's requirements for opening and any other requirements of the sponsor.

(N) That, for any school that operates using the blended learning model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, the sponsor has reviewed the following information, submitted by the school:

(1) An indication of what blended learning model or models will be used;

(2) A description of how student instructional needs will be determined and documented;

(3) The method to be used for determining competency, granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level;

(4) The school's attendance requirements, including how the school will document participation in learning opportunities;

(5) A statement describing how student progress will be monitored;

(6) A statement describing how private student data will be protected;

(7) A description of the professional development activities that will be offered to teachers."

In line 82842, after "3314.08," insert "3314.19,"

In line 29711, delete "first" and insert "thirty-first"; delete "October"; insert "August"

In line 156 of the title, after "3107.035," insert "3311.242,"

In line 336, after "3107.035," insert "3311.242,"

After line 25577, insert:

**"Sec. 3311.242. (A) As used in this section:**

**(1) "Eligible township" means a township that contains the territory of two or more school districts.**

(2) "Qualified electors" means electors residing within the territory proposed to be transferred.

(B) The board of education of a school district with territory in an eligible township shall promptly do both of the following regarding a proposal to transfer territory from the district to another school district to which the territory is adjoining if a petition that is certified under division (C) of this section requests such a transfer:

(1) File the proposal, together with a map showing the boundaries of the territory to be transferred, with the state board of education:

(2) Certify the proposal to the board of elections of the county in which the eligible township is located for the purposes of having the proposal placed on the ballot at the next general or primary election which occurs not less than ninety days after the date of the certification or at a special election, the date of which shall be specified in the certification, which date shall not be less than ninety days after the date of the certification.

(C) Upon receiving a petition of transfer signed by at least ten per cent of qualified electors voting at the last general election, the board of education shall cause the board of elections to check the sufficiency of signatures on the petition. If the board of elections determines the petition has been signed by at least ten per cent of qualified electors voting at the last general election, the board of elections shall certify the petition to the board of education for the purposes of division (B) of this section.

(D) Upon certification of a proposal under division (B)(2) of this section, the board of elections shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of the question whether to approve the transfer to the qualified electors to vote thereon, and the election shall be conducted and canvassed and the results shall be certified in the same manner as in regular elections for the election of members of a district board of education.

(E) If the proposal submitted to qualified electors under division (D) of this section is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on the proposal, both of the following shall apply:

(1) The board of education of the district from which the territory is being transferred shall notify the state board of education of the results of the vote.

(2) The board of trustees of the eligible township shall enter into negotiations with the board of education of the district to which the territory is being transferred regarding the terms of the proposal to transfer the territory.

(F) If the board of trustees of the eligible township and the board of education to which the territory is being transferred enter into a formal agreement based on negotiations under division (E)(2) of this section, the board of education shall file the proposal and a copy of the formal agreement

with the state board. However, the district board of education shall not be required to enter into a formal agreement.

(G) The state board shall approve any proposal submitted under division (F) of this section and thereafter provide written notification of the approval to the board of education of the district from which the territory is being transferred and the board of education to which the territory is being transferred.

(H) Upon receipt of the written notification from the state board under division (G) of this section, the board of education of the district to which the territory is being transferred shall file a map showing the boundaries of the territory transferred with the county auditor of the county in which the eligible township is located. In addition, the two district boards and the township board of trustees shall execute an equitable division of the funds and indebtedness between the districts. Thereafter, the transfer shall be complete and the legal title of the school property in the territory transferred shall be vested in the board of education of the district to which the territory is transferred."

In line 37 of the title, after "3313.5315," insert "3313.603,"

In line 249, after "3313.5315," insert "3313.603,"

After line 25946, insert:

**"Sec. 3313.603.** (A) As used in this section:

(1) "One unit" means a minimum of one hundred twenty hours of course instruction, except that for a laboratory course, "one unit" means a minimum of one hundred fifty hours of course instruction.

(2) "One-half unit" means a minimum of sixty hours of course instruction, except that for physical education courses, "one-half unit" means a minimum of one hundred twenty hours of course instruction.

(B) Beginning September 15, 2001, except as required in division (C) of this section and division (C) of section 3313.614 of the Revised Code, the requirements for graduation from every high school shall include twenty units earned in grades nine through twelve and shall be distributed as follows:

(1) English language arts, four units;

(2) Health, one-half unit;

(3) Mathematics, three units;

(4) Physical education, one-half unit;

(5) Science, two units until September 15, 2003, and three units thereafter, which at all times shall include both of the following:

(a) Biological sciences, one unit;

(b) Physical sciences, one unit.

(6) History and government, one unit, which shall comply with division (M) of this section and shall include both of the following:

- (a) American history, one-half unit;
- (b) American government, one-half unit.

(7) Social studies, two units.

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2017, the two units of instruction prescribed by division (B)(7) of this section shall include at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of world history and civilizations.

(8) Elective units, seven units until September 15, 2003, and six units thereafter.

Each student's electives shall include at least one unit, or two half units, chosen from among the areas of business/technology, fine arts, and/or foreign language.

(C) Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2010, except as provided in divisions (D) to (F) of this section, the requirements for graduation from every public and chartered nonpublic high school shall include twenty units that are designed to prepare students for the workforce and college. The units shall be distributed as follows:

(1) English language arts, four units;

(2) Health, one-half unit, which shall include instruction in nutrition and the benefits of nutritious foods and physical activity for overall health;

(3) Mathematics, four units, which shall include one unit of algebra II or the equivalent of algebra II, or one unit of advanced computer science as described in the standards adopted pursuant to division (A)(4) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code. However, students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2015, and who are pursuing a career-technical instructional track shall not be required to take algebra II or advanced computer science, and instead may complete a career-based pathway mathematics course approved by the department of education as an alternative.

For students who choose to take advanced computer science in lieu of algebra II under division (C)(3) of this section, the school shall communicate to those students that some institutions of higher education may require algebra II for the purpose of college admission. Also, the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of each student who chooses to take advanced computer science in lieu of algebra II shall sign and submit to the school a document containing a statement acknowledging that not taking algebra II may have an adverse effect on college admission decisions.



(4) Physical education, one-half unit;

(5) Science, three units with inquiry-based laboratory experience that engages students in asking valid scientific questions and gathering and analyzing information, which shall include the following, or their equivalent:

(a) Physical sciences, one unit;

(b) Life sciences, one unit;

(c) Advanced study in one or more of the following sciences, one unit:

(i) Chemistry, physics, or other physical science;

(ii) Advanced biology or other life science;

(iii) Astronomy, physical geology, or other earth or space science;

(iv) Computer science.

No student shall substitute a computer science course for a life sciences or biology course under division (C)(5) of this section.

(6) History and government, one unit, which shall comply with division (M) of this section and shall include both of the following:

(a) American history, one-half unit;

(b) American government, one-half unit.

(7) Social studies, two units.

Each school shall integrate the study of economics and financial literacy, as expressed in the social studies academic content standards adopted by the state board of education under division (A)(1) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and the academic content standards for financial literacy and entrepreneurship adopted under division (A)(2) of that section, into one or more existing social studies credits required under division (C)(7) of this section, or into the content of another class, so that every high school student receives instruction in those concepts. In developing the curriculum required by this paragraph, schools shall use available public-private partnerships and resources and materials that exist in business, industry, and through the centers for economics education at institutions of higher education in the state.

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2017, the two units of instruction prescribed by division (C)(7) of this section shall include at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of world history and civilizations.

(8) Five units consisting of one or any combination of foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, technology which may include computer science, agricultural education, a junior reserve officer training corps (JROTC) program approved by the congress of the United States under title 10 of the United States Code,

or English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies courses not otherwise required under division (C) of this section.

Ohioans must be prepared to apply increased knowledge and skills in the workplace and to adapt their knowledge and skills quickly to meet the rapidly changing conditions of the twenty-first century. National studies indicate that all high school graduates need the same academic foundation, regardless of the opportunities they pursue after graduation. The goal of Ohio's system of elementary and secondary education is to prepare all students for and seamlessly connect all students to success in life beyond high school graduation, regardless of whether the next step is entering the workforce, beginning an apprenticeship, engaging in post-secondary training, serving in the military, or pursuing a college degree.

The requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section are the standard expectation for all students entering ninth grade for the first time at a public or chartered nonpublic high school on or after July 1, 2010. A student may satisfy this expectation through a variety of methods, including, but not limited to, integrated, applied, career-technical, and traditional coursework.

Stronger coordination between high schools and institutions of higher education is necessary to prepare students for more challenging academic endeavors and to lessen the need for academic remediation in college, thereby reducing the costs of higher education for Ohio's students, families, and the state. The state board and the chancellor of higher education shall develop policies to ensure that only in rare instances will students who complete the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section require academic remediation after high school.

School districts, community schools, and chartered nonpublic schools shall integrate technology into learning experiences across the curriculum in order to maximize efficiency, enhance learning, and prepare students for success in the technology-driven twenty-first century. Districts and schools shall use distance and web-based course delivery as a method of providing or augmenting all instruction required under this division, including laboratory experience in science. Districts and schools shall utilize technology access and electronic learning opportunities provided by the broadcast educational media commission, chancellor, the Ohio learning network, education technology centers, public television stations, and other public and private providers.

(D) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, a student who enters ninth grade on or after July 1, 2010, and before July 1, 2016, may qualify for graduation from a public or chartered nonpublic high school even though the student has not completed the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section if all of the following conditions are

satisfied:

(1) During the student's third year of attending high school, as determined by the school, the student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian sign and file with the school a written statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's consent to the student's graduating without completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section and acknowledging that one consequence of not completing those requirements is ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio without further coursework.

(2) The student and parent, guardian, or custodian fulfill any procedural requirements the school stipulates to ensure the student's and parent's, guardian's, or custodian's informed consent and to facilitate orderly filing of statements under division (D)(1) of this section. Annually, each district or school shall notify the department of the number of students who choose to qualify for graduation under division (D) of this section and the number of students who complete the student's success plan and graduate from high school.

(3) The student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian and a representative of the student's high school jointly develop a student success plan for the student in the manner described in division (C)(1) of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code that specifies the student matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business and industry-recognized credential, or entering an apprenticeship.

(4) The student's high school provides counseling and support for the student related to the plan developed under division (D)(3) of this section during the remainder of the student's high school experience.

(5)(a) Except as provided in division (D)(5)(b) of this section, the student successfully completes, at a minimum, the curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section.

(b) Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, a student shall be required to complete successfully, at the minimum, the curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section, except as follows:

(i) Mathematics, four units, one unit which shall be one of the following:

(I) Probability and statistics;

(II) Computer science;

(III) Applied mathematics or quantitative reasoning;

(IV) Any other course approved by the department using standards established by the superintendent not later than October 1, 2014.

(ii) Elective units, five units;

(iii) Science, three units as prescribed by division (B) of this section which shall include inquiry-based laboratory experience that engages students in asking valid scientific questions and gathering and analyzing information.

The department, in collaboration with the chancellor, shall analyze student performance data to determine if there are mitigating factors that warrant extending the exception permitted by division (D) of this section to high school classes beyond those entering ninth grade before July 1, 2016. The department shall submit its findings and any recommendations not later than December 1, 2015, to the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, the president and minority leader of the senate, the chairpersons and ranking minority members of the standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate that consider education legislation, the state board of education, and the superintendent of public instruction.

(E) Each school district and chartered nonpublic school retains the authority to require an even more challenging minimum curriculum for high school graduation than specified in division (B) or (C) of this section. A school district board of education, through the adoption of a resolution, or the governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school may stipulate any of the following:

(1) A minimum high school curriculum that requires more than twenty units of academic credit to graduate;

(2) An exception to the district's or school's minimum high school curriculum that is comparable to the exception provided in division (D) of this section but with additional requirements, which may include a requirement that the student successfully complete more than the minimum curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section;

(3) That no exception comparable to that provided in division (D) of this section is available.

If a school district or chartered nonpublic school requires a foreign language as an additional graduation requirement under division (E) of this section, a student may apply one unit of instruction in computer coding to satisfy one unit of foreign language. If a student applies more than one computer coding course to satisfy the foreign language requirement, the courses shall be sequential and progressively more difficult.

(F) A student enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program, which program has received a waiver from the department, may qualify for graduation from high school by successfully completing a competency-based instructional program administered by the dropout prevention and recovery program in lieu of completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section. The department shall grant a waiver to a dropout

prevention and recovery program, within sixty days after the program applies for the waiver, if the program meets all of the following conditions:

(1) The program serves only students not younger than sixteen years of age and not older than twenty-one years of age.

(2) The program enrolls students who, at the time of their initial enrollment, either, or both, are at least one grade level behind their cohort age groups or experience crises that significantly interfere with their academic progress such that they are prevented from continuing their traditional programs.

(3) The program requires students to attain at least the applicable score designated for each of the assessments prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or, to the extent prescribed by rule of the state board under division (D)(5) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, division (B)(2) of that section.

(4) The program develops a student success plan for the student in the manner described in division (C)(1) of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code that specifies the student's matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business and industry-recognized credential, or entering an apprenticeship.

(5) The program provides counseling and support for the student related to the plan developed under division (F)(4) of this section during the remainder of the student's high school experience.

(6) The program requires the student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian to sign and file, in accordance with procedural requirements stipulated by the program, a written statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's consent to the student's graduating without completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section and acknowledging that one consequence of not completing those requirements is ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio without further coursework.

(7) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department an instructional plan that demonstrates how the academic content standards adopted by the state board under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code will be taught and assessed.

(8) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department a policy on career advising that satisfies the requirements of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code, with an emphasis on how every student will receive career advising.

(9) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department a written agreement outlining the future cooperation between the program and any combination of local job training, postsecondary education,

nonprofit, and health and social service organizations to provide services for students in the program and their families.

Divisions (F)(8) and (9) of this section apply only to waivers granted on or after July 1, 2015.

If the department does not act either to grant the waiver or to reject the program application for the waiver within sixty days as required under this section, the waiver shall be considered to be granted.

(G) Every high school may permit students below the ninth grade to take advanced work. If a high school so permits, it shall award high school credit for successful completion of the advanced work and shall count such advanced work toward the graduation requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section if the advanced work was both:

(1) Taught by a person who possesses a license or certificate issued under section 3301.071, 3319.22, or 3319.222 of the Revised Code that is valid for teaching high school;

(2) Designated by the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district, the board of the cooperative education school district, or the governing authority of the chartered nonpublic school as meeting the high school curriculum requirements.

Each high school shall record on the student's high school transcript all high school credit awarded under division (G) of this section. In addition, if the student completed a seventh- or eighth-grade fine arts course described in division (K) of this section and the course qualified for high school credit under that division, the high school shall record that course on the student's high school transcript.

(H) The department shall make its individual academic career plan available through its Ohio career information system web site for districts and schools to use as a tool for communicating with and providing guidance to students and families in selecting high school courses.

(I) A school district or chartered nonpublic school may integrate academic content in a subject area for which the state board has adopted standards under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code into a course in a different subject area, including a career-technical education course, in accordance with guidance for integrated coursework developed by the department. Upon successful completion of an integrated course, a student may receive credit for both subject areas that were integrated into the course. Units earned for subject area content delivered through integrated academic and career-technical instruction are eligible to meet the graduation requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section.

For purposes of meeting graduation requirements, if an end-of-course examination has been prescribed under section 3301.0712 of the Revised

Code for the subject area delivered through integrated instruction, the school district or school may administer the related subject area examinations upon the student's completion of the integrated course.

Nothing in division (I) of this section shall be construed to excuse any school district, chartered nonpublic school, or student from any requirement in the Revised Code related to curriculum, assessments, or the awarding of a high school diploma.

(J)(1) The state board, in consultation with the chancellor, shall adopt a statewide plan implementing methods for students to earn units of high school credit based on a demonstration of subject area competency, instead of or in combination with completing hours of classroom instruction. The state board shall adopt the plan not later than March 31, 2009, and commence phasing in the plan during the 2009-2010 school year. The plan shall include a standard method for recording demonstrated proficiency on high school transcripts. Each school district and community school shall comply with the state board's plan adopted under this division and award units of high school credit in accordance with the plan. The state board may adopt existing methods for earning high school credit based on a demonstration of subject area competency as necessary prior to the 2009-2010 school year.

(2) Not later than December 31, 2015, the state board shall update the statewide plan adopted pursuant to division (J)(1) of this section to also include methods for students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on a demonstration of subject area competency, instead of or in combination with completing hours of classroom instruction. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, each school district and community school also shall comply with the updated plan adopted pursuant to this division and permit students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on subject area competency in accordance with the plan.

(3) Not later than December 31, 2017, the department shall develop a framework for school districts and community schools to use in granting units of high school credit to students who demonstrate subject area competency through work-based learning experiences, internships, or cooperative education. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, each district and community school shall comply with the framework. Each district and community school also shall review any policy it has adopted regarding the demonstration of subject area competency to identify ways to incorporate work-based learning experiences, internships, and cooperative education into the policy in order to increase student engagement and opportunities to earn units of high school credit.

(K) This division does not apply to students who qualify for graduation from high school under division (D) or (F) of this section, or to

students pursuing a career-technical instructional track as determined by the school district board of education or the chartered nonpublic school's governing authority. Nevertheless, the general assembly encourages such students to consider enrolling in a fine arts course as an elective.

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2010, each student enrolled in a public or chartered nonpublic high school shall complete two semesters or the equivalent of fine arts to graduate from high school. The coursework may be completed in any of grades seven to twelve. Each student who completes a fine arts course in grade seven or eight may elect to count that course toward the five units of electives required for graduation under division (C)(8) of this section, if the course satisfied the requirements of division (G) of this section. In that case, the high school shall award the student high school credit for the course and count the course toward the five units required under division (C)(8) of this section. If the course in grade seven or eight did not satisfy the requirements of division (G) of this section, the high school shall not award the student high school credit for the course but shall count the course toward the two semesters or the equivalent of fine arts required by this division.

(L) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, the board of education of each school district and the governing authority of each chartered nonpublic school may adopt a policy to excuse from the high school physical education requirement each student who, during high school, has participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading for at least two full seasons or in the junior reserve officer training corps for at least two full school years. If the board or authority adopts such a policy, the board or authority shall not require the student to complete any physical education course as a condition to graduate. However, the student shall be required to complete one-half unit, consisting of at least sixty hours of instruction, in another course of study. In the case of a student who has participated in the junior reserve officer training corps for at least two full school years, credit received for that participation may be used to satisfy the requirement to complete one-half unit in another course of study.

(M) It is important that high school students learn and understand United States history and the governments of both the United States and the state of Ohio. Therefore, beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2012, the study of American history and American government required by divisions (B)(6) and (C)(6) of this section shall include the study of all of the following documents:

- (1) The Declaration of Independence;
- (2) The Northwest Ordinance;
- (3) The Constitution of the United States with emphasis on the Bill of Rights;



(4) The Ohio Constitution.

The study of each of the documents prescribed in divisions (M)(1) to (4) of this section shall include study of that document in its original context.

The study of American history and government required by divisions (B)(6) and (C)(6) of this section shall include the historical evidence of the role of documents such as the Federalist Papers and the Anti-Federalist Papers to firmly establish the historical background leading to the establishment of the provisions of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

(N) A student may apply one unit of instruction in computer science to satisfy one unit of mathematics or one unit of science under division (C) of this section as the student chooses, regardless of the field of certification of the teacher who teaches the course, so long as that teacher meets the licensure requirements prescribed by section 3319.236 of the Revised Code and, prior to teaching the course, completes a professional development program determined to be appropriate by the district board.

If a student applies more than one computer science course to satisfy curriculum requirements under that division, the courses shall be sequential and progressively more difficult or cover different subject areas within computer science."

In line 82839, after "3313.5315," insert "3313.603,"

After line 87478, insert:

**"Section 265. \_\_.** (A) Notwithstanding anything in the Revised Code to the contrary, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall not establish any new academic distress commissions for the 2019-2020 school year.

(B) Beginning October 1, 2020, the state Superintendent shall resume establishing academic distress commissions for districts that meet the conditions prescribed in division (A)(1) of section 3302.10 of the Revised Code.

(C) This section does not affect an academic distress commission established prior to the effective date of this section."

In line 37 of the title, after "3313.5315," insert "3313.603,"

In line 249, after "3313.5315," insert "3313.603,"

After line 25946, insert:

**"Sec. 3313.603.** (A) As used in this section:

(1) "One unit" means a minimum of one hundred twenty hours of course instruction, except that for a laboratory course, "one unit" means a minimum of one hundred fifty hours of course instruction.

(2) "One-half unit" means a minimum of sixty hours of course instruction, except that for physical education courses, "one-half unit" means

a minimum of one hundred twenty hours of course instruction.

(B) Beginning September 15, 2001, except as required in division (C) of this section and division (C) of section 3313.614 of the Revised Code, the requirements for graduation from every high school shall include twenty units earned in grades nine through twelve and shall be distributed as follows:

- (1) English language arts, four units;
- (2) Health, one-half unit;
- (3) Mathematics, three units;
- (4) Physical education, one-half unit;
- (5) Science, two units until September 15, 2003, and three units thereafter, which at all times shall include both of the following:
  - (a) Biological sciences, one unit;
  - (b) Physical sciences, one unit.
- (6) History and government, one unit, which shall comply with division (M) of this section and shall include both of the following:
  - (a) American history, one-half unit;
  - (b) American government, one-half unit.
- (7) Social studies, two units.

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2017, the two units of instruction prescribed by division (B)(7) of this section shall include at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of world history and civilizations.

(8) Elective units, seven units until September 15, 2003, and six units thereafter.

Each student's electives shall include at least one unit, or two half units, chosen from among the areas of business/technology, fine arts, and/or foreign language.

(C) Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2010, except as provided in divisions (D) to (F) of this section, the requirements for graduation from every public and chartered nonpublic high school shall include twenty units that are designed to prepare students for the workforce and college. The units shall be distributed as follows:

- (1) English language arts, four units;
- (2) Health, one-half unit, which shall include instruction in nutrition and the benefits of nutritious foods and physical activity for overall health;
- (3) Mathematics, four units, which shall include one unit of algebra II or the equivalent of algebra II, or one unit of advanced computer science as

described in the standards adopted pursuant to division (A)(4) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code. However, students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2015, and who are pursuing a career-technical instructional track shall not be required to take algebra II or advanced computer science, and instead may complete a career-based pathway mathematics course approved by the department of education as an alternative.

For students who choose to take advanced computer science in lieu of algebra II under division (C)(3) of this section, the school shall communicate to those students that some institutions of higher education may require algebra II for the purpose of college admission. Also, the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of each student who chooses to take advanced computer science in lieu of algebra II shall sign and submit to the school a document containing a statement acknowledging that not taking algebra II may have an adverse effect on college admission decisions.

(4) Physical education, one-half unit;

(5) Science, three units with inquiry-based laboratory experience that engages students in asking valid scientific questions and gathering and analyzing information, which shall include the following, or their equivalent:

(a) Physical sciences, one unit;

(b) Life sciences, one unit;

(c) Advanced study in one or more of the following sciences, one unit:

(i) Chemistry, physics, or other physical science;

(ii) Advanced biology or other life science;

(iii) Astronomy, physical geology, or other earth or space science;

(iv) Computer science.

No student shall substitute a computer science course for a life sciences or biology course under division (C)(5) of this section.

(6) History and government, one unit, which shall comply with division (M) of this section and shall include both of the following:

(a) American history, one-half unit;

(b) American government, one-half unit.

(7) Social studies, two units.

Each school shall integrate the study of economics and financial literacy, as expressed in the social studies academic content standards adopted by the state board of education under division (A)(1) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and the academic content standards for financial literacy and entrepreneurship adopted under division (A)(2) of that section, into one or more existing social studies credits required under division (C)(7) of this

section, or into the content of another class, so that every high school student receives instruction in those concepts. In developing the curriculum required by this paragraph, schools shall use available public-private partnerships and resources and materials that exist in business, industry, and through the centers for economics education at institutions of higher education in the state.

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2017, the two units of instruction prescribed by division (C)(7) of this section shall include at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of world history and civilizations.

(8) Five units consisting of one or any combination of foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, technology which may include computer science, agricultural education, a junior reserve officer training corps (JROTC) program approved by the congress of the United States under title 10 of the United States Code, or English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies courses not otherwise required under division (C) of this section.

Ohioans must be prepared to apply increased knowledge and skills in the workplace and to adapt their knowledge and skills quickly to meet the rapidly changing conditions of the twenty-first century. National studies indicate that all high school graduates need the same academic foundation, regardless of the opportunities they pursue after graduation. The goal of Ohio's system of elementary and secondary education is to prepare all students for and seamlessly connect all students to success in life beyond high school graduation, regardless of whether the next step is entering the workforce, beginning an apprenticeship, engaging in post-secondary training, serving in the military, or pursuing a college degree.

The requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section are the standard expectation for all students entering ninth grade for the first time at a public or chartered nonpublic high school on or after July 1, 2010. A student may satisfy this expectation through a variety of methods, including, but not limited to, integrated, applied, career-technical, and traditional coursework.

Stronger coordination between high schools and institutions of higher education is necessary to prepare students for more challenging academic endeavors and to lessen the need for academic remediation in college, thereby reducing the costs of higher education for Ohio's students, families, and the state. The state board and the chancellor of higher education shall develop policies to ensure that only in rare instances will students who complete the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section require academic remediation after high school.

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shall integrate technology into learning experiences across the curriculum in order to maximize efficiency, enhance learning, and prepare students for success in the technology-driven twenty-first century. Districts and schools shall use distance and web-based course delivery as a method of providing or augmenting all instruction required under this division, including laboratory experience in science. Districts and schools shall utilize technology access and electronic learning opportunities provided by the broadcast educational media commission, chancellor, the Ohio learning network, education technology centers, public television stations, and other public and private providers.

(D) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, a student who enters ninth grade on or after July 1, 2010, and before July 1, 2016, may qualify for graduation from a public or chartered nonpublic high school even though the student has not completed the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) During the student's third year of attending high school, as determined by the school, the student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian sign and file with the school a written statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's consent to the student's graduating without completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section and acknowledging that one consequence of not completing those requirements is ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio without further coursework.

(2) The student and parent, guardian, or custodian fulfill any procedural requirements the school stipulates to ensure the student's and parent's, guardian's, or custodian's informed consent and to facilitate orderly filing of statements under division (D)(1) of this section. Annually, each district or school shall notify the department of the number of students who choose to qualify for graduation under division (D) of this section and the number of students who complete the student's success plan and graduate from high school.

(3) The student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian and a representative of the student's high school jointly develop a student success plan for the student in the manner described in division (C)(1) of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code that specifies the student matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business and industry-recognized credential, or entering an apprenticeship.

(4) The student's high school provides counseling and support for the student related to the plan developed under division (D)(3) of this section during the remainder of the student's high school experience.

(5)(a) Except as provided in division (D)(5)(b) of this section, the

student successfully completes, at a minimum, the curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section.

(b) Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, a student shall be required to complete successfully, at the minimum, the curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section, except as follows:

(i) Mathematics, four units, one unit which shall be one of the following:

(I) Probability and statistics;

(II) Computer science;

(III) Applied mathematics or quantitative reasoning;

(IV) Any other course approved by the department using standards established by the superintendent not later than October 1, 2014.

(ii) Elective units, five units;

(iii) Science, three units as prescribed by division (B) of this section which shall include inquiry-based laboratory experience that engages students in asking valid scientific questions and gathering and analyzing information.

The department, in collaboration with the chancellor, shall analyze student performance data to determine if there are mitigating factors that warrant extending the exception permitted by division (D) of this section to high school classes beyond those entering ninth grade before July 1, 2016. The department shall submit its findings and any recommendations not later than December 1, 2015, to the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, the president and minority leader of the senate, the chairpersons and ranking minority members of the standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate that consider education legislation, the state board of education, and the superintendent of public instruction.

(E) Each school district and chartered nonpublic school retains the authority to require an even more challenging minimum curriculum for high school graduation than specified in division (B) or (C) of this section. A school district board of education, through the adoption of a resolution, or the governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school may stipulate any of the following:

(1) A minimum high school curriculum that requires more than twenty units of academic credit to graduate;

(2) An exception to the district's or school's minimum high school curriculum that is comparable to the exception provided in division (D) of this section but with additional requirements, which may include a requirement that the student successfully complete more than the minimum curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section;

(3) That no exception comparable to that provided in division (D) of this section is available.

(F) A student enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program, which program has received a waiver from the department, may qualify for graduation from high school by successfully completing a competency-based instructional program administered by the dropout prevention and recovery program in lieu of completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section. The department shall grant a waiver to a dropout prevention and recovery program, within sixty days after the program applies for the waiver, if the program meets all of the following conditions:

(1) The program serves only students not younger than sixteen years of age and not older than twenty-one years of age.

(2) The program enrolls students who, at the time of their initial enrollment, either, or both, are at least one grade level behind their cohort age groups or experience crises that significantly interfere with their academic progress such that they are prevented from continuing their traditional programs.

(3) The program requires students to attain at least the applicable score designated for each of the assessments prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or, to the extent prescribed by rule of the state board under division (D)(5) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, division (B)(2) of that section.

(4) The program develops a student success plan for the student in the manner described in division (C)(1) of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code that specifies the student's matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business and industry-recognized credential, or entering an apprenticeship.

(5) The program provides counseling and support for the student related to the plan developed under division (F)(4) of this section during the remainder of the student's high school experience.

(6) The program requires the student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian to sign and file, in accordance with procedural requirements stipulated by the program, a written statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's consent to the student's graduating without completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section and acknowledging that one consequence of not completing those requirements is ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio without further coursework.

(7) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department an instructional plan that demonstrates how the academic content standards adopted by the state board under section 3301.079 of the Revised

Code will be taught and assessed.

(8) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department a policy on career advising that satisfies the requirements of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code, with an emphasis on how every student will receive career advising.

(9) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department a written agreement outlining the future cooperation between the program and any combination of local job training, postsecondary education, nonprofit, and health and social service organizations to provide services for students in the program and their families.

Divisions (F)(8) and (9) of this section apply only to waivers granted on or after July 1, 2015.

If the department does not act either to grant the waiver or to reject the program application for the waiver within sixty days as required under this section, the waiver shall be considered to be granted.

(G) Every high school may permit students below the ninth grade to take advanced work. If a high school so permits, it shall award high school credit for successful completion of the advanced work and shall count such advanced work toward the graduation requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section if the advanced work was both:

(1) Taught by a person who possesses a license or certificate issued under section 3301.071, 3319.22, or 3319.222 of the Revised Code that is valid for teaching high school;

(2) Designated by the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district, the board of the cooperative education school district, or the governing authority of the chartered nonpublic school as meeting the high school curriculum requirements.

Each high school shall record on the student's high school transcript all high school credit awarded under division (G) of this section. In addition, if the student completed a seventh- or eighth-grade fine arts course described in division (K) of this section and the course qualified for high school credit under that division, the high school shall record that course on the student's high school transcript.

(H) The department shall make its individual academic career plan available through its Ohio career information system web site for districts and schools to use as a tool for communicating with and providing guidance to students and families in selecting high school courses.

(I) A school district or chartered nonpublic school may integrate academic content in a subject area for which the state board has adopted standards under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code into a course in a different subject area, including a career-technical education course, in



accordance with guidance for integrated coursework developed by the department. Upon successful completion of an integrated course, a student may receive credit for both subject areas that were integrated into the course. Units earned for subject area content delivered through integrated academic and career-technical instruction are eligible to meet the graduation requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section.

For purposes of meeting graduation requirements, if an end-of-course examination has been prescribed under section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code for the subject area delivered through integrated instruction, the school district or school may administer the related subject area examinations upon the student's completion of the integrated course.

Nothing in division (I) of this section shall be construed to excuse any school district, chartered nonpublic school, or student from any requirement in the Revised Code related to curriculum, assessments, or the awarding of a high school diploma.

(J)(1) The state board, in consultation with the chancellor, shall adopt a statewide plan implementing methods for students to earn units of high school credit based on a demonstration of subject area competency, instead of or in combination with completing hours of classroom instruction. The state board shall adopt the plan not later than March 31, 2009, and commence phasing in the plan during the 2009-2010 school year. The plan shall include a standard method for recording demonstrated proficiency on high school transcripts. Each school district and community school shall comply with the state board's plan adopted under this division and award units of high school credit in accordance with the plan. The state board may adopt existing methods for earning high school credit based on a demonstration of subject area competency as necessary prior to the 2009-2010 school year.

(2) Not later than December 31, 2015, the state board shall update the statewide plan adopted pursuant to division (J)(1) of this section to also include methods for students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on a demonstration of subject area competency, instead of or in combination with completing hours of classroom instruction. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, each school district and community school also shall comply with the updated plan adopted pursuant to this division and permit students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on subject area competency in accordance with the plan.

(3) Not later than December 31, 2017, the department shall develop a framework for school districts and community schools to use in granting units of high school credit to students who demonstrate subject area competency through work-based learning experiences, internships, or cooperative education. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, each district and

community school shall comply with the framework. Each district and community school also shall review any policy it has adopted regarding the demonstration of subject area competency to identify ways to incorporate work-based learning experiences, internships, and cooperative education into the policy in order to increase student engagement and opportunities to earn units of high school credit.

(K) This division does not apply to students who qualify for graduation from high school under division (D) or (F) of this section, or to students pursuing a career-technical instructional track as determined by the school district board of education or the chartered nonpublic school's governing authority. Nevertheless, the general assembly encourages such students to consider enrolling in a fine arts course as an elective.

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2010, each student enrolled in a public or chartered nonpublic high school shall complete two semesters or the equivalent of fine arts to graduate from high school. The coursework may be completed in any of grades seven to twelve. Each student who completes a fine arts course in grade seven or eight may elect to count that course toward the five units of electives required for graduation under division (C)(8) of this section, if the course satisfied the requirements of division (G) of this section. In that case, the high school shall award the student high school credit for the course and count the course toward the five units required under division (C)(8) of this section. If the course in grade seven or eight did not satisfy the requirements of division (G) of this section, the high school shall not award the student high school credit for the course but shall count the course toward the two semesters or the equivalent of fine arts required by this division.

(L) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, the board of education of each school district and the governing authority of each chartered nonpublic school may adopt a policy to excuse from the high school physical education requirement each student who, during high school, has participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band, show choir, or cheerleading for at least two full seasons or in the junior reserve officer training corps for at least two full school years. If the board or authority adopts such a policy, the board or authority shall not require the student to complete any physical education course as a condition to graduate. However, the student shall be required to complete one-half unit, consisting of at least sixty hours of instruction, in another course of study. In the case of a student who has participated in the junior reserve officer training corps for at least two full school years, credit received for that participation may be used to satisfy the requirement to complete one-half unit in another course of study.

(M) It is important that high school students learn and understand United States history and the governments of both the United States and the state of Ohio. Therefore, beginning with students who enter ninth grade for

the first time on or after July 1, 2012, the study of American history and American government required by divisions (B)(6) and (C)(6) of this section shall include the study of all of the following documents:

- (1) The Declaration of Independence;
- (2) The Northwest Ordinance;
- (3) The Constitution of the United States with emphasis on the Bill of Rights;
- (4) The Ohio Constitution.

The study of each of the documents prescribed in divisions (M)(1) to (4) of this section shall include study of that document in its original context.

The study of American history and government required by divisions (B)(6) and (C)(6) of this section shall include the historical evidence of the role of documents such as the Federalist Papers and the Anti-Federalist Papers to firmly establish the historical background leading to the establishment of the provisions of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

(N) A student may apply one unit of instruction in computer science to satisfy one unit of mathematics or one unit of science under division (C) of this section as the student chooses, regardless of the field of certification of the teacher who teaches the course, so long as that teacher meets the licensure requirements prescribed by section 3319.236 of the Revised Code and, prior to teaching the course, completes a professional development program determined to be appropriate by the district board.

If a student applies more than one computer science course to satisfy curriculum requirements under that division, the courses shall be sequential and progressively more difficult or cover different subject areas within computer science."

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Delete lines 26956 through 27056

In line 82840, delete "3313.671,"

In line 85394, delete "\$15,078,032 \$16,490,951" and insert "\$15,153,032 \$16,565,951"

In line 85423, add \$75,000 to each fiscal year

In line 85477, add \$75,000 to each fiscal year

After line 85479, insert:

"Of the foregoing appropriation item 200321, Operating Expenses, up to \$75,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed by the Department of

Education to eligible districts pursuant to the section of this act entitled "FAFSA COMPLETION PROGRAM."

After line 96300, insert:

**"Section 733.20. FAFSA COMPLETION PROGRAM**

(A) As used in this section, "eligible district" means any educational service center or city, exempted village, local, or joint vocational school district.

(B) The Department of Education shall establish a program to award grants to eligible districts for the purposes of organizing activities to encourage and assist students in grade twelve with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The program shall operate in fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

(C) In each fiscal year in which the program operates, the Department shall solicit, review, and approve proposals from eligible districts. The Department shall award a grant to each eligible district with an approved proposal, except that, if the funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the program are insufficient, the Department shall prioritize awarding grants to lower wealth eligible districts. Each award shall be up to five thousand dollars and each eligible district with an approved proposal shall receive one award per fiscal year.

(D) The Department shall adopt guidelines and procedures for the program, including all of the following:

(1) A process in which the Department shall solicit, review, and approve proposals submitted by eligible districts, as well as a timeline for that process;

(2) Criteria for approving a proposal submitted by an eligible district, including both of the following:

(a) A requirement that the eligible district work with a public or private community partner;

(b) A requirement that the proposal include at least one activity such as a training session, a fair, or another event that actively engages students.

(3) A metric to gauge the wealth of eligible districts."

In line 85411, delete "\$156,316,757 \$156,316,757" and insert "\$154,939,134 \$154,939,134"

In line 85412, delete "\$70,620,112 \$70,620,112" and insert "\$69,997,735 \$69,997,735"

In line 85423, subtract \$2,000,000 from each fiscal year

In line 85477, subtract \$2,000,000 from each fiscal year

In line 86257, delete "fifty" and insert "forty-six"

In line 83072, delete "\$21,850,000" and insert "\$21,500,000"

In line 83075, subtract \$350,000 from fiscal year 2020

In line 83082, subtract \$350,000 from fiscal year 2020

Delete lines 83344 through 83347

After line 83347 insert:

"The Director of Administrative Services may request the Controlling Board to approve a cash transfer of up to \$350,000 from the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90) to the Information Technology Development Fund (Fund 5LJ0). The Director may also request the Controlling Board to approve a corresponding increase in appropriations under Fund 5LJ0 appropriation item 100661, IT Development."

In line 83444, after the period insert "The Department may also use these funds to provide grants to community organizations to support and expand evidence-based/informed programming."

In line 84485, delete "\$12,991,465\$13,000,000" and insert "\$14,991,465 \$15,000,000"

In line 84496, add \$2,000,000 to each fiscal year

In line 84554, add \$2,000,000 to each fiscal year

In line 84634, delete "\$2,000,000" and insert "\$4,000,000"

In line 111 of the title, delete "5126.131,"

In line 303, delete "5126.131,"

Delete lines 65232 through 65298

In line 82893, delete "5126.131,"

In line 85005, delete "\$75,000 \$75,000" and insert "\$125,000 \$125,000"

In line 85008, add \$50,000 to each fiscal year

In line 85030, add \$50,000 to each fiscal year

In line 162 of the title, after "3721.026," insert "3723.081,"

In line 340, after "3721.026," insert "3723.081,"

After line 40997, insert:

**"Sec. 3723.081. The director of health shall not require a licensed radon mitigation specialist to be physically present for supervision purposes when radon mitigation is performed. However, the director may require such a specialist to be physically present immediately before and after radon mitigation is performed."**

After line 89728, insert:

**"Section 333.65.FINANCIAL HEALTH OF MEDICAID**

## MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS

Not later than January 1, 2020, the Department of Medicaid shall do all of the following:

(A) Evaluate the financial health, including solvency, of Medicaid managed care organizations;

(B) Benchmark the financial health, including solvency, of Medicaid managed care organizations against other managed care organizations providing services under the Medicaid programs of other states in the Midwest;

(C) Publish the findings of the evaluation and benchmarking of Medicaid managed care organizations on the Department's internet web site;

(D) Submit the findings of the evaluation and benchmarking of Medicaid managed care organizations to the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee;

(E) Adopt rules under section 5167.02 of the Revised Code addressing the financial health of Medicaid managed care organizations, as evaluated under division (A) of this section."

After line 89910, insert:

**"Section 333.185.MEDICAID PAYMENT RATE FOR VAGUS NERVE STIMULATION**

(A) The Medicaid payment rate for the Vagus Nerve Stimulation service provided under the outpatient hospital services benefit during the period beginning July 1, 2019, and ending July 1, 2021, shall equal seventy-five per cent of the Medicare payment rate for the service in effect on the date the service is provided.

(B) The Medicaid payment rates for other services provided during the period beginning July 1, 2019, and ending July 1, 2021, and selected by the Medicaid Director shall be less than the amount of the rates in effect on June 30, 2019, so that the cost of the rate set pursuant to division (A) of the section does not increase Medicaid expenditures. The Director may not select any Medicaid service for which the Medicaid payment rate is determined in accordance with state statutes."

In line 68015, after "Erie" insert "or the Ohio river"

After line 89586, insert:

"GRF 651533 Food Farmacy Pilot Project \$250,000 \$250,000"

In line 89588, add \$250,000 to each fiscal year

In line 89590, add \$250,000 to each fiscal year

In line 89615, add \$250,000 to each fiscal year

After line 89755, insert:

**"Section 333.83.FOOD FARMACY PILOT PROJECT**

The foregoing appropriation item 651533, Food Farmacy Pilot Project, shall be distributed to a hospital system in a county with a charter form of government and with a total population between 500,000 persons and 1,000,000 persons to provide comprehensive medical, nutrition, and lifestyle support for food-insecure patients with type 2 diabetes and their families."

In line 107 of the title, delete "5123.042,"

In line 300, delete "5123.042,"

Delete lines 63392 through 63404

In line 64543, after the period delete the balance of the line

Delete line 64544

In line 64734, delete "the"

In line 64735, delete "program and" and insert "residential"; after "services" delete the balance of the line

In line 64736, delete "3323. of the Revised Code"

In line 64738, delete "so"; after "offered" insert "as residential services"

In line 82891, delete "5123.042,"

In line 89582, delete "\$4,095,440,909 \$4,685,734,631" and insert "\$4,152,641,174 \$4,733,728,704"

In line 89583, delete "\$9,755,406,484 \$10,604,725,914" and insert "\$9,959,196,340 \$11,152,542,781"

In line 89584, delete "\$13,850,847,393 \$15,290,460,545" and insert "\$14,111,837,514 \$15,886,271,485"

In line 89585, delete "\$500,325,646 \$554,214,667" and insert "\$490,402,102 \$533,290,526"

In line 89588, add \$47,276,721 to fiscal year 2020 and \$27,069,932 to fiscal year 2021

In line 89589, add \$203,789,856 to fiscal year 2020 and \$547,816,867 to fiscal year 2021

In line 89590, add \$251,066,577 to fiscal year 2020 and \$574,886,799 to fiscal year 2021

In line 89594, delete "\$724,170,233" and insert "\$781,970,233"

In line 89601, delete "\$820,564,060 \$791,187,400" and insert "\$834,564,060 \$806,187,400"

In line 89604, add \$14,000,000 to fiscal year 2020 and \$72,800,000 to fiscal year 2021

In line 89610, delete "\$6,502,044,325 \$6,353,625,824" and insert "\$6,563,381,020 \$6,596,506,934"

In line 89614, add \$61,336,695 to fiscal year 2020 and \$242,882,110 to fiscal year 2021

In line 89615, add \$326,403,272 to fiscal year 2020 and \$890,568,909 to fiscal year 2021

In line 90257, before "By" insert "(A)"

In line 90261, delete "the number of"

Delete line 90262 and insert "both of the following:

(1) The ratio of Medicaid prescriptions a pharmacy location fills compared to the total prescriptions the pharmacy location fills based on the latest available "Survey of the Average Cost of Dispensing a Medicaid Prescription in the State of Ohio" prepared for the Department of Medicaid;

(2) The number of retail pharmacy locations participating in the care management system based on Medicaid recipient enrollment in Medicaid MCO plans, as defined in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code, in a geographic area approved by the Department of Medicaid as the geographic area where the pharmacy location's customer population is located. The geographic area shall be periodically reviewed and approved by the Department.

(B) Pharmacies that have a high ratio under division (A)(1) of this section and a low number under division (A)(2) of this section shall be placed in the higher dispensing fee payment levels.

(C) The"

After line 90265, insert:

"(D) The Medicaid Director shall adjust the supplemental dispensing fees if federal Medicaid statutes or regulations adopted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services reduce the amount of federal funds the Department receives for the supplemental dispensing fee. The Department of Medicaid shall expend \$10,000,000 state share in fiscal year 2020 and \$20,300,000 state share in fiscal year 2021, along with any corresponding federal shares, for the supplemental dispensing fees provided under this section."

In line 17 of the title, delete "718.81,"; delete "718.84,"; delete "718.93,"

In line 151 of the title, delete "718.841,"

In line 234, delete "718.81,"; delete "718.84,"; delete "718.93,"

In line 332, delete "718.841,"

In line 13503, reinsert "first"; delete "fifteenth"; reinsert "third"; delete



"fourth"

In line 13504, reinsert "notifying"; delete "providing to"

In line 13505, reinsert "and each"; delete "a list of all"; reinsert "corporation"

In line 13506, delete "corporations"

In line 13509, delete "Within five business days after a taxpayer makes its"

Delete lines 13510 through 13513

In line 13514, delete "(3)"

In line 13530, reinsert "on a form prescribed by"; delete "in writing, to"

In line 13531, reinsert "first"; delete "fifteenth"

In line 13532, reinsert "third"; delete "fourth"

In line 13533, delete "Within five business days of receiving a notice of"

Delete lines 13534 through 13541

In line 13542, delete "(d)"

Delete lines 13546 through 13552

In line 13564, reinsert ", within ninety days of receiving"

In line 13565, delete "that receives"; reinsert "taxpayer's"; reinsert "of election"

In line 13566, delete "(2)"; reinsert the first comma

In line 13567, delete "and within the time"

In line 13568, delete "prescribed by division (C)(3) of this section"

In line 13569, delete "and any member of an affiliated"

Delete line 13570

In line 13571, delete "return, when applicable"

In line 13586, delete "A municipal corporation shall submit the information"

Delete lines 13587 through 13595

In line 13596, delete "(4)"

In line 13597, reinsert "divisions"; delete "division"; reinsert "and"; delete the first underlined comma; delete ", or (3)"

In line 13598, reinsert "shall"; delete "may"

In line 13606, reinsert "and"; delete the first underlined comma; delete ", and (3)"

Delete lines 13630 through 13756

Delete lines 13824 through 13956

In line 13964, reinsert "If a taxpayer has multiple taxable years beginning within"

Reinsert lines 13965 through 13968

In line 13969, reinsert "(3)"

Delete lines 14149 through 14198

In line 82824, delete "718.81, "; delete "718.84,"

In line 82825, delete "718.93,"

Delete lines 97407 through 97410

Delete lines 97559 through 97570

In line 151 of the title, after "940.37," insert "1349.05,"

In line 332, after "940.37," insert "1349.05,"

In line 8187, after "Code" insert ";

(mm) Telephone numbers for a victim, as defined in section 2930.01 of the Revised Code, a witness to a crime, or a party to a motor vehicle accident subject to the requirements of section 5502.11 of the Revised Code that are listed on any law enforcement record or report"

After line 15714, insert:

**Sec. 1349.05. (A) As used in this section:**

(1) "Agency" and "license" have the same meanings as in section 119.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Crime" and "victim" have the same meanings as in section 2930.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Health care practitioner" means any of the following:

(a) An individual licensed under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery;

(b) An individual licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse;

(c) An individual licensed under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code to practice as a physician assistant;

(d) An individual licensed under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code to practice as a psychologist;

(e) An individual licensed under Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code to practice as a chiropractor.

(B) No health care practitioner, with the intent to obtain professional employment for the health care practitioner, shall directly contact in person,

by telephone, or by electronic means any party to a motor vehicle accident, any victim of a crime, or any witness to a motor vehicle accident or crime until thirty days after the date of the motor vehicle accident or crime. Any communication to obtain professional employment shall be sent via the United States postal service.

(C) No person who has been paid or given, or was offered to be paid or given, money or anything of value to solicit employment on behalf of another shall directly contact in person, by telephone, or by electronic means any party to a motor vehicle accident, any victim of a crime, or any witness to a motor vehicle accident or crime until thirty days after the date of the motor vehicle accident or crime. Any communication to solicit employment on behalf of another shall be sent via the United States postal service.

(D) If the attorney general believes that a health care practitioner or a person described in division (C) of this section has violated division (B) or (C) of this section, the attorney general shall issue a notice and conduct a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. If, after the hearing, the attorney general determines that a violation of division (B) or (C) of this section occurred, the attorney general shall impose a fine of five thousand dollars for each violation to each health care practitioner or person described in division (C) of this section who sought to financially benefit from the solicitation. If the attorney general determines that a health care practitioner or person described in division (C) of this section has subsequently violated division (B) or (C) of this section, the attorney general shall impose a fine of twenty-five thousand dollars for each violation.

(E) After determining that a health care practitioner or person described in division (C) of this section has violated division (B) or (C) of this section on three separate occasions, and if that health care practitioner or person described in division (C) of this section holds a license issued by an agency, the attorney general shall notify that agency in writing of the three violations. On receipt of that notice, the agency shall suspend the health care practitioner's or the person's license without a prior hearing and shall afford the health care practitioner or the person a hearing on request in accordance with section 119.06 of the Revised Code."

In line 83709, delete "\$4,750,000 \$4,750,000" and insert "\$4,800,000 \$4,800,000"

In line 83713, add \$50,000 to each fiscal year

In line 83753, add \$50,000 to each fiscal year

In line 83820, after "Facility" insert ", and \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to the Battered Women's Shelter of Portage County"

In line 43 of the title, after "3317.40," insert "3318.036,"

In line 159 of the title, after "3317.28," insert "3318.037,"

In line 254, after "3317.40," insert "3318.036,"

In line 338, after "3317.28," insert "3318.037,"

After line 31816, insert:

**"Sec. 3318.036.** (A) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Eligible school district" is a city, local, or exempted village school district that satisfies both of the following conditions:

(a) The district is either of the following:

(i) A district that resulted from one of the following that became effective between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2018:

(~~i~~)(I) A transfer of all of the territory of one school district to another school district in accordance with section 3311.22, 3311.231, 3311.24, or 3311.38 of the Revised Code;

(~~ii~~)(II) The merger of two or more districts in accordance with section 3311.25 of the Revised Code;

(~~iii~~)(III) The creation of a new local school district from all of one or more local school districts in accordance with section 3311.26 of the Revised Code;

(~~iv~~)(IV) The consolidation of two or more school districts under section 3311.37 of the Revised Code.

(ii) A district that intends to build a new school building on land originally owned by a state community college, as that term is defined in section 3358.01 of the Revised Code, with the intention of collaboratively working with the state community college on workforce development programs and curriculum.

(b) The district has demonstrated to the Ohio facilities construction commission an efficient use of facility space, including a reduction in the number of buildings used by students and administrative staff.

(2) "Basic project cost" and "required percentage of the basic project cost" have the same meanings as in section 3318.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this chapter:

(1) If the commission determines that a district is an eligible school district, the commission shall give that district first priority for funding for a project under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code as such funds become available, regardless of the district's percentile rank under section 3318.011 of the Revised Code. If the district results from a transfer, merger, consolidation, or creation of a new local district that takes effect prior to April 6, 2017, the district's portion of the basic project cost shall be the required percentage of the basic project cost based on the percentile ranking of the district that was transferred, merged, consolidated, or existed prior to the

creation of the new district that has the lowest three-year average adjusted valuation per pupil, as calculated under section 3318.011 of the Revised Code, on the date that the transfer, merger, consolidation, or creation of the new district became effective.

(2) If an eligible school district is given priority under division (B)(1) of this section, the commission may reduce that district's portion of the basic project cost by twenty-five percentage points from the portion determined under section 3318.032 of the Revised Code or, if the district results from a transfer, merger, consolidation, or creation of a new local district that takes effect prior to April 6, 2017, from the portion determined under division (B)(1) of this section. At no time, however, shall that district's portion of the basic project cost be less than five per cent.

(3) If an eligible school district is given priority under division (B)(1) of this section, the commission may reduce that district's portion of the basic project cost by ten percentage points from the portion determined under section 3318.032 of the Revised Code or, if the district results from a transfer, merger, consolidation, or creation of a new local district that takes effect prior to April 6, 2017, from the portion determined under division (B)(1) of this section, if the district's project satisfies the following conditions:

(a) The project involves construction of a building on land owned by a state institution of higher education, as that term is defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, or on land originally owned by a state community college, as that term is defined in section 3358.01 of the Revised Code, with the intention of collaboratively working with the state community college on workforce development programs and curriculum, and the commission approves the project.

(b) The district and the state institution of higher education enter into a written agreement regarding the continued use of the institution's land by the district, and the commission approves the agreement. Division (B)(3)(b) of this section does not apply to a district that satisfies the condition described in division (A)(1)(a)(ii) of this section.

(c) On the date that the district and the state institution of higher education enter into the written agreement described in division (B)(3)(b) of this section, the state institution of higher education is participating in the college credit plus program established under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code. Division (B)(3)(c) of this section does not apply to a district that satisfies the condition described in division (A)(1)(a)(ii) of this section.

At no time, however, shall that district's portion of the basic project cost be less than five per cent.

The reduction of the district's portion of the basic project cost described in division (B)(3) of this section may be in addition to a reduction of the district's portion of the basic project cost under division (B)(2) of this

section.

(C) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, a district's project undertaken pursuant to this section shall be subject to all other requirements in sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3318.037.(A) For purposes of this section:**

(1) "Basic project cost," "percentile," and "school district's portion of the basic project cost" have the same meanings as in section 3318.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Eligible school district" is a city, local, or exempted village school district that satisfies all of the following conditions:

(a) The district intends to build new classroom facilities on land originally owned by a state community college, as that term is defined in section 3358.01 of the Revised Code, with the intention of collaboratively working with the state community college on workforce development programs and curriculum.

(b) The district has previously participated in the school building assistance expedited local partnership program established under section 3318.36 of the Revised Code but did not construct any new facilities as part of that program.

(c) The district reapplies for the expedited local partnership program between January 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020.

(B) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this chapter, if an eligible school district reapplies for the expedited local partnership program between January 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020, and subsequently enters into a new agreement for that program, both of the following shall occur:

(1) The district shall retain its percentile ranking that was determined at the time the district entered into its initial agreement under the expedited local partnership program.

(2) The Ohio facilities construction commission shall give that district first priority for funding for a project under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code as such funds become available, regardless of the district's percentile rank under section 3318.011 of the Revised Code, and the district's portion of the basic project cost under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code shall be the same percentage of the basic project cost as under its initial agreement under the expedited local partnership program."

In line 82844, after "3317.40," insert "3318.036,"

In line 1 of the title, after "9.54," insert "101.38,"

In line 222, after "9.54," insert "101.38,"

After line 389, insert:

**"Sec. 101.38.(A)** As used in this section, "relative" means a spouse, parent, parent-in-law, sibling, sibling-in-law, child, child-in-law, grandparent, aunt, or uncle.

(B) There is hereby created the Ohio cystic fibrosis legislative task force to study and make recommendations on issues pertaining to the care and treatment of individuals with cystic fibrosis. The task force shall study and make recommendations on the following issues:

(1) Use of prescription drug and innovative therapies under the program for medically handicapped children established under section 3701.023 of the Revised Code and the program for adults with cystic fibrosis administered by the department of health under division (G) of that section;

(2) Screening of newborn children for the presence of genetic disorders, as required under section 3701.501 of the Revised Code;

(3) Any other issues the task force considers appropriate.

(C) The task force shall consist of the following members, each with the authority to vote on matters before the task force:

(1) Three members of the senate: two appointed by the president of the senate from the majority party and one appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

(2) Three members of the house of representatives: two appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives from the majority party and one appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;

(3) Three members, at least two of whom have been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis or are relatives of individuals who have been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, appointed by the president of the senate;

(4) Three members, at least two of whom have been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis or are relatives of individuals who have been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

~~Initial members shall be appointed not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section. Appointments to the task force shall be made within forty-five days after the commencement of the first regular session of each general assembly in the manner prescribed in this division.~~

~~(D) Each member~~ Members of the task force shall serve ~~a one-year term that ends on the same day of the same month as did the term that it succeeds. Members may be reappointed on the task force until the appointments are made in the first regular session of the following general assembly or, in the case of task force members who also are general assembly members when appointed, until they are no longer general assembly members.~~

(E) A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original

appointment. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration date of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office as a member for the remainder of that term.

~~A member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until a successor takes office or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.~~

(F) Members of the task force shall elect a chair ~~to serve a term of one year.~~ A vacancy of the chair position shall be filled by election.

(G) Members of the task force shall receive no compensation, except to the extent that serving as a member is part of the individual's regular duties of employment and except for the reimbursement of expenses that may be provided under division (H) of this section.

(H) The task force may solicit and accept grants from public and private sources. Grant funds may be used to reimburse members for expenses incurred in the performance of official task force duties and to pursue initiatives pertaining to the care and treatment of individuals with cystic fibrosis.

(I) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the conduct of task force meetings."

In line 82812, after "9.54," insert "101.38,"

In line 11 of the title, delete "165.01, 165.03,"

In line 16 of the title, delete "715.82,"

In line 230, delete "165.01, 165.03,"

In line 233, delete "715.82,"

Delete lines 8965 through 9144

Delete lines 12639 through 12654

In line 82820, delete "165.01, 165.03,"

In line 82824, delete "715.82,"

In line 16 of the title, after "701.10," insert "711.131,"

In line 233, after "701.10," insert "711.131,"

After line 12515, insert:

**"Sec. 711.131.** (A) Notwithstanding sections 711.001 to 711.13 of the Revised Code and except as provided in division (C) of this section, unless the rules adopted under section 711.05, 711.09, or 711.10 of the Revised Code are amended pursuant to division (B) of this section, a proposed division of a parcel of land along an existing public street, not involving the opening, widening, or extension of any street or road, and involving no more than five lots after the original tract has been completely subdivided, may be submitted



to the planning authority having approving jurisdiction of plats under section 711.05, 711.09, or 711.10 of the Revised Code for approval without plat. If the authority acting through a properly designated representative finds that a proposed division is not contrary to applicable platting, subdividing, zoning, health, sanitary, or access management regulations, regulations adopted under division (B)(3) of section 307.37 of the Revised Code regarding existing surface or subsurface drainage, or household sewage treatment rules adopted under section 3718.02 of the Revised Code, it shall approve the proposed division within seven business days after its submission and, on presentation of a conveyance of the parcel, shall stamp the conveyance "approved by (planning authority); no plat required" and have it signed by its clerk, secretary, or other official as may be designated by it. The planning authority may require the submission of a sketch and other information that is pertinent to its determination under this division.

(B) For a period of up to two years after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ the effective date of this amendment, the rules adopted under section 711.05, 711.09, or 711.10 of the Revised Code may be amended within that period to authorize the planning authority involved to approve proposed divisions of parcels of land without plat under this division. If an authority so amends its rules, it may approve no more than five lots without a plat from an original tract as that original tract exists on the effective date of the amendment to the rules. The authority shall make the findings and approve a proposed division in the time and manner specified in division (A) of this section.

(C) This section does not apply to parcels subject to section 711.133 of the Revised Code.

(D) As used in this section, "business day" means a day of the week excluding Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday as defined in section 1.14 of the Revised Code."

In line 82823, after "701.10," insert "711.131,"

In line 28314, after "school" insert "with responsibility for fiscal operations or authorization to expend money on behalf of the school"

In line 180 of the title, delete "5167.104,"

In line 354, delete "5167.104,"

Delete lines 67202 through 67206

In line 96189, after "and" insert "shall conduct audits of"; delete "comprehensive risk contracts" and insert "managed care organizations"

In line 96190, delete "42 C.F.R. 438.2" and insert "section 5167.01 of the Revised Code"; after the first period insert "The Auditor of State shall provide a copy of each audit of a Medicaid managed care organization conducted under this section to the Governor, Medicaid Director, and Joint

Medicaid Oversight Committee."

In line 57 of the title, after "3702.30," insert "3702.52, 3702.57, 3702.593, 3702.60,"

In line 264, after "3702.30," insert "3702.52, 3702.57, 3702.593, 3702.60,"

After line 39188, insert:

**"Sec. 3702.52.** The director of health shall administer a state certificate of need program in accordance with sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under those sections. Administration of the program shall include both a standard review process and an expedited review process.

(A) The director shall issue rulings on whether a particular proposed project is a reviewable activity. The director shall issue a ruling not later than forty-five days after receiving a request for a ruling accompanied by the information needed to make the ruling, except that if an expedited review is requested, the ruling shall be issued not later than thirty days after receiving the request for a ruling accompanied by the information needed to make the ruling. If the director does not issue a ruling in the required time, the project shall be considered to have been ruled not a reviewable activity.

(B)(1) Each application for a certificate of need shall be submitted to the director on forms and in the manner prescribed by the director. An application for which expedited review is requested must meet the same requirements as all other applications.

Each application shall include a plan for obligating the capital expenditures or implementing the proposed project on a timely basis in accordance with section 3702.524 of the Revised Code. Each application shall also include all other information required by rules adopted under division (B) of section 3702.57 of the Revised Code.

(2) Each application shall be accompanied by the application fee established in rules adopted under division (G) of section 3702.57 of the Revised Code. Application fees received by the director under this division shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the certificate of need fund, which is hereby created. The director shall use the fund only to pay the costs of administering sections 3702.11 to 3702.20, 3702.30, and 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under those sections. An application fee is nonrefundable unless the director determines that the application cannot be accepted.

(3) The director shall review applications for certificates of need. As part of a review, the director shall determine whether an application is complete. The director shall not consider an application to be complete unless the application meets all criteria for a complete application specified in rules

adopted under section 3702.57 of the Revised Code. For an application being considered under the standard review process, the director shall mail to the applicant a written notice that the application is complete, or a written request for additional information, not later than thirty days after receiving an application or a response to an earlier request for information. For an application for which expedited review is requested, the director's notice or request shall be mailed not later than fourteen days after the director receives the application or a response to an earlier request for information. Except as provided in section 3702.522 of the Revised Code, the director shall not make more than two requests for additional information. The For either the standard or expedited review process, the director shall make a final determination regarding an application's completeness and issue a notice of the determination not later than one hundred eighty days after the date the director received the initial application.

The director's determination that an application is not complete is final and not subject to appeal.

(4) Except as necessary to comply with a subpoena issued under division (F) of this section, after a notice of completeness has been received, no person shall make revisions to information that was submitted to the director before the director mailed the notice of completeness or knowingly discuss in person or by telephone the merits of the application with the director. A person may supplement an application after a notice of completeness has been received by submitting clarifying information to the director.

(C) All of the following apply to the process of granting or denying a certificate of need:

(1) If the project proposed in a certificate of need application meets all of the applicable certificate of need criteria for approval under sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under those sections, the director shall grant a certificate of need for all or part of the project that is the subject of the application by the applicable deadline specified in division (C)(4) of this section or any extension of it under division (C)(5) of this section.

(2) The director's grant of a certificate of need does not affect, and sets no precedent for, the director's decision to grant or deny other applications for similar reviewable activities.

(3) Any affected person may submit written comments regarding an application. The director shall consider all written comments received by the forty-fifth day after the application is submitted to the director, except that to be considered in an expedited review, written comments must be received by the twenty-first day after the application is submitted.

(4) Except as provided in division (C)(5) of this section, the director

shall grant or deny certificate of need applications not later than sixty days after mailing the notice of completeness unless the application is receiving expedited review. If the application is receiving expedited review, the director shall grant or deny the application not later than forty-five days after mailing the notice of completeness.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(6) of this section, the director or the applicant may extend the deadline prescribed in division (C)(4) of this section once, for no longer than thirty days, by written notice before the end of the deadline prescribed by division (C)(4) of this section. An extension by the director under division (C)(5) of this section shall apply to all applications that are in comparative review.

(6) No applicant in a comparative review may extend the deadline specified in division (C)(4) of this section.

(7) If the director does not grant or deny the certificate by the applicable deadline specified in division (C)(4) of this section or any extension of it under division (C)(5) of this section, the certificate shall be considered to have been granted.

(8) In granting a certificate of need, the director shall specify as the maximum capital expenditure the certificate holder may obligate under the certificate a figure equal to one hundred ten per cent of the approved project cost.

(9) In granting a certificate of need, the director may grant the certificate with conditions that must be met by the holder of the certificate.

(D) When a certificate of need is granted for a project under which beds are to be relocated, upon completion of the project for which the certificate of need was granted a number of beds equal to the number of beds relocated shall cease to be operated in the long-term care facility from which they are relocated, except that the beds may continue to be operated for not more than fifteen days to allow relocation of residents to the facility to which the beds have been relocated. Notwithstanding section 3721.03 of the Revised Code, if the relocated beds are in a home licensed under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code, the facility's license is automatically reduced by the number of beds relocated effective fifteen days after the beds are relocated. If the beds are in a facility that is certified as a skilled nursing facility or nursing facility under Title XVIII or XIX of the "Social Security Act," the certification for the beds shall be surrendered. If the beds are registered under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code as skilled nursing beds or long-term care beds, the director shall remove the beds from registration not later than fifteen days after the beds are relocated.

(E) During the period beginning with the granting of a certificate of need and ending five years after implementation of the reviewable activity for which the certificate was granted, the director shall monitor the activities of

the person granted the certificate to determine whether the reviewable activity is conducted in substantial accordance with the certificate. A reviewable activity shall not be determined to be not in substantial accordance with the certificate of need solely because of either of the following:

(1) A decrease in bed capacity;

(2) A change in the owner or operator of the facility unless any of the circumstances specified in division (B) of section 3702.59 of the Revised Code apply to the new owner or operator.

(F) When reviewing applications for certificates of need, considering appeals under section 3702.60 of the Revised Code, or monitoring activities of persons granted certificates of need, the director may issue and enforce, in the manner provided in section 119.09 of the Revised Code, subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum to compel a person to testify and produce documents relevant to review of the application, consideration of the appeal, or monitoring of the activities. In addition, the director or the director's designee may visit the sites where the activities are or will be conducted.

(G) The director may withdraw certificates of need.

(H) All long-term care facilities shall submit to the director, upon request, any information prescribed by rules adopted under division (H) of section 3702.57 of the Revised Code that is necessary to conduct reviews of certificate of need applications and to develop criteria for reviews.

(I) Any decision to grant or deny a certificate of need shall consider the special needs and circumstances resulting from moral and ethical values and the free exercise of religious rights of long-term care facilities administered by religious organizations, and the special needs and circumstances of inner city and rural communities.

**Sec. 3702.57.** (A) The director of health shall adopt rules establishing procedures and criteria for reviews of applications for certificates of need and issuance, denial, or withdrawal of certificates.

(1) In adopting rules that establish criteria for reviews of applications of certificates of need, the director shall consider the availability of and need for long-term care beds to provide care and treatment to persons diagnosed as having traumatic brain injuries and shall prescribe criteria for reviewing applications that propose to add long-term care beds to provide care and treatment to persons diagnosed as having traumatic brain injuries.

(2) The criteria for reviews of applications for certificates of need shall relate to the need for the reviewable activity and shall pertain to all of the following matters:

(a) The impact of the reviewable activity on the cost and quality of long-term care services in the relevant service area, including, but not limited, to the historical and projected utilization of the services to which the

application pertains and the effect of the reviewable activity on utilization of other providers of similar services;

(b) The quality of the services to be provided as the result of the activity, as evidenced by the historical performance of the persons that will be involved in providing the services and by the provisions that are proposed in the application to ensure quality, including but not limited to adequate available personnel, available ancillary and support services, available equipment, size and configuration of physical plant, and relations with other providers;

(c) The impact of the reviewable activity on the availability and accessibility of the type of services proposed in the application to the population of the relevant service area, and the level of access to the services proposed in the application that will be provided to medically underserved individuals such as recipients of public assistance and individuals who have no health insurance or whose health insurance is insufficient;

(d) The activity's short- and long-term financial feasibility and cost-effectiveness, the impact of the activity on the applicant's costs and charges, and a comparison of the applicant's costs and charges with those of providers of similar services in the applicant's proposed service area;

(e) The advantages, disadvantages, and costs of alternatives to the reviewable activity;

(f) The impact of the activity on all other providers of similar services in the relevant service area, including the impact on their utilization, market share, and financial status;

(g) The historical performance of the applicant and related or affiliated parties in complying with previously granted certificates of need and any applicable certification, accreditation, or licensure requirements;

(h) The historical performance of the applicant and related or affiliated parties in providing cost-effective long-term care services;

(i) The special needs and circumstances of the applicant or population proposed to be served by the proposed project, including research activities, prevalence of particular diseases, unusual demographic characteristics, cost-effective contractual affiliations, and other special circumstances;

(j) The appropriateness of the zoning status of the proposed site of the activity;

(k) The participation by the applicant in research conducted by the United States food and drug administration or clinical trials sponsored by the national institutes of health.

(3) The criteria for reviews of applications shall include a formula for determining each county's long-term care bed need for purposes of section 3702.593 of the Revised Code and may include other formulas for

determining need for beds.

Any rules prescribing criteria that establish ratios of beds to population shall specify the bases for establishing the ratios or mitigating factors or exceptions to the ratios.

(B) The director shall adopt rules specifying all of the following:

(1) Information that must be provided in applications for certificates of need;

(2) Procedures for reviewing applications for completeness of information;

(3) Criteria for determining that the application is complete;

(4) Procedures for making a final determination regarding an application's completeness and issuing a notice of the determination within the one-hundred-eighty-day time frame specified in division (B)(3) of section 3702.52 of the Revised Code.

(C) The director shall adopt rules specifying requirements that holders of certificates of need must meet in order for the certificates to remain valid and establishing definitions and requirements for obligation of capital expenditures and implementation of projects authorized by certificates of need.

(D) The director shall adopt rules establishing criteria and procedures under which the director of health may withdraw a certificate of need if the holder fails to meet requirements for continued validity of the certificate.

(E) The director shall adopt rules establishing procedures under which the department of health shall monitor project implementation activities of holders of certificates of need. The rules adopted under this division also may establish procedures for monitoring implementation activities of persons that have received nonreviewability rulings.

(F) The director shall adopt rules establishing procedures under which the director of health shall review certificates of need whose holders exceed or appear likely to exceed an expenditure maximum specified in a certificate.

(G) The director shall adopt rules establishing certificate of need application fees sufficient to pay the costs incurred by the department for administering sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code. Unless rules are adopted under this division establishing different application fees, the application fee for a project not involving a capital expenditure shall be three thousand dollars and the application fee for a project involving a capital expenditure shall be nine-tenths of one per cent of the capital expenditure proposed subject to a minimum of three thousand dollars and a maximum of twenty thousand dollars.

(H) The director shall adopt rules specifying information that is

necessary to conduct reviews of certificate of need applications and to develop criteria for reviews that long-term care facilities are to submit to the director under division (H) of section 3702.52 of the Revised Code.

(I) The director shall adopt rules defining "affiliated person," "related person," and "ultimate controlling interest" for purposes of section 3702.523 of the Revised Code.

(J) The director shall adopt rules prescribing requirements for holders of certificates of need to demonstrate to the director under section 3702.525 of the Revised Code that reasonable progress is being made toward completion of the reviewable activity and establishing standards by which the director shall determine whether reasonable progress is being made.

(K) The director shall adopt all rules under divisions (A) to (J) of this section in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The director may adopt other rules as necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3702.593.**(A) At the times specified in this section, the director of health shall accept, for review under section 3702.52 of the Revised Code, certificate of need applications for any of the following purposes if the proposed increase in beds is attributable solely to relocation of existing beds from an existing long-term care facility in a county with excess beds to a long-term care facility in a county in which there are fewer long-term care beds than the county's bed need:

(1) Approval of beds in a new long-term care facility or an increase of beds in an existing long-term care facility if the beds are proposed to be licensed as nursing home beds under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code;

(2) Approval of beds in a new county home or new county nursing home, or an increase of beds in an existing county home or existing county nursing home if the beds are proposed to be certified as skilled nursing facility beds under the medicare program, Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 286 (1965), 42 U.S.C. 1395, as amended, or nursing facility beds under the medicaid program, Title XIX of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 286 (1965), 42 U.S.C. 1396, as amended;

(3) An increase of hospital beds registered pursuant to section 3701.07 of the Revised Code as long-term care beds.

(B) For the purpose of implementing this section, the director shall do all of the following:

(1) Not later than ~~April 1, 2012~~ October 1, 2023, and every four years thereafter, determine the long-term care bed supply for each county, which shall consist of all of the following:

(a) Nursing home beds licensed under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code;



(b) Beds certified as skilled nursing facility beds under the medicare program or nursing facility beds under the medicaid program;

(c) Beds in any portion of a hospital that are properly registered under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code as skilled nursing beds, long-term care beds, or special skilled nursing beds;

(d) Beds in a county home or county nursing home that are certified under section 5155.38 of the Revised Code as having been in operation on July 1, 1993, and are eligible for licensure as nursing home beds;

(e) Beds described in division (O)(5) of section 3702.51 of the Revised Code.

(2) Determine the long-term care bed occupancy rate for the state at the time the determination is made;

(3) For each county, determine the county's bed need by identifying the number of long-term care beds that would be needed in the county in order for the statewide occupancy rate for a projected population aged sixty-five and older to be ninety per cent.

In determining each county's bed need, the director shall use the formula developed in rules adopted under section 3702.57 of the Revised Code. A determination shall be made not later than October 1, 2023, and every four years thereafter. After each determination is made, the director shall publish the county's bed need on the web site maintained by the department of health.

(C) The director's consideration of an application for a certificate of need that would increase the number of beds in a county shall be consistent with the county's bed need determined under division (B) of this section except as follows:

(1) If a county's occupancy rate is less than eighty-five per cent, the county shall be considered to have no need for additional beds.

(2) Even if a county is determined not to need any additional long-term care beds, the director may approve an increase in beds equal to up to ten per cent of the county's bed supply if the county's occupancy rate is greater than ninety per cent.

(D)(1) ~~The For the review process used in considering certificate of need applications, the director shall establish a review period for the first review process shall begin July 1, 2010 that begins January 1, 2020, and end June 30, 2012 ends December 31, 2023. The next review period shall begin July 1, 2012, and end June 30, 2016.~~ Thereafter, the review period for each comparative review process shall begin on the first day of July January following the end of the previous review period and shall be four years.

(2) Certificate of need applications shall be accepted during the first month of the review period and reviewed through the thirtieth day of ~~April~~

September of the following year in which the review period begins.

(3) Except for the first review period after October 16, 2009, each review period may consist of two phases. The first phase of the review period shall be the period during which the director accepts and reviews certificate of need applications as provided in division (D)(2) of this section. If the director determines that there will be acceptance and review of additional certificate of need applications, the second phase of the review period shall begin on the first day of July of the third year of the review period. The second phase shall be limited to acceptance and review of applications for redistribution of beds made available pursuant to division (I) of this section. During the period between the first and second phases of the review period, the director shall act in accordance with division (I) of this section.

(E) The director shall consider certificate of need applications in accordance with all of the following:

(1) The number of beds approved for a county shall include only beds available for relocation from another county and shall not exceed the bed need of the receiving county;

(2) The director shall consider the existence of community resources serving persons who are age sixty-five or older or disabled that are demonstrably effective in providing alternatives to long-term care facility placement.

(3) The director shall approve relocation of beds from a county only if, after the relocation, the number of beds remaining in the county will exceed the county's bed need by at least one hundred beds;

(4) The director shall approve relocation of beds from a long-term care facility only if, after the relocation, the number of beds in the facility's service area is at least equal to the state bed need rate. For purposes of this division, a facility's service area shall be either of the following:

(a) The census tract in which the facility is located, if the facility is located in an area designated by the United States secretary of health and human services as a health professional shortage area under the "Public Health Service Act," 88 Stat. 682 (1944), 42 U.S.C. 254(e), as amended;

(b) The area that is within a fifteen-mile radius of the facility's location, if the facility is not located in a health professional shortage area.

(F) Applications made under this section are subject to comparative review if two or more applications are submitted during the same review period and any of the following applies:

(1) The applications propose to relocate beds from the same county and the number of beds for which certificates of need are being requested totals more than the number of beds available in the county from which the beds are to be relocated.

(2) The applications propose to relocate beds to the same county and the number of beds for which certificates of need are being requested totals more than the number of beds needed in the county to which the beds are to be relocated.

(3) The applications propose to relocate beds from the same service area and the number of beds left in the service area from which the beds are being relocated would be less than the state bed need rate determined by the director.

(G) In determining which applicants should receive preference in the comparative review process, the director shall consider all of the following as weighted priorities:

(1) Whether the beds will be part of a continuing care retirement community;

(2) Whether the beds will serve an underserved population, such as low-income individuals, individuals with disabilities, or individuals who are members of racial or ethnic minority groups;

(3) Whether the project in which the beds will be included will provide alternatives to institutional care, such as adult day-care, home health care, respite or hospice care, mobile meals, residential care, independent living, or congregate living services;

(4) Whether the long-term care facility's owner or operator will participate in medicaid waiver programs for alternatives to institutional care;

(5) Whether the project in which the beds will be included will reduce alternatives to institutional care by converting residential care beds or other alternative care beds to long-term care beds;

(6) Whether the facility in which the beds will be placed has positive resident and family satisfaction surveys;

(7) Whether the facility in which the beds will be placed has fewer than fifty long-term care beds;

(8) Whether the long-term care facility in which the beds will be placed is located within the service area of a hospital and is designed to accept patients for rehabilitation after an in-patient hospital stay;

(9) Whether the long-term care facility in which the beds will be placed is or proposes to become a nurse aide training and testing site;

(10) The rating, under the centers for medicare and medicaid services' five star nursing home quality rating system, of the long-term care facility in which the beds will be placed.

(H) A person who has submitted an application under this section that is not subject to comparative review may revise the site of the proposed project pursuant to section 3702.522 of the Revised Code.

(I) When a certificate of need application is approved during the initial phase of a four-year review period, in addition to the actions required by division (D) of section 3702.52 of the Revised Code, the long-term care facility from which the beds were relocated shall reduce the number of beds operated in the facility by a number of beds equal to at least ten per cent of the number of beds relocated. If these beds are in a home licensed under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code, the long-term care facility shall have the beds removed from the license. If the beds are in a facility that is certified as a skilled nursing facility or nursing facility under Title XVIII or XIX of the "Social Security Act," the facility shall surrender the certification of these beds. If the beds are registered as skilled nursing beds or long-term care beds under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code, the long-term care facility shall surrender the registration for these beds. This reduction shall be made not later than the completion date of the project for which the beds were relocated.

(J)(1) Once approval of certificate of need applications in the first phase of a four-year review period is complete, the director shall make a new determination of the bed need for each county by reducing the county's bed need by the number of beds approved for relocation to the county. The new bed need determination shall be made not later than the first day of April of the third year of the review period.

(2) The director may publish on the department's web site the remaining bed need for counties that will be considered for redistribution of beds that, in accordance with division (I) of this section, have ceased or will cease to be operated. The director shall base the determination of whether to include a county on all of the following:

(a) The statewide number of beds that, in accordance with division (I) of this section, have ceased or will cease to be operated;

(b) The county's remaining bed need;

(c) The county's bed occupancy rate.

(K) If the director publishes the remaining bed need for a county under division (J)(2) of this section, the director may, beginning on the first day of the second phase of the review period, accept certificate of need applications for redistribution to long-term care facilities in that county of beds that have ceased or will cease operation in accordance with division (I) of this section. The total number of beds approved for redistribution in the second phase of a review period shall not exceed the number that have ceased or will cease operation in accordance with division (I) of this section. Beds that are not approved for redistribution during the second phase of a review period shall not be available for redistribution at any future time.

**Sec. 3702.60.** (A) Any affected person may appeal a reviewability ruling to the director of health in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised

Code, and the director shall provide an adjudication hearing in accordance with that chapter. An affected person may appeal the director's ruling in the adjudication hearing to the tenth district court of appeals.

~~(B)~~ The applicant for a certificate of need applicant or another affected person may appeal to the director in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code of health a decision issued by the director to grant or deny a certificate of need application. The person that requested a reviewability ruling may appeal to the director with respect to the resulting ruling issued by the director.

The appeal by the applicant or person shall be made in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, and the director shall provide an adjudication hearing in accordance with that chapter. ~~The certificate of need applicant or other affected person that appeals the director's decision to grant or deny a certificate of need application~~ In the appeal, the applicant or person must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the director's decision or ruling is not in accordance with sections 3702.52 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code or rules adopted under those sections. ~~The certificate of need~~

The applicant or an affected person that was a party to and participated in an adjudication hearing conducted under this division may appeal to the tenth district court of appeals the decision issued by the director following the adjudication hearing.

~~(C)~~(B) The holder of a certificate of need holder may appeal to the director in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code a decision issued by the director under section 3702.52 or 3702.525 of the Revised Code to withdraw a certificate of need, and the director shall provide an adjudication hearing in accordance with that chapter. The person may appeal the director's ruling in the adjudication hearing to the tenth district court of appeals.

~~(D)~~(C) Any person determined by the director to have violated section 3702.53 of the Revised Code may appeal that determination, or the penalties imposed under section 3702.54 or 3702.541 of the Revised Code, to the director in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, and the director shall provide an adjudication hearing in accordance with that chapter. The person may appeal the director's ruling in the adjudication hearing to the tenth district court of appeals.

~~(E)~~(D) Each person appealing under this section to the director shall file with the director, not later than thirty days after the decision, ruling, or determination of the director was mailed, a notice of appeal designating the decision, ruling, or determination appealed from.

~~(F)~~(E) Each person appealing under this section to the tenth district court of appeals shall file with the court, not later than thirty days after the date the director's adjudication order was mailed, a notice of appeal

designating the order appealed from. The appellant also shall file notice with the director not later than thirty days after the date the order was mailed.

(1) Not later than thirty days after receipt of the notice of appeal, the director shall prepare and certify to the court the complete record of the proceedings out of which the appeal arises. The expense of preparing and transcribing the record shall be taxed as part of the costs of the appeal. In the event that the record or a part thereof is not certified within the time prescribed by this division, the appellant may apply to the court for an order that the record be certified.

(2) In hearing the appeal, the court shall consider only the evidence contained in the record certified to it by the director. The court may remand the matter to the director for the admission of additional evidence on a finding that the additional evidence is material, newly discovered, and could not with reasonable diligence have been ascertained before the hearing before the director. Except as otherwise provided by statute, the court shall give the hearing on the appeal preference over all other civil matters, irrespective of the position of the proceedings on the calendar of the court.

(3) The court shall affirm the director's order if it finds, upon consideration of the entire record and any additional evidence admitted under division ~~(F)~~(E)(2) of this section, that the order is supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is in accordance with law. In the absence of such a finding, it shall reverse, vacate, or modify the order.

(4) If the court determines that the director committed material procedural error, the court shall remand the matter to the director for further consideration or action.

(G) The court may award reasonable attorney's fees against the appellant if it determines that the appeal was frivolous. Sections 119.092, 119.093, and 2335.39 of the Revised Code do not apply to adjudication hearings under this section or section 3702.52 of the Revised Code and judicial appeals under this section.

~~(H)~~(F) No person may intervene in an appeal brought under this section."

In line 82854, after "3702.30," insert "3702.52, 3702.57, 3702.593, 3702.60,"

After line 96539, insert:

**"Section 737. \_\_. COMPLETENESS OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATIONS**

Notwithstanding the 180-day time frame for the Director of Health to make determinations of completeness of certificate of need applications, as specified in division (B)(3) of section 3702.52 of the Revised Code, as amended by this act, the time frames governing the Director's determinations

of completeness that are specified in rule 3701-12-08 and rule 3701-12-09 of the Administrative Code, as those rules exist on the effective date of this section, shall continue to govern the Director in making determinations of completeness until the Director adopts rules that reflect the 180-day time frame established by this act.

**Section 737. \_\_\_\_ . CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATIONS IN JANUARY 2020**

Notwithstanding section 3702.593 of the Revised Code or any other conflicting provision of sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code, all of the following apply to the Director of Health when reviewing certificate of need applications during January 2020:

(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, the Director shall use the long-term care bed supply and bed need made in calendar year 2016.

(B) In the case of Delaware, Greene, Lake, Licking, and Medina counties, the Director shall do the following:

(1) Redetermine the bed supply and bed need determinations made in calendar year 2016 using the same data that was used in those determinations but without applying division (C) of section 3702.593 of the Revised Code;

(2) Refuse to accept a certificate of need application for any of the specified counties, other than Greene County, unless the applicant is an owner of, or is the operator of, a skilled nursing facility in the county to which the certificate of need application proposes to relocate beds;

(3) Refuse to accept a certificate of need application for any of the specified counties if the source of the beds to be relocated is a facility that has a four- or five-star rating under the nursing home quality rating system established by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on the date the beds are under contract for purchase or transfer unless the facility is voluntarily closing;

(4) Use, as applicable, either of the following:

(a) The review process set forth in division (E) of section 3702.593 of the Revised Code, excluding division (E)(4) of that section;

(b) The comparative review process set forth in division (F) of section 3702.593 of the Revised Code, excluding division (F)(3) of that section, for the purpose of limiting the increase in beds in the specified counties in accordance with the following:

(i) Delaware County, 200 total beds;

(ii) Greene County, 99 total beds;

(iii) Lake County, 200 total beds;

(iv) Licking County, 185 total beds;

(v) Medina County, 200 total beds.

**Section 737. \_\_\_.CERTIFICATE OF NEED MORATORIUM**

(A) As used in this section, "existing bed," "existing long-term care facility," and "long-term care facility" have the same meanings as in section 3702.51 of the Revised Code.

(B) During the period beginning on the effective date of this section and ending July 1, 2021, the Director of Health shall accept for review a certificate of need application only in accordance with this section, notwithstanding division (A) of section 3702.59 of the Revised Code.

(C) To be accepted for review under this section, a certificate of need application must meet either of the following requirements:

(1) The application must be submitted pursuant to section 3702.593 or 3702.594 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, in accordance with the section of this act titled "CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATIONS IN JANUARY 2020"; or

(2) The application must propose either of the following:

(a) The replacement of an existing long-term care facility, if the replacement facility will have the same owner and operator that the existing facility has on the effective date of this section and the replacement will occur in a county with an identified bed need under section 3702.593 of the Revised Code according to the Director's county bed need determination made in calendar year 2016; or

(b) The renovation of or an addition to an existing long-term care facility as provided in division (A)(3) of section 3702.511 of the Revised Code, if the facility is in a county with an identified bed need under section 3702.593 of the Revised Code according to the Director's county bed need determination made in calendar year 2016.

(D) The Director shall not accept an application under this section unless it otherwise complies with sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, the section of this act titled "CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATIONS IN JANUARY 2020."

(E) This section does not apply to a certificate of need application that is pending on the effective date of this section."

In line 5948, after "company" insert "and its production contractors"

In line 5952, after "company" insert "or production contractor"

In line 5958, after "association" insert "that is registered with the secretary of state and that is"

After line 6014, insert:

"(11) "Production contractor" means an individual, corporation,



partnership, limited liability company, or other form of business association that is registered with the secretary of state and that, pursuant to a contract with a production company producing a motion picture in this state, provides any of the following services to the production company with respect to that production: editing, postproduction, photography, lighting, cinematography, sound design, catering, special effects, production coordination, hair styling or makeup, art design, or distribution."

In line 6091, after the period insert "The application shall state the name and address of each production contractor with which the production company contracted for services and the amount of eligible expenditures paid or incurred under the contract with respect to the production."

In line 6103, after "credit" insert "for the production company"

In line 6105, after "amounts" insert "and the credit for each production contractor equals thirty per cent of the amount of eligible expenditures paid or incurred under the contract with respect to the production"

In line 6109, after "company" insert "and to each of the company's production contractors identified in the application"

In line 6118, strike through "applicant" and insert "production company or contractor to which the certificate was issued"

In line 6179, after the period insert "If any expenditure disallowed under this division was included in the expenditure for a contract with a production contractor, the contractor's credit amount shall be reduced in proportion to such disallowed expenditure."

In line 6181, after "company" insert "or affected production contractor"

In line 84492, delete "\$5,100,000 \$4,400,000" and insert "\$9,400,000 \$7,950,000"

In line 84496, add \$4,300,000 to fiscal year 2020 and \$3,550,000 to fiscal year 2021

In line 84554, add \$4,300,000 to fiscal year 2020 and \$3,550,000 to fiscal year 2021

In line 84491, delete "\$1,800,000 \$1,800,000" and insert "\$2,500,000 \$2,500,000"

In line 84496, add \$700,000 to each fiscal year

In line 84554, add \$700,000 to each fiscal year

After line 87981a, insert:

"GRF 440672 Youth Homelessness \$2,500,000 \$2,500,000"

In line 87983, add \$2,500,000 to each fiscal year

In line 88032, add \$2,500,000 to each fiscal year

After line 88150, insert:

"YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

The foregoing appropriation item 440672, Youth Homelessness, shall be used to address homelessness in youth and pregnant women by providing assertive outreach to provide stable housing, including recovery housing."

In line 20 of the title, after "991.02," insert "1346.04,"

In line 129 of the title, after "5743.025," insert "5743.03,"

In line 196 of the title, delete "5747.031,"

In line 236, after "991.02," insert "1346.04,"

In line 316, after "5743.025," insert "5743.03,"

After line 15714, insert:

**Sec. 1346.04.** As used in this section and sections 1346.05 to 1346.10 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Brand family" means all styles of cigarettes sold under the same trademark and differentiated from one another by means of additional modifiers or descriptors, including, but not limited to, "menthol," "lights," "kings," and "100s." "Brand family" includes cigarettes sold under any brand name (whether that name is used alone or in conjunction with any other word), trademark, logo, symbol, motto, selling message, recognizable pattern of colors, or other indicia of product identification identical or similar to, or identifiable with, a previous brand of cigarettes.

(B) "Cigarette," "Master Settlement Agreement," "qualified escrow fund," "tobacco product manufacturer," and "units sold" have the same meanings as in section 1346.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Nonparticipating manufacturer" means any tobacco product manufacturer that is not a participating manufacturer.

(D) "Participating manufacturer" means a participating manufacturer as that term is defined in section II(jj) of the Master Settlement Agreement and all amendments to that agreement.

(E) "Stamping agent" means a person who is authorized to affix tax stamps to packages or other containers of cigarettes under section 5743.03 of the Revised Code or a person who is required to pay the excise tax imposed on cigarettes and other tobacco products under sections 5743.03 and 5743.51 of the Revised Code, except for a vapor distributor licensed to engage solely in the distribution of vapor products under section 5743.61 of the Revised Code."

In line 73962, strike through everything after "(54)"

Strike through lines 73963 through 73967

In line 73968, strike through "(55)"

In line 73974, strike through "(55)" and insert "(54)"

In line 73977, strike through "(56)" and insert "(55)"

In line 73986, strike through "(56)" and insert "(55)"

In line 74712, strike through "(56)" and insert "(55)"

In line 74863, strike through "(56)" and insert "(55)"

In line 76860, delete "Vapor" and insert "Electronic smoking"; after "includes" insert ", but is not limited to,"

In line 76870, delete "or"

In line 76871, delete "or"

In line 76874, after "paid" insert ":

(5) Is a wholesale dealer located outside this state that sells vapor products to a wholesale dealer in this state"

After line 76905, insert:

**"Sec. 5743.03.(A)** Except as provided in section 5743.04 of the Revised Code, the taxes imposed under sections 5743.02, 5743.021, 5743.024, and 5743.026 of the Revised Code shall be paid by the purchase of tax stamps. A tax stamp shall be affixed to each package of an aggregate denomination not less than the amount of the tax upon the contents thereof. The tax stamp, so affixed, shall be prima-facie evidence of payment of the tax.

Except as is provided in the rules prescribed by the tax commissioner under authority of sections 5743.01 to 5743.20 of the Revised Code, and unless tax stamps have been previously affixed, they shall be so affixed by each wholesale dealer, and canceled by writing or stamping across the face thereof the number assigned to such wholesale dealer by the tax commissioner for that purpose, prior to the delivery of any cigarettes to any person in this state, or in the case of a tax levied pursuant to section 5743.021, 5743.024, or 5743.026 of the Revised Code, prior to the delivery of cigarettes to any person in the county in which the tax is levied.

(B) Except as provided in the rules prescribed by the commissioner under authority of sections 5743.01 to 5743.20 of the Revised Code, each retail dealer, within twenty-four hours after the receipt of any cigarettes at the retail dealer's place of business, shall inspect the cigarettes to ensure that tax stamps are affixed. The inspection shall be completed before the cigarettes are delivered to any person in this state, or, in the case of a tax levied pursuant to section 5743.021, 5743.024, or 5743.026 of the Revised Code, before the cigarettes are delivered to any person in the county in which the tax is levied.

(C) Whenever any cigarettes are found in the place of business of any retail dealer without proper tax stamps affixed thereto and canceled, it is presumed that such cigarettes are kept therein in violation of sections 5743.01

to 5743.20 of the Revised Code.

(D) Each wholesale dealer who purchases cigarettes without proper tax stamps affixed thereto shall, on or before the last day of each month, make and file a return for the preceding calendar month, on such form as is prescribed by the tax commissioner, showing the dealer's entire purchases and sales of cigarettes and stamps for such month and accurate inventories as of the beginning and end of each month of cigarettes, stamped or unstamped; cigarette tax stamps affixed or unaffixed; and such other information as the commissioner finds necessary to the proper administration of sections 5743.01 to 5743.20 of the Revised Code. The commissioner may extend the time for making and filing returns and may remit all or any part of amounts of penalties that may become due under sections 5743.01 to 5743.20 of the Revised Code. The wholesale dealer shall deliver the return together with a remittance of the tax deficiency reported thereon to the commissioner.

(E) Any wholesale dealer who fails to file a return under this section and the rules of the commissioner, other than a report required pursuant to division (F) of this section, may be required, for each day the dealer so fails, to forfeit and pay into the state treasury the sum of one dollar as revenue arising from the tax imposed by sections 5743.01 to 5743.20 of the Revised Code and such sum may be collected by assessment in the manner provided in section 5743.081 of the Revised Code. If the commissioner finds it necessary in order to insure the payment of the tax imposed by sections 5743.01 to 5743.20 of the Revised Code, the commissioner may require returns and payments to be made other than monthly. The returns shall be signed by the wholesale dealer or an authorized agent thereof.

(F) ~~Each~~ Except as otherwise provided in this division, each person required to file a tax return under section 5743.03, 5743.52, or 5743.62 of the Revised Code shall report to the commissioner the quantity of all cigarettes and roll-your-own cigarette tobacco sold in Ohio for each brand not covered by the tobacco master settlement agreement for which the person is liable for the taxes levied under section 5743.02, 5743.51, or 5743.62 of the Revised Code. A vapor distributor licensed to engage solely in the distribution of vapor products under section 5743.61 of the Revised Code is not required to file the report.

As used in this division, "tobacco master settlement agreement" has the same meaning as in section 183.01 of the Revised Code.

(G) The report required by division (F) of this section shall be made on a form prescribed by the commissioner and shall be filed not later than the last day of each month for the previous month, except that if the commissioner determines that the quantity reported by a person does not warrant monthly reporting, the commissioner may authorize reporting at less frequent intervals. The commissioner may assess a penalty of not more than

two hundred fifty dollars for each month or portion thereof that a person fails to timely file a required report, and such sum may be collected by assessment in the manner provided in section 5743.081 of the Revised Code. All money collected under this division shall be considered as revenue arising from the taxes imposed by sections 5743.01 to 5743.20 of the Revised Code.

(H) The commissioner may sell tax stamps only to a licensed wholesale dealer, except as otherwise authorized by the commissioner. The commissioner may charge the costs associated with the shipment of tax stamps to the licensed wholesale dealer. Amounts collected from such charges shall be credited to the cigarette tax enforcement fund created under section 5743.15 of the Revised Code."

In line 76944, delete "or vapor"

In line 76945, delete "products"

In line 76946, delete "or vapor products"

In line 76947, delete "or"

In line 76948, delete "vapor products"

In line 76949, delete "or"

In line 76950, delete "vapor products"; after "and" insert "if"

In line 76951, delete "or vapor products"

In line 76952, delete "or"

In line 76953, delete "vapor products, as applicable"

After line 76953, insert:

"A retail dealer may purchase vapor products only from a licensed vapor distributor. A licensed vapor distributor may sell vapor products only to a retail dealer, except a licensed vapor dealer may sell vapor products (A) to a consumer if the licensed vapor distributor is a retail dealer or (B) to another licensed vapor distributor if the tax commissioner has authorized the sale of the vapor products between those distributors and if the distributor that sells the vapor products received them directly from a manufacturer or importer of vapor products."

In line 76955, after "distributors" insert "or vapor distributors"

In line 76962, delete "A licensed vapor distributor may sell vapor"

Delete lines 76963 through 76966

In line 77059, after "products" insert "or vapor products"

In line 77222, delete "or the first invoice"

In line 77223, delete "price of the vapor products"; after "dollars" insert ", or when the vapor volume of the vapor products exceeds five hundred milliliters or five hundred grams, as applicable,"

Delete lines 77225 through 77228

In line 77414, strike through the comma

In line 77415, delete "or vapor products"

In line 77416, after the comma insert "or vapor products with a vapor volume in excess of five hundred milliliters or five hundred grams, as applicable."

In line 77910, after "individual's" insert "federal"

In line 77911, after "is" insert "eligible"

Delete lines 77943 through 77956

In line 77957, after "(B)" insert "(1)"

After line 77966, insert:

"(2) "Eligible business income" means business income excluding income from a trade or business that performs either or both of the following:

(a) Legal services provided by an active attorney admitted to the practice of law in this state or by an attorney registered for corporate counsel status under section 6 of rule VI of the Ohio supreme court rules for the government of the bar of Ohio;

(b) Executive agency lobbying activity, retirement system lobbying activity, or actively advocating by a person required to register with the joint legislative ethics committee under section 101.78, 101.92, or 121.62 of the Revised Code. Terms used in division (B)(2) of this section have the same meaning as in section 101.70, 101.92, or 121.60 of the Revised Code."

In line 78529, reinsert everything after "(HH)"

In line 78530, reinsert "individual's"; after the reinserted "individual's" insert "eligible"; reinsert the balance of the line

In line 78531, reinsert everything before "business"; after the reinserted "of" insert "eligible"; reinsert the balance of the line

Reinsert lines 78532 and 78533

In line 78534, reinsert "(II)"

In line 78544, delete "(II)" and insert "(JJ)"

In line 78559, reinsert "(4)"; delete "(3)"

In line 78568, reinsert "rate of"

In line 78569, after "~~ten thousandths~~" insert "one and forty-two thousand seven hundred forty-four hundred-thousandths"; reinsert "per cent for"; delete "following rates on"

In line 78571, reinsert "and, for"; delete ": for taxable years beginning in 2019, one and"

Delete lines 78572 and 78573

In line 78574, delete everything before "income"

In line 78579, reinsert "on income"

In line 78580, reinsert "other than taxable business income"

In line 78581, reinsert ", less taxable business income and"

Delete lines 78589 through 78601

Reinsert line 78602a

In line 78612, delete "297.54" and insert "310.47"; delete "2.731" and insert "2.850"

In line 78613, delete "890.17" and insert "928.92"; delete "3.188" and insert "3.326"

In line 78614, delete "2,275.36" and insert "2,374.07"

In line 78614a, delete "3.643" and insert "3.802"

In line 78615, delete "3,069.53" and insert "3,202.91"

In line 78615a, delete "4.229" and insert "4.413"

In line 78616, delete "7,666.45" and insert "7,999.84"

In line 78616a, delete "4.597" and insert "4.797"

In line 78617, reinsert "(a) In the case of individuals,"

In line 78618, reinsert "the tax imposed by this section"

Reinsert lines 78619 through 78627

In line 78628, reinsert "(5)"

In line 78709, reinsert "taxable"

In line 78710, reinsert "business income and"

In line 78750, delete "2021" and insert "2020"

In line 78926, reinsert "combined"

In line 78927, reinsert "and business income"

In line 78942, reinsert "combined"

In line 78943, reinsert "and business income"

In line 78949, reinsert "combined"

In line 78950, reinsert "and business income"

In line 78956, reinsert "combined"

In line 78957, reinsert "and business income"

In line 80165, strike through "Ohio" and insert "modified"

In line 80168, strike through "Ohio" and insert "modified"

In line 82826, after "991.02," insert "1346.04,"

In line 82907, after "5743.025," insert "5743.03,"

In line 82924, delete "5747.031,"

In line 97373, delete "divisions" and insert "division"; delete "and  
(D)"

In line 97375, delete "5747.031,"

In line 97379, delete "enactment" and insert "amendment"; delete  
"division (A)(34)" and insert "divisions (A)(31), (B), and (HH)"

Delete lines 97382 through 97389

In line 97391, delete "or 2020"

In line 97393, delete "(4)" and insert "(5)"; delete ", as amended"

In line 97394, delete "by this act,"

In line 97508, after "sections" insert "1346.04,"; after "5743.025,"  
insert "5743.03,"

In line 178 of the title, after "5126.053," insert "5162.137,"

In line 353, after "5126.053," insert "5162.137,"

In line 65565, after "(2)" insert ""Expansion eligibility group" has the  
same meaning as in section 5163.01 of the Revised Code.

(3)"

In line 65567, delete "(3)" and insert "(4)"

In line 65573, delete "(4)" and insert "(5)"

In line 65575, delete "(5)" and insert "(6)"

In line 65579, delete "(6)" and insert "(7)"

In line 65582, delete "(7)" and insert "(8)"

In line 65585, delete "(8)" and insert "(9)"

In line 65587, delete "(9)" and insert "(10)"

In line 65589, delete "(10)" and insert "(11)"

In line 65591, delete "(11)" and insert "(12) "Medicaid MCO plan"  
has the same meaning as in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

(13)"

In line 65593, delete "(12)" and insert "(14)"

In line 65595, delete "(13)" and insert "(15)"

In line 65597, delete "(14)" and insert "(16)"

In line 65599, delete "(15)" and insert "(17)"

In line 65603, delete "(16)" and insert "(18)"



In line 65607, delete "(17)" and insert "(19)"

In line 65609, delete "(18)" and insert "(20)"

In line 65611, delete "(19)" and insert "(21)"

In line 65622, delete "(20)" and insert "(22)"

In line 65626, delete "(21)" and insert "(23)"

After line 65680, insert:

"Sec. 5162.137. (A) The department of medicaid shall periodically evaluate the success that members of the expansion eligibility group have with the following:

(1) Obtaining employer-sponsored health insurance coverage;

(2) Improving health conditions that would otherwise prevent or inhibit stable employment;

(3) Improving the conditions of their employment, including duration and hours of employment.

(B) For the purpose of aiding the department's evaluations under this section, medicaid managed care organizations shall collect and submit to the department relevant data about members of the expansion eligibility group who are enrolled in the organizations' medicaid MCO plans. The department may request that a medicaid managed care organization collect and submit to the department additional data the department needs for the evaluation.

(C) The department shall complete a report for each evaluation conducted under this section. The director shall provide a copy of the report to the general assembly and joint medicaid oversight committee. The copy to the general assembly shall be provided in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code."

In line 65745, after "including" insert "employment,"

After line 89942, insert:

**"Section 333. \_\_. EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM MEASURE FOR MANAGED CARE REPROCUREMENT**

As used in this section, "care management system" and "enrollee" have the same meanings as in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

As part of the reprocurement process for new Medicaid managed care organization contracts under the care management system, the Department of Medicaid shall include in the measures used to determine which managed care organizations will be awarded contracts under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code measures related to the abilities and commitment of managed care organizations to establish and operate employment programs for their enrollees."

In line 181 of the title, after "5167.22," insert "5167.221,"

In line 355, after "5167.22," insert "5167.221,"

In line 67088, after "(J)" insert """Network provider" has the same meaning as in 42 C.F.R. 438.2.

(K)"

In line 67090, delete "(K)" and insert "(L)"

In line 67092, delete "(L)" and insert "(M)"

In line 67094, delete "(M)" and insert "(N)"

In line 67096, delete "(N)" and insert "(O)"

In line 67100, delete "(O)" and insert "(P)"

After line 67513, insert:

**"Sec. 5167.221. The department of medicaid shall assess the efforts of medicaid managed care organizations to recoup overpayments made to providers who are network providers and providers who are not network providers. The assessments shall examine the amount of time recoupment efforts take starting from the time providers receive final payment and ending when the recoupment effort is completed. Each medicaid managed care organization shall submit to the department information regarding such recoupment efforts that the department needs to perform the assessments. The department shall specify what information is so needed. Following the assessments, the department shall include in the contracts entered into with medicaid managed care organizations under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code terms the department determines are reasonable to establish limits on such recoupment efforts. The terms shall include exceptions for cases of fraud and other types of deception."**

In line 66 of the title, after "3953.231," insert "3959.01,"

In line 149 of the title, after "122.84," insert "125.95,"

In line 178 of the title, after "5126.053," insert "5162.137,"

In line 179 of the title, after "5162.72," insert "5164.7515,"

In line 180 of the title, delete "5167.122, 5167.123,"

In line 181 of the title, after "5167.22," insert "5167.24, 5167.241, 5167.242, 5167.243, 5167.244, 5167.245, 5167.246,"

In line 270, after "3953.231," insert "3959.01,"

In line 330, after "122.84," insert "125.95,"

In line 353, after "5126.053," insert "5162.137, "; after "5162.72," insert "5164.7515,"

In line 354, delete "5167.122, 5167.123,"

In line 355, after "5167.22," insert "5167.24, 5167.241, 5167.242, 5167.243, 5167.244, 5167.245, 5167.246,"

After line 7038, insert:

"Sec. 125.95. (A) There is hereby created within the department of administrative services the prescription drug transparency and affordability advisory council. The department shall provide administrative support to the advisory council as necessary for the advisory council to carry out its duties under this section.

(1) Members of the advisory council shall include the following:

(a) The director of administrative services;

(b) The director of health;

(c) The medicaid director;

(d) The director of mental health and addiction services;

(e) The administrator of workers' compensation.

(2) Members of the advisory council shall also include individuals who are working to address prescription drug availability and affordability in any of the following areas:

(a) Insurance;

(b) Local, state, and federal government service;

(c) Private industry;

(d) Organizations of faith;

(e) Health care providers;

(f) Consumer organizations;

(g) Prescription drug manufacturers;

(h) Prescription drug wholesale distributors;

(i) Pharmacists;

(j) Business organizations;

(k) Individuals concerned about mental health or substance abuse matters;

(l) Advocates for individuals struggling to afford prescription drugs.

The governor, the senate president, and the speaker of the house of representatives shall each appoint three members, each of whom represents at least one of the categories listed in divisions (A)(2)(a) to (l) of this section.

(B) Members shall serve without compensation. Initial appointments shall be made not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments.

(C) Not later than six months after the date of initial appointments under division (B) of this section, the advisory council shall submit a report to the governor, the general assembly, and the chairperson of the joint medicaid

oversight committee in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code. The report shall include recommendations on all of the following:

(1) How this state can best achieve prescription drug price transparency;

(2) New payment models or other avenues to create the most affordable environment for purchasing prescription drugs;

(3) Leveraging this state's purchasing power across all state agencies, boards, commissions, and similar entities;

(4) Creating efficiencies across different health care systems, such as hospitals, the criminal justice system, treatment and recovery support programs, and employer-sponsored health insurance, to reduce duplicative service delivery across these systems, ensure that patients receive high quality and affordable prescription drugs, and support quality care and outcomes;

(5) Which critical outcomes can be measured and used to improve this state's system of purchasing affordable prescribed drugs;

(6) How federal, state, and local resources are being used to optimize these outcomes and identify where the resources can be better coordinated or redirected to meet the needs of consumers in this state.

(D) State agencies, boards, commissions, and similar entities shall cooperate with and provide assistance to the advisory council as necessary for the advisory council to carry out its duties under this section.

(E) Upon completion of the report described in division (C) of this section, the advisory council shall meet not less than quarterly to provide assistance and guidance relating to the recommendations in the report."

After line 44774, insert:

**"Sec. 3959.01.** (A) "Administration fees" means any amount charged a covered person for services rendered. "Administration fees" includes commissions earned or paid by any person relative to services performed by an administrator.

(B) "Administrator" means any person who adjusts or settles claims on, residents of this state in connection with life, dental, health, prescription drugs, or disability insurance or self-insurance programs. "Administrator" includes a pharmacy benefit manager. "Administrator" does not include any of the following:

(1) An insurance agent or solicitor licensed in this state whose activities are limited exclusively to the sale of insurance and who does not provide any administrative services;

(2) Any person who administers or operates the workers' compensation program of a self-insuring employer under Chapter 4123. of the Revised Code;

(3) Any person who administers pension plans for the benefit of the person's own members or employees or administers pension plans for the benefit of the members or employees of any other person;

(4) Any person that administers an insured plan or a self-insured plan that provides life, dental, health, or disability benefits exclusively for the person's own members or employees;

(5) Any health insuring corporation holding a certificate of authority under Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code or an insurance company that is authorized to write life or sickness and accident insurance in this state.

(C) "Aggregate excess insurance" means that type of coverage whereby the insurer agrees to reimburse the insured employer or trust for all benefits or claims paid during an agreement period on behalf of all covered persons under the plan or trust which exceed a stated deductible amount and subject to a stated maximum.

(D) "Contracted pharmacy" or "pharmacy" means a pharmacy located in this state participating in either the network of a pharmacy benefit manager or in a health care or pharmacy benefit plan through a direct contract or through a contract with a pharmacy services administration organization, group purchasing organization, or another contracting agent.

(E) "Contributions" means any amount collected from a covered person to fund the self-insured portion of any plan in accordance with the plan's provisions, summary plan descriptions, and contracts of insurance.

(F) "Drug product reimbursement" means the amount paid by a pharmacy benefit manager to a contracted pharmacy for the cost of the drug dispensed to a patient and does not include a dispensing or professional fee.

(G) "Fiduciary" has the meaning set forth in section 1002(21)(A) of the "Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 829, 29 U.S.C. 1001, as amended.

(H) "Fiscal year" means the twelve-month accounting period commencing on the date the plan is established and ending twelve months following that date, and each corresponding twelve-month accounting period thereafter as provided for in the summary plan description.

(I) "Insurer" means an entity authorized to do the business of insurance in this state or, for the purposes of this section, a health insuring corporation authorized to issue health care plans in this state.

(J) "Managed care organization" means an entity that provides medical management and cost containment services and includes a medicaid managed care organization, as defined in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Maximum allowable cost" means a maximum drug product reimbursement for an individual drug or for a group of therapeutically and

pharmaceutically equivalent multiple source drugs that are listed in the United States food and drug administration's approved drug products with therapeutic equivalence evaluations, commonly referred to as the orange book.

(L) "Maximum allowable cost list" means a list of the drugs for which a pharmacy benefit manager imposes a maximum allowable cost.

(M) "Multiple employer welfare arrangement" has the same meaning as in section 1739.01 of the Revised Code.

(N) "Pharmacy benefit manager" means an entity that contracts with pharmacies on behalf of an employer, a multiple employer welfare arrangement, public employee benefit plan, state agency, insurer, managed care organization, or other third-party payer to provide pharmacy health benefit services or administration. "Pharmacy benefit manager" includes the state pharmacy benefit manager selected under section 5167.24 of the Revised Code.

(O) "Plan" means any arrangement in written form for the payment of life, dental, health, or disability benefits to covered persons defined by the summary plan description and includes a drug benefit plan administered by a pharmacy benefit manager.

(P) "Plan sponsor" means the person who establishes the plan.

(Q) "Self-insurance program" means a program whereby an employer provides a plan of benefits for its employees without involving an intermediate insurance carrier to assume risk or pay claims. "Self-insurance program" includes but is not limited to employer programs that pay claims up to a prearranged limit beyond which they purchase insurance coverage to protect against unpredictable or catastrophic losses.

(R) "Specific excess insurance" means that type of coverage whereby the insurer agrees to reimburse the insured employer or trust for all benefits or claims paid during an agreement period on behalf of a covered person in excess of a stated deductible amount and subject to a stated maximum.

(S) "Summary plan description" means the written document adopted by the plan sponsor which outlines the plan of benefits, conditions, limitations, exclusions, and other pertinent details relative to the benefits provided to covered persons thereunder.

(T) "Third-party payer" has the same meaning as in section 3901.38 of the Revised Code."

After line 65680, insert:

"Sec. 5162.137. The department of medicaid shall develop findings based on the quarterly reports provided to the department by pharmacy benefit managers under section 5167.243 of the Revised Code. The department shall complete a report detailing the findings not later than sixty days after receiving each quarterly report. The report shall be submitted to the

general assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code. On request, the department also shall testify about its findings before either chamber of the general assembly or the joint medicaid oversight committee. The department shall keep as confidential any document or information marked "confidential" or "proprietary" and shall redact any information as necessary before it becomes public, except that the department may share the document or information with other state agencies or entities."

After line 66500, insert:

"Sec. 5164.7515. (A) Not later than July 1, 2020, the medicaid director shall establish an annual benchmark for prescribed drug spending growth under the medicaid program. If the director determines that prescribed drug spending in a given year is projected to exceed the benchmark for that year, the director shall identify specific prescribed drugs that significantly contribute to exceeding the benchmark.

(B) For a prescribed drug identified by the director under division (A) of this section, the director shall determine if there is a current supplemental rebate for that drug between the drug's manufacturer and the department or its designee. If there is a current supplemental rebate for the drug, the director may renegotiate the supplemental rebate agreement. If there is not a supplemental rebate for the drug, the director shall evaluate whether to pursue a supplemental rebate agreement for the drug with the drug manufacturer. In making that evaluation, the director may consider any of the following:

(1) The prescribed drug's actual cost to the state;

(2) Whether the drug's manufacturer is providing significant discounts or rebates for other prescribed drugs under the medicaid program;

(3) Any other information the director considers relevant.

(C)(1) If the director determines that a prescribed drug rebate agreement renegotiation is warranted under division (B) of this section, the director shall establish a target rebate amount. In determining the target rebate amount, the director may consider any of the following:

(a) Publicly available information relevant to pricing the prescribed drug;

(b) Information the department has that is relevant to the pricing of the drug;

(c) Information relating to value-based pricing of the drug for medicaid recipients;

(d) The seriousness and prevalence of the conditions for which the drug is prescribed;

(e) The drug's volume of use among medicaid recipients;

(f) The effectiveness of the drug in treating conditions for which it is

prescribed or improving a patient's health, quality of life, or overall health outcomes;

(g) The likelihood that use of the drug will reduce the need for other medical care, including hospitalization;

(h) The average wholesale price, wholesale acquisition cost, and retail price of the drug, and the cost of the drug under the medicaid program, not including any rebates received for the drug under the program;

(i) In the case of generic drugs, the number of manufacturers that produce the drug;

(j) Whether there are pharmaceutical equivalents to the drug;

(k) Any other information the director considers relevant.

(2) In negotiating a new rebate agreement under division (B) of this section, the director shall seek to negotiate an amount that is equal to the target rebate amount under division (C)(1) of this section. The director shall not enter into a rebate agreement that is less than sixty per cent of the target rebate amount. If no rebate agreement is established or renegotiated under this section, the director may consider removing the drug from the medicaid program's preferred drug list and imposing a prior authorization requirement on the drug in accordance with section 5160.34 of the Revised Code.

(D) The director shall publish a list of the prescribed drugs it identifies as being responsible for increasing spending above the annual benchmark for prescribed drug spending growth."

In line 67065, after "(A)" insert "'Affiliated company" means an entity, including a third-party payer or specialty pharmacy, with common ownership, members of a board of directors, or managers, or that is a parent company, subsidiary company, jointly held company, or holding company with respect to the other entity.

(B)"

In line 67067, delete "(B)" and insert "(C)"

In line 67069, delete "(C)" and insert "(D)"

In line 67071, delete "(D)" and insert "(E)"

In line 67074, delete "(E)" and insert "(F)"

In line 67076, delete "(F)" and insert "(G)"

In line 67078, delete "(G)" and insert "(H)"

In line 67081, delete "(H)" and insert "(I)"

In line 67086, delete "(I)" and insert "(J)"

In line 67088, delete "(J)" and insert "(K)"

After line 67089, insert:



"(L) "Part B drug" means a drug or biological described in section 1842(o)(1)(C) of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 1395u(o)(1)(C)."

In line 67090, delete "(K)" and insert "(M)"

After line 67091, insert:

"(N) "Practice of pharmacy" has the same meaning as in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code."

In line 67092, delete "(L)" and insert "(O)"

In line 67094, delete "(M)" and insert "(P)"

In line 67096, delete "(N)" and insert "(Q)"

In line 67100, delete "(O)" and insert "(R)"

After line 67101, insert:

"(S) "State pharmacy benefit manager" means the pharmacy benefit manager selected by and under contract with the medicaid director under section 5167.24 of the Revised Code."

"(T) "Third-party administrator" means any person who adjusts or settles claims on behalf of an insuring entity in connection with life, dental, health, prescription drugs, or disability insurance or self-insurance programs and includes a pharmacy benefit manager."

Delete lines 67268 through 67298

In line 67299, delete everything after "(A)"

Delete lines 67300 through 67302

In line 67303, delete "(1) Upon" and insert "The state pharmacy benefit manager shall, on"

Delete lines 67309 through 67334, and insert:

"(B) Each medicaid managed care organization shall disclose to the department of medicaid in the format specified by the department the organization's administrative costs associated with providing pharmacy services under the care management system."

After line 67513, insert:

"Sec. 5167.24.(A) If the department of medicaid includes prescribed drugs in the care management system as authorized under section 5167.05 of the Revised Code, the medicaid director, through a procurement process, shall select a third-party administrator to serve as the single pharmacy benefit manager used by medicaid managed care organizations under the care management system. The state pharmacy benefit manager shall be responsible for processing all pharmacy claims under the care management system. The department of medicaid is responsible for enforcing the contract after the procurement process."

(B) As part of the procurement process, the director shall do all of the following:

(1) Accept applications from entities seeking to become the state pharmacy benefit manager;

(2) Establish eligibility criteria an entity must meet in order to become the state pharmacy benefit manager;

(3) Select and contract with a single state pharmacy benefit manager;

(4) Develop a master contract to be used by the director when contracting with the state pharmacy benefit manager, which shall prohibit the state pharmacy benefit manager from requiring a medicaid recipient to obtain a specialty drug from a specialty pharmacy owned or otherwise associated with the state pharmacy benefit manager.

(C) A prospective state pharmacy benefit manager shall disclose to the director all of the following during the procurement process:

(1) Any activity, policy, practice, contract or arrangement of the state pharmacy benefit manager that may directly or indirectly present any conflict of interest with the pharmacy benefit manager's relationship with or obligation to the department or a medicaid managed care organization;

(2) All common ownership, members of a board of directors, managers, or other control of the pharmacy benefit manager (or any of the pharmacy benefit manager's affiliated companies) with any of the following:

(a) A medicaid managed care organization and its affiliated companies;

(b) An entity that contracts on behalf of a pharmacy or any pharmacy services administration organization and its affiliated companies;

(c) A drug wholesaler or distributor and its affiliated companies;

(d) A third-party payer and its affiliated companies;

(e) A pharmacy and its affiliated companies.

(3) Any direct or indirect fees, charges, or any kind of assessments imposed by the pharmacy benefit manager on pharmacies licensed in this state with which the pharmacy benefit manager shares common ownership, management, or control; or that are owned, managed, or controlled by any of the pharmacy benefit manager's affiliated companies;

(4) Any direct or indirect fees, charges, or any kind of assessments imposed by the pharmacy benefit manager on pharmacies licensed in this state that operate more than eleven locations;

(5) Any direct or indirect fees, charges, or any kind of assessments imposed by the pharmacy benefit manager on pharmacies licensed in this state that operate eleven or fewer locations.

(6) Any financial terms and arrangements between the pharmacy benefit manager and a prescription drug manufacturer or labeler, including formulary management, drug substitution programs, educational support claims processing, or data sales fees.

(D) The director shall select a provisional state pharmacy benefit manager not later than July 1, 2020.

(1) Once a provisional state pharmacy benefit manager has been selected, full implementation of the entity as the state pharmacy benefit manager shall be subject to that entity's demonstrated ability to fulfill the duties and obligations of the state pharmacy benefit manager as illustrated through a readiness review process established by the director. Any entity failing to complete the readiness review process shall be deemed as having not met the criteria of the review process. The selected entity shall not enter into contracts with the department or medicaid managed care organizations as the state pharmacy benefit manager before the date on which the entity has satisfactorily completed the readiness review process.

(2) If the director determines that, for reasons beyond the director's control, selection of a provisional state pharmacy benefit manager cannot occur before July 1, 2020, the director shall notify the joint medicaid oversight committee of the reasons for the delay and identify the steps the director is taking to complete the selection as expeditiously as possible.

(E) The director shall review the state pharmacy benefit manager contract every six months and shall effect any changes by contract amendment or renewal.

(F) Every four years, the director shall reprocur the state pharmacy benefit manager contract under division (B) of this section.

(G) The affiliated companies of the state pharmacy benefit manager selected under this section may conduct pharmacy benefit manager business in their own names with medicaid managed care organizations.

Sec. 5167.241.(A)(1) Medicaid managed care organizations shall use the state pharmacy benefit manager selected under section 5167.24 of the Revised Code pursuant to the terms of the master contract entered into under that section. The state pharmacy benefit manager shall be responsible for processing all pharmacy claims under the care management system.

(2) All contracts between the state pharmacy benefit manager and a medicaid managed care organization shall specify that all pharmacy claims information shared between the parties is confidential and proprietary.

(B)(1) The medicaid director shall determine the rate the state pharmacy benefit manager is paid for its services. All payments relating to claims adjudication shall be made to the state pharmacy benefit manager from a medicaid managed care organization. All payments relating to other

administrative matters, such as formulary management and prescribed drug supplemental rebate negotiation, shall be made to the state pharmacy benefit manager directly from the department.

All payment arrangements between the department of medicaid, medicaid managed care organizations, and the state pharmacy benefit manager shall comply with state and federal statutes, regulations adopted by the centers for medicare and medicaid services, and any other agreement between the department and the centers for medicare and medicaid services. The director may change a payment arrangement in order to comply with state and federal statutes, regulations adopted by the centers for medicare and medicaid services, or any other agreement between the department and the centers for medicare and medicaid services.

(2) The director shall establish a dispensing fee to be paid to the pharmacy for each prescribed drug it dispenses under the care management system.

(C) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, a medicaid managed care organization may contract directly with a pharmacy regarding the practice of pharmacy.

Sec. 5167.242. (A) In consultation with the medicaid director, the state pharmacy benefit manager shall develop a medicaid prescribed drug formulary that it will use when administering prescribed drug benefits on behalf of a medicaid managed care organization under the care management system. At minimum, the medicaid prescribed drug formulary shall list prescribed drugs and shall specify the per unit price for each drug. The formulary price is the total price ceiling, including any supplemental rebates or discounts received for the prescribed drug. The formulary shall not become effective until the medicaid director approves it.

(B) The state pharmacy benefit manager shall disclose immediately and in writing to the department of medicaid any changes to the medicaid prescribed drug formulary. The medicaid director may disapprove any changes to the formulary.

(C) The state pharmacy benefit manager shall not make any payment for a prescribed drug included in the medicaid prescribed drug formulary in an amount that exceeds the per unit price for the drug as described in division (A) of this section.

(D) In developing the medicaid prescribed drug formulary under this section in consultation with the director, the state pharmacy benefit manager shall negotiate prices for and price each prescribed drug at the lowest price that also maximizes the health of medicaid recipients and promotes the efficiency of the medicaid program.

Sec. 5167.243. (A) The state pharmacy benefit manager shall provide

to the medicaid director a written quarterly report containing the following information from the immediately preceding quarter:

(1) The prices that the state pharmacy benefit manager negotiated for prescribed drugs under the care management system. The price must include any rebates the state pharmacy benefit manager received from the drug manufacturer;

(2) The prices the state pharmacy benefit manager paid to pharmacies for prescribed drugs;

(3) Any rebate amounts the state pharmacy benefit manager passed on to individual pharmacies;

(4) The percentage of savings in drug prices that are passed on to participants in the care management system;

(5) The information described in division (C) of section 5167.24 of the Revised Code;

(6) Any other information required by the director.

(B) The director may ask the state pharmacy benefit manager to provide additional information as necessary and shall collect other clinical data from the state pharmacy benefit manager as the director sees fit.

(C) At the time of contract execution, renewal, or modification, the department shall modify the reporting requirements under its medicaid managed care organization contracts as necessary to meet the requirements of this section.

**Sec. 5167.244.** No person shall violate the terms of the master state pharmacy benefit manager contract under section 5167.24 of the Revised Code or section 5167.241 or 5167.242 of the Revised Code. Whoever violates those sections is subject to a civil penalty in an amount to be determined by the medicaid director.

**Sec. 5167.245.** The medicaid director shall establish an appeals process by which pharmacies may appeal to the department of medicaid any disputes relating to the maximum allowable cost set by the state pharmacy benefit manager for a prescribed drug. All pharmacies participating in the care management system shall use the appeals process to resolve any disputes relating to the maximum allowable cost set by the state pharmacy benefit manager.

**Sec. 5167.246.** The medicaid director shall adopt rules under section 5167.02 of the Revised Code as necessary to implement and enforce sections 5167.24 to 5167.245 of the Revised Code, including rules that do all of the following:

(A) Specify the information that must be disclosed to the director by the state pharmacy benefit manager under section 5167.243 of the Revised

Code:

(B) Establish the amount of the civil penalties under section 5167.244 of the Revised Code;

(C) Adjust the capitation payments to medicaid managed care organizations as necessary as a result of the state pharmacy benefit manager processing all pharmacy claims under the care management system as provided under section 5167.241 of the Revised Code;

(D) Prohibit the state pharmacy benefit manager from requiring a medicaid recipient to obtain a specialty drug from a specialty pharmacy owned or otherwise associated with the state pharmacy benefit manager;

(E) Define "specialty drug" and "specialty pharmacy" for the purpose of division (D) of this section;

(F) Establish a dispensing fee to be paid to the state pharmacy benefit manager for claims adjudication, as authorized under division (B)(2) of section 5167.241 of the Revised Code;

(G) Specify procedures for conducting the appeals process established under section 5167.245 of the Revised Code."

In line 82860, after "3953.231," insert "3959.01,"

In line 89582, delete "\$4,095,440,909" and insert "\$4,095,940,909"

In line 89584, delete "\$13,850,847,393" and insert "\$13,851,347,393"

In line 89588, add \$500,000 to fiscal year 2020

In line 89590, add \$500,000 to fiscal year 2020

In line 89615, add \$500,000 to fiscal year 2020

After line 90212, insert:

**"Section 333.230. RE-PROCUREMENT OF MEDICAID MCO CONTRACTS**

(A) As used in this section, "care management system" and "Medicaid managed care organization" have the same meanings as in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Not later than July 1, 2020, the Medicaid Director shall complete a procurement process for Medicaid managed care organizations under the care management system.

**Section 333.240. REVIEW OF PRESCRIBED DRUG REFORM SAVINGS**

Not later than January 1, 2021, the Department of Medicaid shall conduct a review of all of the savings to the state from prescribed drug reforms included in this act. The Department shall complete a report detailing its findings not later than sixty days after its review. The report shall be

submitted to the Governor and to the General Assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code. The Department shall testify about its findings before the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee. Upon request, the Department also shall testify about its findings before the General Assembly as requested by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, or both."

Delete lines 90213 through 90243

After line 90265, insert:

**"Section 333. \_\_\_\_ . PRESCRIBED DRUG CLAIMS PROCESSING PILOT PROGRAM**

(A) As used in this section, "Medicaid managed care organization," "Medicaid MCO plan," "pharmacy benefit manager," and "prescribed drug" have the same meanings as in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) The Department of Medicaid shall establish and administer a pilot program for the pre-audit processing of prescribed drug claims submitted to Medicaid managed care organizations or their pharmacy benefit managers by pharmacies that meet the requirements of division (C) of this section. A pharmacy's participation in the pilot program is voluntary.

(C) In order for a claim to be processed under the program, both of the following apply:

(1) The claim must relate to a prescription filled in Adams, Athens, Belmont, Coshocton, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Tuscarawas, Vinton, or Washington County.

(2) The pharmacy submitting the claim must serve a significant share of Medicaid recipients in the county who are enrolled in Medicaid MCO plans as determined by the Medicaid Director.

(D) Under the pilot program, the Department shall do all of the following:

(1) Approve individuals or entities to serve as claims processors;

(2) Ensure that claims are adjudicated by approved claims processors and that information relating to each claim is submitted to the Department for evaluation and review;

(3) Authorize approved claims processors to accept and adjudicate claims from the payment amounts submitted by patients;

(4) Utilize a coordination of benefits process to determine the respective payment responsibilities of different payors.

(E) The Department shall ensure that the pilot program is fully operational beginning January 1, 2020, and shall conclude the program on December 31, 2020. At the conclusion of the program, the Department shall evaluate and review all of the following data relating to each prescribed drug

claim: the usual and customary drug cost, the contracted drug ingredient cost, the dispensing fee, and any applicable taxes. If a claims processor is unable to provide claims data to the Department, the participating pharmacies shall, to the extent permissible under state and federal law, cooperate with the Department in providing any information missing from the claim.

(F) Not later than September 1, 2021, the Department shall prepare and submit to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Senate President, and Chairperson of the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee a report outlining both of the following:

(1) Any costs, savings, trends, and utilization rates realized under the program;

(2) Any policy recommendations, including whether to reinstate the program, and if further implementation will decrease prescribed drug costs and spending levels.

The report shall be submitted in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code.

(G) Of the foregoing appropriation item 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be used to establish and administer the pilot program."

In line 23256, delete "any"

In line 23257, delete "geometry assessment requirement prescribed under federal law" and insert "the United States secretary of education for testing requirements prescribed under federal law to allow for the use and implementation of Algebra I as the primary assessment of high school mathematics"

In line 23326, reinsert "Determine"; delete "In consultation with the respective standing"

Delete lines 23327 and 23328

In line 23332, after the period insert "Not later than sixty days after the designation of ranges of scores, the state superintendent, or the state superintendent's designee, shall conduct a public presentation before the standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate that consider primary and secondary education legislation regarding the designated range of scores."

After line 94294, insert:

**"Section 500.10. INTERIM BUDGET RECONCILIATION**

All amounts expended or encumbered from interim budget appropriations made in S.B. 171 of the 133rd General Assembly, or any successive act providing such interim budget appropriations shall be deducted from the appropriate line item appropriations made in this act. The Director of



Budget and Management shall make any necessary adjustments to the appropriate line item appropriations to carry out this section."

In line 85415, delete "\$6,944,380,845 \$6,776,118,845" and insert "\$6,942,880,845 \$6,774,618,845"

In line 85423, subtract \$1,500,000 from each fiscal year

In line 85477, subtract \$1,500,000 from each fiscal year

In line 86467, delete "\$3,500,000" and insert "\$2,000,000"

In line 11172, delete everything after "(3)"

Delete lines 11173 through 11176

In line 11177, delete "(4)"

In line 11201, reinsert "(4)"; delete "(5)"

In line 84713, after the period insert "The appropriation shall not be used for travel and entertainment expenses incurred under the initiative."

In line 87975, delete "\$7,420,089 \$7,648,480" and insert "\$7,670,089 \$7,898,480"

In line 87983, add \$250,000 to each fiscal year

In line 88032, add \$250,000 to each fiscal year

In line 87963, delete "\$671,131 \$671,131" and insert "\$1,021,131 \$1,021,131"

In line 87983, add \$350,000 to each fiscal year

In line 88032, add \$350,000 to each fiscal year

In line 2189, delete "making those payments to"

Delete line 2190

In line 2191, delete "investment earnings on the fund to pay the costs of" and insert "implementing and"

In line 2192, after "program" insert "with respect to pay for success contracts that benefit the state"

In line 2202, delete "for the"

Delete line 2203

In line 2204, delete "success contracts pursuant to" and insert "in accordance with"; delete ", provided"

Delete lines 2205 and 2206

In line 2207, delete "program"

In line 2218, delete "making those payments to service"

Delete line 2219

In line 2220, delete "earnings on the fund to pay the costs of" and

insert "implementing and"

In line 2221, after "program" insert "with respect to pay for success contracts that benefit those political subdivisions"

In line 114 of the title, delete "5164.91,"

In line 179 of the title, after "5162.72," insert "5164.912,"

In line 305, delete "5164.91,"

In line 353, after "5162.72," insert "5164.912,"

Delete lines 66501 through 66528 and insert:

**Sec. 5164.912.** The medicaid director shall select from among universally accepted claim forms used in the United States a standardized claim form for each type of medicaid provider that provides medicaid services under the integrated care delivery system. The director shall create standardized claim codes to be used on the standardized claim forms. Each medicaid provider and medicaid provider's designee that bills for medicaid services provided under the integrated care delivery system shall use the appropriate standardized claim form and standardized claim codes.

Any claim for a medicaid service provided under the integrated care delivery system shall be considered a clean claim and paid by the department or its designee not later than thirty calendar days from the date the claim is submitted if the claim is properly submitted using the appropriate standardized claim form and standardized claim codes and the medicaid services for which the claim is submitted are medically necessary and otherwise allowable under the integrated care delivery system. If the department or its designee fails to pay the claim within thirty-five calendar days from the date the claim is so submitted, the department or its designee shall pay interest on the claim equal to one per cent per month calculated from the expiration of the thirty-five-calendar-day period."

In line 82895, delete "5164.91,"

In line 51 of the title, delete "3505.21,"

In line 121 of the title, delete "5502.011,"

In line 139 of the title, delete "5923.01, 5923.02, 5923.03,"

In line 140 of the title, delete "5923.12, 5923.37, 5924.01,"

In line 147 of the title, delete "111.09,"

In line 160 of the title, delete "3505.331,"

In line 182 of the title, after "5747.26," insert "and"

In line 183 of the title, delete ", 5922.01, 5922.02, 5922.03, 5922.04,"

In line 184, delete "5922.05, 5922.06, 5922.07, and 5922.08"

In line 259, delete "3505.21,"

In line 311, delete "5502.011,"

In line 323, delete "5923.01, 5923.02, 5923.03,"

In line 324, delete "5923.12, 5923.37, 5924.01,"

In line 329, delete "111.09,"

In line 339, delete "3505.331,"

In line 356, after "5747.26," insert "and"; delete ", 5922.01, 5922.02, 5922.03, 5922.04,"

In line 357, delete "5922.05, 5922.06, 5922.07, and 5922.08"

Delete lines 1694 through 1697

Delete lines 35065 through 35309

Delete lines 68063 through 68134

Delete lines 81732 through 81998

In line 82850, delete "3505.21,"

In line 82901, delete "5502.011,"

In line 82913, delete "5923.01,"

In line 82914, delete "5923.02, 5923.03, 5923.12, 5923.37, 5924.01,"

Delete line 82951

In line 82952, subtract \$100,000 from fiscal year 2020 and \$550,000 from fiscal year 2021

In line 82966, subtract \$100,000 from fiscal year 2020 and \$550,000 from fiscal year 2021

Delete lines 83024 through 83028

In line 10 of the title, delete "148.01, 148.04,"

In line 149 of the title, delete "148.041, 148.042,"

In line 229, delete "148.01, 148.04,"

In line 331, delete "148.041, 148.042,"

Delete lines 7719 through 7975

In line 82819, delete "148.01, 148.04,"

In line 20 of the title, after "991.02," insert "1347.08,"

In line 28 of the title, after "2923.20," insert "2925.01,"

In line 83 of the title, after "4737.045," insert "4743.02,"; after "4745.04," insert "4751.01, 4751.03, 4751.041, 4751.043, 4751.044, 4751.05, 4751.06, 4751.07, 4751.08, 4751.10, 4751.11, 4751.12, 4751.14, 4751.99,"

In line 97 of the title, after "4776.01," insert "4776.20,"

In line 137 of the title, after "5903.04," insert "5903.12,"

In line 144 of the title, after "(3719.064)," insert "4751.03 (4751.02), 4751.041 (4751.151), 4751.042 (4751.021), 4751.043 (4751.381), 4751.044 (4751.26), 4751.05 (4751.15), 4751.06 (4751.20), 4751.07 (4751.24), 4751.08 (4751.201), 4751.10 (4751.32), 4751.11 (4751.33), 4751.12 (4751.35), 4751.13 (4751.36), 4751.14 (4751.03),"

In line 146 of the title, after "sections," insert "4751.04, 4751.10,"

In line 172 of the title, after "4743.041," insert "4751.101, 4751.102, 4751.202, 4751.21, 4751.22, 4751.23, 4751.25, 4751.30, 4751.31, 4751.37, 4751.38, 4751.40, 4751.41, 4751.45,"

In line 193 of the title, after "4731.296," insert "4751.02, 4751.04, 4751.09,"

In line 236, after "991.02," insert "1347.08,"

In line 242, after "2923.20," insert "2925.01,"

In line 282, after "4737.045," insert "4743.02,"

In line 283, after "4745.04," insert "4751.01, 4751.03, 4751.041, 4751.043, 4751.044, 4751.05, 4751.06, 4751.07, 4751.08, 4751.10, 4751.11, 4751.12, 4751.14, 4751.99,"

In line 292, after "4776.01," insert "4776.20,"

In line 322, after "5903.04," insert "5903.12,"

In line 326, after "(3719.064)," insert "4751.03 (4751.02), 4751.041 (4751.151), 4751.042 (4751.021), 4751.043 (4751.381), 4751.044 (4751.26), 4751.05 (4751.15), 4751.06 (4751.20), 4751.07 (4751.24), 4751.08 (4751.201), 4751.10 (4751.32), 4751.11 (4751.33), 4751.12 (4751.35), 4751.13 (4751.36), 4751.14 (4751.03),"

In line 328, after "sections," insert "4751.04, 4751.10,"

In line 347, after "4743.041," insert "4751.101, 4751.102, 4751.202, 4751.21, 4751.22, 4751.23, 4751.25, 4751.30, 4751.31, 4751.37, 4751.38, 4751.40, 4751.41, 4751.45,"

In line 1405, after "4747.051," insert "4751.20, 4751.201, 4751.202, 4751.21,"

In line 8101, strike through "4751.04" and insert "4751.15"

After line 15714, insert:

**"Sec. 1347.08.** (A) Every state or local agency that maintains a personal information system, upon the request and the proper identification of any person who is the subject of personal information in the system, shall:

(1) Inform the person of the existence of any personal information in the system of which the person is the subject;

(2) Except as provided in divisions (C) and (E)(2) of this section,

permit the person, the person's legal guardian, or an attorney who presents a signed written authorization made by the person, to inspect all personal information in the system of which the person is the subject;

(3) Inform the person about the types of uses made of the personal information, including the identity of any users usually granted access to the system.

(B) Any person who wishes to exercise a right provided by this section may be accompanied by another individual of the person's choice.

(C)(1) A state or local agency, upon request, shall disclose medical, psychiatric, or psychological information to a person who is the subject of the information or to the person's legal guardian, unless a physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist determines for the agency that the disclosure of the information is likely to have an adverse effect on the person, in which case the information shall be released to a physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist who is designated by the person or by the person's legal guardian.

(2) Upon the signed written request of either a licensed attorney at law or a licensed physician designated by the inmate, together with the signed written request of an inmate of a correctional institution under the administration of the department of rehabilitation and correction, the department shall disclose medical information to the designated attorney or physician as provided in division (C) of section 5120.21 of the Revised Code.

(D) If an individual who is authorized to inspect personal information that is maintained in a personal information system requests the state or local agency that maintains the system to provide a copy of any personal information that the individual is authorized to inspect, the agency shall provide a copy of the personal information to the individual. Each state and local agency may establish reasonable fees for the service of copying, upon request, personal information that is maintained by the agency.

(E)(1) This section regulates access to personal information that is maintained in a personal information system by persons who are the subject of the information, but does not limit the authority of any person, including a person who is the subject of personal information maintained in a personal information system, to inspect or have copied, pursuant to section 149.43 of the Revised Code, a public record as defined in that section.

(2) This section does not provide a person who is the subject of personal information maintained in a personal information system, the person's legal guardian, or an attorney authorized by the person, with a right to inspect or have copied, or require an agency that maintains a personal information system to permit the inspection of or to copy, a confidential law enforcement investigatory record or trial preparation record, as defined in divisions (A)(2) and (4) of section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(F) This section does not apply to any of the following:

(1) The contents of an adoption file maintained by the department of health under sections 3705.12 to 3705.124 of the Revised Code;

(2) Information contained in the putative father registry established by section 3107.062 of the Revised Code, regardless of whether the information is held by the department of job and family services or, pursuant to section 3111.69 of the Revised Code, the office of child support in the department or a child support enforcement agency;

(3) Papers, records, and books that pertain to an adoption and that are subject to inspection in accordance with section 3107.17 of the Revised Code;

(4) Records specified in division (A) of section 3107.52 of the Revised Code;

(5) Records that identify an individual described in division (A)(1) of section 3721.031 of the Revised Code, or that would tend to identify such an individual;

(6) Files and records that have been expunged under division (D)(1) or (2) of section 3721.23 of the Revised Code;

(7) Records that identify an individual described in division (A)(1) of section 3721.25 of the Revised Code, or that would tend to identify such an individual;

(8) Records that identify an individual described in division (A)(1) of section 5165.88 of the Revised Code, or that would tend to identify such an individual;

(9) Test materials, examinations, or evaluation tools used in an examination for licensure as a nursing home administrator that the board of executives of long-term services and supports administers under section ~~4751.04~~ 4751.15 of the Revised Code or contracts under that section with a private or government entity to administer;

(10) Information contained in a database established and maintained pursuant to section 5101.13 of the Revised Code;

(11) Information contained in a database established and maintained pursuant to section 5101.631 of the Revised Code."

After line 20189, insert:

**"Sec. 2925.01.** As used in this chapter:

(A) "Administer," "controlled substance," "controlled substance analog," "dispense," "distribute," "hypodermic," "manufacturer," "official written order," "person," "pharmacist," "pharmacy," "sale," "schedule I," "schedule II," "schedule III," "schedule IV," "schedule V," and "wholesaler" have the same meanings as in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Drug dependent person" and "drug of abuse" have the same meanings as in section 3719.011 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Drug," "dangerous drug," "licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs," and "prescription" have the same meanings as in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Bulk amount" of a controlled substance means any of the following:

(1) For any compound, mixture, preparation, or substance included in schedule I, schedule II, or schedule III, with the exception of any controlled substance analog, marihuana, cocaine, L.S.D., heroin, any fentanyl-related compound, and hashish and except as provided in division (D)(2), (5), or (6) of this section, whichever of the following is applicable:

(a) An amount equal to or exceeding ten grams or twenty-five unit doses of a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains any amount of a schedule I opiate or opium derivative;

(b) An amount equal to or exceeding ten grams of a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains any amount of raw or gum opium;

(c) An amount equal to or exceeding thirty grams or ten unit doses of a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains any amount of a schedule I hallucinogen other than tetrahydrocannabinol or lysergic acid amide, or a schedule I stimulant or depressant;

(d) An amount equal to or exceeding twenty grams or five times the maximum daily dose in the usual dose range specified in a standard pharmaceutical reference manual of a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains any amount of a schedule II opiate or opium derivative;

(e) An amount equal to or exceeding five grams or ten unit doses of a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains any amount of phencyclidine;

(f) An amount equal to or exceeding one hundred twenty grams or thirty times the maximum daily dose in the usual dose range specified in a standard pharmaceutical reference manual of a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains any amount of a schedule II stimulant that is in a final dosage form manufactured by a person authorized by the "Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act," 52 Stat. 1040 (1938), 21 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, and the federal drug abuse control laws, as defined in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code, that is or contains any amount of a schedule II depressant substance or a schedule II hallucinogenic substance;

(g) An amount equal to or exceeding three grams of a compound,

mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains any amount of a schedule II stimulant, or any of its salts or isomers, that is not in a final dosage form manufactured by a person authorized by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the federal drug abuse control laws.

(2) An amount equal to or exceeding one hundred twenty grams or thirty times the maximum daily dose in the usual dose range specified in a standard pharmaceutical reference manual of a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains any amount of a schedule III or IV substance other than an anabolic steroid or a schedule III opiate or opium derivative;

(3) An amount equal to or exceeding twenty grams or five times the maximum daily dose in the usual dose range specified in a standard pharmaceutical reference manual of a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains any amount of a schedule III opiate or opium derivative;

(4) An amount equal to or exceeding two hundred fifty milliliters or two hundred fifty grams of a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains any amount of a schedule V substance;

(5) An amount equal to or exceeding two hundred solid dosage units, sixteen grams, or sixteen milliliters of a compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is or contains any amount of a schedule III anabolic steroid;

(6) For any compound, mixture, preparation, or substance that is a combination of a fentanyl-related compound and any other compound, mixture, preparation, or substance included in schedule III, schedule IV, or schedule V, if the defendant is charged with a violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code and the sentencing provisions set forth in divisions (C)(10) (b) and (C)(11) of that section will not apply regarding the defendant and the violation, the bulk amount of the controlled substance for purposes of the violation is the amount specified in division (D)(1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) of this section for the other schedule III, IV, or V controlled substance that is combined with the fentanyl-related compound.

(E) "Unit dose" means an amount or unit of a compound, mixture, or preparation containing a controlled substance that is separately identifiable and in a form that indicates that it is the amount or unit by which the controlled substance is separately administered to or taken by an individual.

(F) "Cultivate" includes planting, watering, fertilizing, or tilling.

(G) "Drug abuse offense" means any of the following:

(1) A violation of division (A) of section 2913.02 that constitutes theft of drugs, or a violation of section 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.041, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2925.11, 2925.12, 2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, 2925.24, 2925.31, 2925.32, 2925.36, or 2925.37 of the Revised Code;



(2) A violation of an existing or former law of this or any other state or of the United States that is substantially equivalent to any section listed in division (G)(1) of this section;

(3) An offense under an existing or former law of this or any other state, or of the United States, of which planting, cultivating, harvesting, processing, making, manufacturing, producing, shipping, transporting, delivering, acquiring, possessing, storing, distributing, dispensing, selling, inducing another to use, administering to another, using, or otherwise dealing with a controlled substance is an element;

(4) A conspiracy to commit, attempt to commit, or complicity in committing or attempting to commit any offense under division (G)(1), (2), or (3) of this section.

(H) "Felony drug abuse offense" means any drug abuse offense that would constitute a felony under the laws of this state, any other state, or the United States.

(I) "Harmful intoxicant" does not include beer or intoxicating liquor but means any of the following:

(1) Any compound, mixture, preparation, or substance the gas, fumes, or vapor of which when inhaled can induce intoxication, excitement, giddiness, irrational behavior, depression, stupefaction, paralysis, unconsciousness, asphyxiation, or other harmful physiological effects, and includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

(a) Any volatile organic solvent, plastic cement, model cement, fingernail polish remover, lacquer thinner, cleaning fluid, gasoline, or other preparation containing a volatile organic solvent;

(b) Any aerosol propellant;

(c) Any fluorocarbon refrigerant;

(d) Any anesthetic gas.

(2) Gamma Butyrolactone;

(3) 1,4 Butanediol.

(J) "Manufacture" means to plant, cultivate, harvest, process, make, prepare, or otherwise engage in any part of the production of a drug, by propagation, extraction, chemical synthesis, or compounding, or any combination of the same, and includes packaging, repackaging, labeling, and other activities incident to production.

(K) "Possess" or "possession" means having control over a thing or substance, but may not be inferred solely from mere access to the thing or substance through ownership or occupation of the premises upon which the thing or substance is found.

(L) "Sample drug" means a drug or pharmaceutical preparation that

would be hazardous to health or safety if used without the supervision of a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs, or a drug of abuse, and that, at one time, had been placed in a container plainly marked as a sample by a manufacturer.

(M) "Standard pharmaceutical reference manual" means the current edition, with cumulative changes if any, of references that are approved by the state board of pharmacy.

(N) "Juvenile" means a person under eighteen years of age.

(O) "Counterfeit controlled substance" means any of the following:

(1) Any drug that bears, or whose container or label bears, a trademark, trade name, or other identifying mark used without authorization of the owner of rights to that trademark, trade name, or identifying mark;

(2) Any unmarked or unlabeled substance that is represented to be a controlled substance manufactured, processed, packed, or distributed by a person other than the person that manufactured, processed, packed, or distributed it;

(3) Any substance that is represented to be a controlled substance but is not a controlled substance or is a different controlled substance;

(4) Any substance other than a controlled substance that a reasonable person would believe to be a controlled substance because of its similarity in shape, size, and color, or its markings, labeling, packaging, distribution, or the price for which it is sold or offered for sale.

(P) An offense is "committed in the vicinity of a school" if the offender commits the offense on school premises, in a school building, or within one thousand feet of the boundaries of any school premises, regardless of whether the offender knows the offense is being committed on school premises, in a school building, or within one thousand feet of the boundaries of any school premises.

(Q) "School" means any school operated by a board of education, any community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, or any nonpublic school for which the state board of education prescribes minimum standards under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code, whether or not any instruction, extracurricular activities, or training provided by the school is being conducted at the time a criminal offense is committed.

(R) "School premises" means either of the following:

(1) The parcel of real property on which any school is situated, whether or not any instruction, extracurricular activities, or training provided by the school is being conducted on the premises at the time a criminal offense is committed;

(2) Any other parcel of real property that is owned or leased by a

board of education of a school, the governing authority of a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, or the governing body of a nonpublic school for which the state board of education prescribes minimum standards under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code and on which some of the instruction, extracurricular activities, or training of the school is conducted, whether or not any instruction, extracurricular activities, or training provided by the school is being conducted on the parcel of real property at the time a criminal offense is committed.

(S) "School building" means any building in which any of the instruction, extracurricular activities, or training provided by a school is conducted, whether or not any instruction, extracurricular activities, or training provided by the school is being conducted in the school building at the time a criminal offense is committed.

(T) "Disciplinary counsel" means the disciplinary counsel appointed by the board of commissioners on grievances and discipline of the supreme court under the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.

(U) "Certified grievance committee" means a duly constituted and organized committee of the Ohio state bar association or of one or more local bar associations of the state of Ohio that complies with the criteria set forth in Rule V, section 6 of the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.

(V) "Professional license" means any license, permit, certificate, registration, qualification, admission, temporary license, temporary permit, temporary certificate, or temporary registration that is described in divisions (W)(1) to (37) of this section and that qualifies a person as a professionally licensed person.

(W) "Professionally licensed person" means any of the following:

(1) A person who has received a certificate or temporary certificate as a certified public accountant or who has registered as a public accountant under Chapter 4701. of the Revised Code and who holds an Ohio permit issued under that chapter;

(2) A person who holds a certificate of qualification to practice architecture issued or renewed and registered under Chapter 4703. of the Revised Code;

(3) A person who is registered as a landscape architect under Chapter 4703. of the Revised Code or who holds a permit as a landscape architect issued under that chapter;

(4) A person licensed under Chapter 4707. of the Revised Code;

(5) A person who has been issued a certificate of registration as a registered barber under Chapter 4709. of the Revised Code;

(6) A person licensed and regulated to engage in the business of a debt pooling company by a legislative authority, under authority of Chapter 4710.

of the Revised Code;

(7) A person who has been issued a cosmetologist's license, hair designer's license, manicurist's license, esthetician's license, natural hair stylist's license, advanced cosmetologist's license, advanced hair designer's license, advanced manicurist's license, advanced esthetician's license, advanced natural hair stylist's license, cosmetology instructor's license, hair design instructor's license, manicurist instructor's license, esthetics instructor's license, natural hair style instructor's license, independent contractor's license, or tanning facility permit under Chapter 4713. of the Revised Code;

(8) A person who has been issued a license to practice dentistry, a general anesthesia permit, a conscious sedation permit, a limited resident's license, a limited teaching license, a dental hygienist's license, or a dental hygienist's teacher's certificate under Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code;

(9) A person who has been issued an embalmer's license, a funeral director's license, a funeral home license, or a crematory license, or who has been registered for an embalmer's or funeral director's apprenticeship under Chapter 4717. of the Revised Code;

(10) A person who has been licensed as a registered nurse or practical nurse, or who has been issued a certificate for the practice of nurse-midwifery under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code;

(11) A person who has been licensed to practice optometry or to engage in optical dispensing under Chapter 4725. of the Revised Code;

(12) A person licensed to act as a pawnbroker under Chapter 4727. of the Revised Code;

(13) A person licensed to act as a precious metals dealer under Chapter 4728. of the Revised Code;

(14) A person licensed under Chapter 4729. of the Revised Code as a pharmacist or pharmacy intern or registered under that chapter as a registered pharmacy technician, certified pharmacy technician, or pharmacy technician trainee;

(15) A person licensed under Chapter 4729. of the Revised Code as a manufacturer of dangerous drugs, outsourcing facility, third-party logistics provider, repackager of dangerous drugs, wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs, or terminal distributor of dangerous drugs;

(16) A person who is authorized to practice as a physician assistant under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code;

(17) A person who has been issued a license to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code or has been issued a certificate to practice a limited branch of medicine under that chapter;

(18) A person licensed as a psychologist or school psychologist under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code;

(19) A person registered to practice the profession of engineering or surveying under Chapter 4733. of the Revised Code;

(20) A person who has been issued a license to practice chiropractic under Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code;

(21) A person licensed to act as a real estate broker or real estate salesperson under Chapter 4735. of the Revised Code;

(22) A person registered as a registered sanitarian under Chapter 4736. of the Revised Code;

(23) A person licensed to operate or maintain a junkyard under Chapter 4737. of the Revised Code;

(24) A person who has been issued a motor vehicle salvage dealer's license under Chapter 4738. of the Revised Code;

(25) A person who has been licensed to act as a steam engineer under Chapter 4739. of the Revised Code;

(26) A person who has been issued a license or temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine or any of its branches, or who is registered as a graduate animal technician under Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code;

(27) A person who has been issued a hearing aid dealer's or fitter's license or trainee permit under Chapter 4747. of the Revised Code;

(28) A person who has been issued a class A, class B, or class C license or who has been registered as an investigator or security guard employee under Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code;

(29) A person licensed ~~and registered~~ to practice as a nursing home administrator under Chapter 4751. of the Revised Code;

(30) A person licensed to practice as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist under Chapter 4753. of the Revised Code;

(31) A person issued a license as an occupational therapist or physical therapist under Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code;

(32) A person who is licensed as a licensed professional clinical counselor, licensed professional counselor, social worker, independent social worker, independent marriage and family therapist, or marriage and family therapist, or registered as a social work assistant under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code;

(33) A person issued a license to practice dietetics under Chapter 4759. of the Revised Code;

(34) A person who has been issued a license or limited permit to practice respiratory therapy under Chapter 4761. of the Revised Code;

(35) A person who has been issued a real estate appraiser certificate under Chapter 4763. of the Revised Code;

(36) A person who has been issued a home inspector license under Chapter 4764. of the Revised Code;

(37) A person who has been admitted to the bar by order of the supreme court in compliance with its prescribed and published rules.

(X) "Cocaine" means any of the following:

(1) A cocaine salt, isomer, or derivative, a salt of a cocaine isomer or derivative, or the base form of cocaine;

(2) Coca leaves or a salt, compound, derivative, or preparation of coca leaves, including ecgonine, a salt, isomer, or derivative of ecgonine, or a salt of an isomer or derivative of ecgonine;

(3) A salt, compound, derivative, or preparation of a substance identified in division (X)(1) or (2) of this section that is chemically equivalent to or identical with any of those substances, except that the substances shall not include decocainized coca leaves or extraction of coca leaves if the extractions do not contain cocaine or ecgonine.

(Y) "L.S.D." means lysergic acid diethylamide.

(Z) "Hashish" means the resin or a preparation of the resin contained in marihuana, whether in solid form or in a liquid concentrate, liquid extract, or liquid distillate form.

(AA) "Marihuana" has the same meaning as in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code, except that it does not include hashish.

(BB) An offense is "committed in the vicinity of a juvenile" if the offender commits the offense within one hundred feet of a juvenile or within the view of a juvenile, regardless of whether the offender knows the age of the juvenile, whether the offender knows the offense is being committed within one hundred feet of or within view of the juvenile, or whether the juvenile actually views the commission of the offense.

(CC) "Presumption for a prison term" or "presumption that a prison term shall be imposed" means a presumption, as described in division (D) of section 2929.13 of the Revised Code, that a prison term is a necessary sanction for a felony in order to comply with the purposes and principles of sentencing under section 2929.11 of the Revised Code.

(DD) "Major drug offender" has the same meaning as in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.

(EE) "Minor drug possession offense" means either of the following:

(1) A violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996;

(2) A violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code as it exists on and after July 1, 1996, that is a misdemeanor or a felony of the fifth degree.

(FF) "Mandatory prison term" has the same meaning as in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.

(GG) "Adulterate" means to cause a drug to be adulterated as described in section 3715.63 of the Revised Code.

(HH) "Public premises" means any hotel, restaurant, tavern, store, arena, hall, or other place of public accommodation, business, amusement, or resort.

(II) "Methamphetamine" means methamphetamine, any salt, isomer, or salt of an isomer of methamphetamine, or any compound, mixture, preparation, or substance containing methamphetamine or any salt, isomer, or salt of an isomer of methamphetamine.

(JJ) "Deception" has the same meaning as in section 2913.01 of the Revised Code.

(KK) "Fentanyl-related compound" means any of the following:

(1) Fentanyl;

(2) Alpha-methylfentanyl (N-[1-(alpha-methyl-beta-phenyl)ethyl-4-piperidyl] propionanilide; 1-(1-methyl-2-phenylethyl)-4-(N-propanilido) piperidine);

(3) Alpha-methylthiofentanyl (N-[1-methyl-2-(2-thienyl)ethyl-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylpropanamide);

(4) Beta-hydroxyfentanyl (N-[1-(2-hydroxy-2-phenethyl-4-piperidinyl)-N-phenylpropanamide);

(5) Beta-hydroxy-3-methylfentanyl (other name: N-[1-(2-hydroxy-2-phenethyl)-3-methyl-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylpropanamide);

(6) 3-methylfentanyl (N-[3-methyl-1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidyl]-N-phenylpropanamide);

(7) 3-methylthiofentanyl (N-[3-methyl-1-[2-(thienyl)ethyl]-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylpropanamide);

(8) Para-fluorofentanyl (N-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-[1-(2-phenethyl)-4-piperidinyl]propanamide);

(9) Thiofentanyl (N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-thienyl)ethyl-4-piperidinyl]-propanamide);

(10) Alfentanil;

(11) Carfentanil;

(12) Remifentanil;

(13) Sufentanil;

(14) Acetyl-alpha-methylfentanyl (N-[1-(1-methyl-2-phenethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylacetamide); and

(15) Any compound that meets all of the following fentanyl pharmacophore requirements to bind at the mu receptor, as identified by a report from an established forensic laboratory, including acetylfentanyl, furanylfentanyl, valerylfentanyl, butyrylfentanyl, isobutyrylfentanyl, 4-methoxybutyrylfentanyl, para-fluorobutyrylfentanyl, acrylfentanyl, and ortho-fluorofentanyl:

(a) A chemical scaffold consisting of both of the following:

(i) A five, six, or seven member ring structure containing a nitrogen, whether or not further substituted;

(ii) An attached nitrogen to the ring, whether or not that nitrogen is enclosed in a ring structure, including an attached aromatic ring or other lipophilic group to that nitrogen.

(b) A polar functional group attached to the chemical scaffold, including but not limited to a hydroxyl, ketone, amide, or ester;

(c) An alkyl or aryl substitution off the ring nitrogen of the chemical scaffold; and

(d) The compound has not been approved for medical use by the United States food and drug administration.

(LL) "First degree felony mandatory prison term" means one of the definite prison terms prescribed in division (A)(1)(b) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code for a felony of the first degree, except that if the violation for which sentence is being imposed is committed on or after the effective date of this amendment, it means one of the minimum prison terms prescribed in division (A)(1)(a) of that section for a felony of the first degree.

(MM) "Second degree felony mandatory prison term" means one of the definite prison terms prescribed in division (A)(2)(b) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code for a felony of the second degree, except that if the violation for which sentence is being imposed is committed on or after the effective date of this amendment, it means one of the minimum prison terms prescribed in division (A)(2)(a) of that section for a felony of the second degree.

(NN) "Maximum first degree felony mandatory prison term" means the maximum definite prison term prescribed in division (A)(1)(b) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code for a felony of the first degree, except that if the violation for which sentence is being imposed is committed on or after the effective date of this amendment, it means the longest minimum prison term prescribed in division (A)(1)(a) of that section for a felony of the first degree.

(OO) "Maximum second degree felony mandatory prison term" means the maximum definite prison term prescribed in division (A)(2)(b) of section



2929.14 of the Revised Code for a felony of the second degree, except that if the violation for which sentence is being imposed is committed on or after the effective date of this amendment, it means the longest minimum prison term prescribed in division (A)(2)(a) of that section for a felony of the second degree."

After line 53530, insert:

"**Sec. 4743.02.** The examination papers of each applicant examined by boards, commissions, or agencies created under or by virtue of Chapters 4701. to 4741., 4751., and 4757. of the Revised Code shall be open for inspection by the applicant or his attorney for at least ninety days subsequent to the announcement of the applicant's grade; provided, papers not graded by members of examining boards or their employees and which by terms of a contract with any testing company the papers are not available for inspection, need not be made available for inspection; but it shall be the applicant's right to have any such paper regraded manually, upon written request of either himself or his attorney made to the board within ninety days after announcement of the grade."

After line 53741, insert:

"**Sec. 4751.01.** As used in ~~sections 4751.01 to 4751.13 of the Revised Code~~ this chapter:

(A) "Health-care licensing agency" means any department, division, board, section of a board, or other government unit that is authorized by a statute of this or another state to issue a license, certificate, permit, card, or other authority to do either of the following in the context of health care:

(1) Engage in a specific profession, occupation, or occupational activity;

(2) Have charge of and operate certain specified equipment, machinery, or premises.

(B) "Licensed health services executive" means an individual who holds a valid health services executive license.

(C) "Licensed nursing home administrator" means an individual who holds a valid nursing home administrator license.

(D) "Licensed temporary nursing home administrator" means an individual who holds a valid temporary nursing home administrator license.

(E) "Long-term services and supports settings setting" means any institutional or community-based setting in which medical, health, ~~psycho-~~social ~~psychosocial~~, habilitative, rehabilitative, or personal care services are provided to individuals on a post-acute care basis.

(B) "Nursing home administrator" means any individual responsible for planning, organizing, directing, and managing the operation of a nursing

home, or who in fact performs such function, whether or not such functions and duties are shared by one or more other persons:

~~(C)~~(F) "Nursing home" means a nursing home as defined by or under the authority of section 3721.01 of the Revised Code, or a nursing home operated by a governmental agency.

~~(D)~~ "Temporary license" means a license for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days issued pursuant to division (B) of section 4751.06 of the Revised Code.

~~(E)~~(G) "Nursing home administration" means planning, organizing, directing, and managing the operation of a nursing home.

(H) "Nursing home administrator" means any individual who engages in the practice of nursing home administration, whether or not the individual shares the functions and duties of nursing home administration with one or more other individuals.

(I) "Valid health services executive license" means a health services executive license to which all of the following apply:

(1) It was issued by the board of executives of long-term services and supports under section 4751.21, 4751.23, 4751.25, or 4751.33 of the Revised Code;

(2) It was not sold, fraudulently furnished, or fraudulently obtained in violation of division (F) of section 4751.10 of the Revised Code;

(3) It is current and in good standing.

(J) "Valid nursing home administrator license" means a nursing home administrator license to which all of the following apply:

(1) It was issued by the board under section 4751.20, 4751.201, 4751.23, 4751.24, or 4751.33 of the Revised Code;

(2) It was not sold, fraudulently furnished, or fraudulently obtained in violation of division (F) of section 4751.10 of the Revised Code;

(3) It is current and in good standing.

(K) "Valid temporary nursing home administrator license" means a temporary nursing home administrator license to which all of the following apply:

(1) It was issued by the board under section 4751.202, 4751.23, or 4751.33 of the Revised Code;

(2) It was not sold, fraudulently furnished, or fraudulently obtained in violation of division (F) of section 4751.10 of the Revised Code;

(3) It is current and in good standing.

**Sec. 4751.03 4751.02.** (A) There is hereby established in the department of aging a board of executives of long-term services and supports,

which board shall be composed of the following eleven members:

(1) Four members who are nursing home administrators, owners of nursing homes, or officers of corporations owning nursing homes, and who shall have an understanding of person-centered care, and experience with a range of long-term services and supports settings;

(2)(a) Three members who work in long-term services and supports settings that are not nursing homes, and who shall have an understanding of person-centered care, and experience with a range of long-term services and supports settings;

(b) At least one of the members described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section shall be a home health administrator, hospice administrator, an owner of a home health agency or hospice care program, or an officer of a home health agency or hospice care program.

(3) One member who is a member of the academic community;

(4) One member who is a consumer of services offered in a long-term services and supports setting;

(5) One nonvoting member who is a representative of the department of health, designated by the director of health, who is involved in the nursing home survey and certification process, who shall serve in an advisory capacity only;

(6) One nonvoting member who is a representative of the office of the state long-term care ombudsman, designated by the state long-term care ombudsman, who shall serve in an advisory capacity only.

All members of the board shall be citizens of the United States and residents of this state. No member of the board who is appointed under divisions (A)(3) to (6) of this section may have or acquire any direct financial interest in a nursing home or long-term services and supports settings.

(B) The term of office for each appointed member of the board shall be for three years, commencing on the twenty-eighth day of May and ending on the twenty-seventh day of May. Each member shall serve from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which appointed. No member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms.

(C) Appointments to the board shall be made by the governor. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of such term. Any appointed member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

(D) The governor may remove any member of the board for misconduct, incapacity, incompetence, or neglect of duty after the member so

charged has been served with a written statement of charges and has been given an opportunity to be heard.

(E) Each member of the board, except the member designated by the director of health and the member designated by the ombudsman, shall be paid in accordance with section 124.15 of the Revised Code and each member shall be reimbursed for the member's actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of such duties.

(F) The board shall elect annually from its membership a chairperson and a vice-chairperson.

(G) The board shall hold and conduct meetings quarterly and at such other times as its business requires. A majority of the voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum. The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members of the board is necessary for the board to act.

(H) The board shall appoint a secretary who has no financial interest in a long-term services and supports setting, and may employ and prescribe the powers and duties of such employees and consultants as are necessary to carry out this chapter and the rules adopted under it.

**Sec. ~~4751.042~~ 4751.021.** (A) The board of executives of long-term services and supports shall enter into a written agreement with the department of aging for the department to serve as the board's fiscal agent. The fiscal agent shall be responsible for all the board's fiscal matters and financial transactions, as specified in the agreement. The written agreement shall specify the fees that the board shall pay to the fiscal agent for services performed under the agreement, and such fees shall be in proportion to the services performed for the board.

(1) The agreement shall require the fiscal agent to provide the following services:

(a) Preparation and processing of payroll and other personnel documents that the board approves;

(b) Maintenance of ledgers of accounts and reports of account balances, and monitoring of budgets and allotment plans in consultation with the board;

(c) Performance of other routine support services, specified in the agreement, that the fiscal agent considers appropriate to achieve efficiency.

(2) The agreement may require the fiscal agent to provide the following services:

(a) Any shared services between the board and the fiscal agent;

(b) Any other services agreed to by the board and the department, including administrative or technical services.

(B) The board, in conjunction and consultation with the fiscal agent,

has the following authority and responsibility relative to fiscal matters:

(1) Sole authority to expend funds from the board's accounts for programs and any other necessary expenses the board may incur;

(2) Responsibility to cooperate with and inform the fiscal agent fully of all financial transactions.

(C) The board shall follow all state procurement, fiscal, human resources, information technology, statutory, and administrative rule requirements.

(D) In its role as fiscal agent for the board, the department shall serve as a contractor of the board, and does not assume responsibility for the debts or fiscal obligations of the board.

**Sec. 4751.14 4751.03.** There is hereby created in the state treasury the board of executives of long-term services and supports fund. The fund shall consist of the amounts the board of executives of long-term services and supports collects under this chapter as ~~license and registration fees, other fees, civil penalties, and fines.~~ Money ~~The board shall use the money in the fund shall be used by the board of executives of long-term services and supports to~~ administer and enforce this chapter and the rules adopted under ~~it~~ section 4751.04 of the Revised Code. Investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund.

**Sec. 4751.04.** The board of executives of long-term services and supports shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code as necessary to implement and enforce this chapter.

**Sec. 4751.10.** No person shall knowingly do any of the following:

(A) Operate a nursing home unless it is under the supervision of an administrator whose principal occupation is nursing home administration or hospital administration and who is a licensed nursing home administrator or licensed temporary nursing home administrator;

(B) Practice or offer to practice nursing home administration unless the person is a licensed nursing home administrator or licensed temporary nursing home administrator;

(C) Use any of the following unless the person is a licensed nursing home administrator:

(1) The title "licensed nursing home administrator," "nursing home administrator," "licensed assistant nursing home administrator," or "assistant nursing home administrator";

(2) The acronym "LNHA," "L.N.H.A.," "NHA," "N.H.A.," "LANHA," "L.A.N.H.A.," "ANHA," or "A.N.H.A." after the person's name;

(3) Any other words, letters, signs, cards, or devices that tend to indicate or imply that the person is a licensed nursing home administrator.

(D) Use any of the following unless the person is a licensed temporary nursing home administrator:

(1) The title "licensed temporary nursing home administrator," "temporary nursing home administrator," "licensed temporary assistant nursing home administrator," or "temporary assistant nursing home administrator";

(2) The acronym "LTNHA," "L.T.N.H.A.," "TNHA," "T.N.H.A.," "LTANHA," "L.T.A.N.H.A.," "TANHA," or "T.A.N.H.A." after the person's name;

(3) Any other words, letters, signs, cards, or devices that tend to indicate or imply that the person is a licensed temporary nursing home administrator.

(E) Use any of the following unless the person is a licensed health services executive:

(1) The title "licensed health services executive" or "health services executive";

(2) The acronym "LHSE," "L.H.S.E.," "HSE," or "H.S.E." after the person's name;

(3) Any other words, letters, signs, cards, or devices that tend to indicate or imply that the person is a licensed health services executive.

(F) Sell, fraudulently furnish, fraudulently obtain, or aid or abet another person in selling, fraudulently furnishing, or fraudulently obtaining any of the following:

(1) A nursing home administrator license;

(2) A temporary nursing home administrator license;

(3) A health services executive license.

(G) Otherwise violate any of the provisions of this chapter or the rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 4751.101.** Nothing in this chapter or the rules adopted under it shall be construed as requiring either of the following:

(A) An individual to be a licensed health services executive in order to do either of the following:

(1) Practice nursing home administration;

(2) Serve in a leadership position at a long-term services and supports setting or direct the practices of others in such a setting.

(B) An applicant for a nursing home administrator license or temporary nursing home administrator license who is employed by an institution for the care and treatment of the sick to demonstrate proficiency in any medical techniques or to meet any medical educational qualifications or

medical standards not in accord with the remedial care and treatment provided by the institution if all of the following apply to the institution:

(1) It is operated exclusively for patients who use spiritual means for healing and for whom the acceptance of medical care is inconsistent with their religious beliefs.

(2) It is accredited by a national accrediting organization.

(3) It is exempt from federal income taxation under section 501 of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 26 U.S.C. 501.

(4) It provides twenty-four hour nursing care pursuant to the exemption in division (E) of section 4723.32 of the Revised Code from the licensing requirements of Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 4751.102.** Every operator of a nursing home shall report to the board of executives of long-term services and supports the name and license number of each licensed nursing home administrator and licensed temporary nursing home administrator who practices nursing home administration at the nursing home not later than ten days after the following dates:

(A) The date the licensed nursing home administrator or licensed temporary nursing home administrator begins to practice nursing home administration at the nursing home;

(B) The date the licensed nursing home administrator or licensed temporary nursing home administrator ceases to practice nursing home administration at the nursing home.

**Sec. 4751.05 4751.15.** ~~(A) The board of executives of long-term services and supports, or shall administer, or contract with a government or private entity under contract with the board to administer, examinations for licensure as that an individual must pass to obtain a nursing home administrator, shall admit to an examination any candidate who:~~

(1) Pays the application fee of fifty dollars;

(2) Submits evidence of good moral character and suitability;

(3) Is at least eighteen years of age;

(4) Has completed educational requirements and work experience satisfactory to the board;

(5) Submits an application on forms prescribed by the board;

(6) Pays license under section 4751.20 or 4751.201 of the Revised Code. If the board contracts with a government or private entity to administer the examinations, the contract may authorize the entity to collect and keep, as all or part of the entity's compensation under the contract, any fee an individual pays to take the examination. The entity is not required to deposit the fee into the state treasury.

To be admitted to an examination administered under this section, an individual must pay the examination fee charged by the board or government or private entity:

~~(B) Nothing in Chapter 4751. of the Revised Code or the rules adopted thereunder shall be construed to require an applicant for licensure or a temporary license, who is employed by an institution for the care and treatment of the sick to demonstrate proficiency in any medical techniques or to meet any medical educational qualifications or medical standards not in accord with the remedial care and treatment provided by the institution if the institution is all of the following:~~

~~(1) Operated exclusively for patients who use spiritual means for healing and for whom the acceptance of medical care is inconsistent with their religious beliefs;~~

~~(2) Accredited by a national accrediting organization;~~

~~(3) Exempt from federal income taxation under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 1, as amended;~~

~~(4) Providing twenty-four hour nursing care pursuant to the exemption in division (E) of section 4723.32 of the Revised Code from the licensing requirements of Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code.~~

~~(C) entity. If a person an individual fails three times to attain a passing grade on pass the examination, said person the individual, before the person may again be being admitted to the examination a subsequent time, shall meet such additional also must satisfy any education or requirements, experience requirements, or both, as that may be prescribed by the board in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code in addition to any education requirements or experience requirements that must be satisfied to obtain a nursing home administrator license under section 4751.20 or 4751.201 of the Revised Code.~~

**Sec. ~~4751.04~~ 4751.151.** Except when the board of executives of long-term services and supports considers it necessary, the board shall not disclose test materials, examinations, or evaluation tools used in an examination for licensure as a nursing home administrator that the board administers administered under section 4751.04 4751.15 of the Revised Code or contracts under that section with a private or government entity to administer.

**Sec. 4751.06 4751.20.** (A) An applicant for licensure as Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board of executives of long-term services and supports shall issue a nursing home administrator who has successfully completed the requirements of section 4751.05 of the Revised Code; license to an individual under this section if all of the following requirements are satisfied:



(1) The individual has submitted to the board a completed application for the license in accordance with rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the individual is required by rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code to serve as a nursing home administrator in training, the individual has paid to the board the administrator in training fee of fifty dollars.

(3) The individual is at least twenty-one years of age.

(4) The individual has successfully completed educational requirements and work experience specified in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code, including, if so required by the rules, experience obtained as a nursing home administrator in training.

(5) The individual is of good moral character.

(6) The individual has complied with section 4776.02 of the Revised Code regarding a criminal records check.

(7) The board, in its discretion, has determined that the results of the criminal records check do not make the individual ineligible for the license.

(8) The individual has passed the licensing examination administered by the board of executives of long-term services and supports or a government or private entity under contract with the board, and paid section 4751.15 of the Revised Code.

(9) The individual has paid to the board an original a license fee of two hundred fifty dollars shall be issued a license on a form provided by the board. Such

(10) The individual has satisfied any additional requirements as may be prescribed in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

(B) A nursing home administrator license shall certify that the applicant individual to whom it was issued has met the licensure-applicable requirements of Chapter 4751- this chapter and any applicable rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code and is entitled authorized to practice as a licensed nursing home administrator administration while the license is valid.

(B) A temporary license for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days may be issued to an individual temporarily filling the position of a nursing home administrator vacated by reason of death, illness, or other unexpected cause, pursuant to regulations adopted by the board.

(C) The fee for a temporary license is one hundred dollars. Said fee must accompany the application for the temporary license.

(D) Any license or temporary license issued by the board pursuant to this section shall be under the hand of the chairperson and the secretary of the

board.

~~(E) A duplicate of the original certificate of registration or license may be secured to replace one that has been lost or destroyed by submitting to the board a notarized statement explaining the conditions of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of the certificate or license and by paying a fee of twenty-five dollars.~~

~~(F) A duplicate certificate of registration and license may be issued in the event of a legal change of name by submitting to the board a certified copy of the court order or marriage license establishing the change of name, by returning at the same time the original license and certificate of registration, and by paying a fee of twenty-five dollars.~~

**Sec. 4751.08 4751.201.** ~~The (A) Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board of executives of long-term services and supports, in its discretion, and otherwise subject to Chapter 4751. of the Revised Code and the rules adopted by the board thereunder prescribing the qualifications for a nursing home administrator license, may license issue a nursing home administrator without examination if the nursing home administrator has a valid license issued by the proper authorities of any other state, upon payment of to an individual under this section if all of the following requirements are satisfied:~~

~~(1) The individual is legally authorized to practice nursing home administration in another state.~~

~~(2) The individual has submitted to the board a completed application for the license in accordance with rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(3) The individual is at least twenty-one years of age.~~

~~(4) The individual holds at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited educational institution.~~

~~(5) The individual is of good moral character.~~

~~(6) The individual has complied with section 4776.02 of the Revised Code regarding a criminal records check.~~

~~(7) The board, in its discretion, has determined that the results of the criminal records check do not make the individual ineligible for the license.~~

~~(8) The individual has passed the licensing examination administered under section 4751.15 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(9) The individual has paid to the board a license fee of one two hundred fifty dollars, and upon submission of evidence satisfactory to the board both:~~

~~(A) That such other state maintained a system and standard of qualifications and examinations for a nursing home administrator license-~~

~~which were substantially equivalent to those required in this state at the time such other license was issued by such other state;~~

~~(B) That such other state gives similar recognition to nursing home administrators licensed in this state.~~

(10) The individual has satisfied any additional requirements as may be prescribed in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

(B) A nursing home administrator license shall certify that the individual to whom it was issued has met the applicable requirements of this chapter and any applicable rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code and is authorized to practice nursing home administration while the license is valid.

Sec. 4751.202. (A) Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board of executives of long-term services and supports may issue a temporary nursing home administrator license to an individual if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

(1) The operator of a nursing home has requested that the board issue a temporary nursing home administrator license to the individual to authorize the individual to temporarily practice nursing home administration at the nursing home because of a vacancy in the position of nursing home administrator at the nursing home resulting from a death, illness, or other unexpected cause.

(2) The individual is at least twenty-one years of age.

(3) The individual is of good moral character.

(4) The individual has complied with section 4776.02 of the Revised Code regarding a criminal records check.

(5) The board, in its discretion, has determined that the results of the criminal records check do not make the individual ineligible for the license.

(6) The individual has paid to the board a fee for the temporary license of one hundred dollars.

(7) The individual has satisfied any additional requirements as may be prescribed in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

(B) A temporary nursing home administrator license shall certify that the individual to whom it was issued has met the applicable requirements of this chapter and any applicable rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code and is authorized to practice nursing home administration while the temporary license is valid.

(C) Except as provided in section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, a temporary nursing home administrator license is valid for a period of time the board shall specify on the temporary license. That period shall not exceed one hundred eighty days. If that period is less than one hundred eighty days, the

individual holding the temporary license may apply to the board for renewal of the temporary license in accordance with rules the board shall adopt under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code. Except as provided in section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, a renewed temporary nursing home administrator license is valid for a period of time the board shall specify on the renewed temporary license. That period shall not exceed the difference between one hundred eighty days and the number of days for which the original temporary license was valid. A renewed temporary nursing home administrator license shall not be renewed. A licensed temporary nursing home administrator who intends to continue to practice nursing home administration after the temporary license, including, if applicable, the renewed temporary license, expires must obtain a nursing home administrator license under section 4751.20 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 4751.21.** (A) Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board of executives of long-term services and supports shall issue a health services executive license to an individual if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

(1) The individual has submitted to the board a completed application for the license in accordance with rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

(2) The individual is a licensed nursing home administrator.

(3) The individual has obtained the health services executive qualification through the national association of long-term care administrator boards.

(4) The individual has complied with section 4776.02 of the Revised Code regarding a criminal records check.

(5) The board, in its discretion, has determined that the results of the criminal records check do not make the individual ineligible for the license.

(6) The individual has paid to the board a license fee of one hundred dollars.

(B) A health services executive license shall certify that the individual to whom it was issued has met the applicable requirements of this chapter and any applicable rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code and is a licensed health services executive while the license is valid.

**Sec. 4751.22.** All licenses and temporary licenses that the board of executives of long-term services and supports issues under this chapter shall include the signatures of the board's chairperson and secretary.

**Sec. 4751.23.** (A) Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board of executives of long-term services and supports may issue to a licensed nursing home administrator, licensed temporary nursing home administrator, or licensed health services executive a duplicate of the individual's nursing

home administrator license, temporary nursing home administrator license, or health services executive license if the license or temporary license has been lost, mutilated, or destroyed and the individual does both of the following:

(1) Submits to the board a notarized statement explaining the conditions of the loss, mutilation, or destruction;

(2) Pays to the board a fee of twenty-five dollars.

(B) Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board may issue to a licensed nursing home administrator, licensed temporary nursing home administrator, or licensed health services executive whose name has been legally changed a duplicate of the individual's nursing home administrator license, temporary nursing home administrator license, or health services executive license that has the individual's new name if the individual does all of the following:

(1) Submits to the board a certified copy of the court order or marriage license establishing the change of name;

(2) Returns to the board the license or temporary license that has the individual's previous name;

(3) Pays to the board a fee of twenty-five dollars.

**Sec. 4751.07 4751.24.** (A) Every individual who holds a valid license as a nursing home administrator issued under division (A) of section 4751.06 of the Revised Code, shall immediately upon issuance thereof be registered with the board of executives of long-term services and supports and be issued a certificate of registration. Such individual shall annually apply to the board for a new certificate of registration on forms provided for such purpose prior to the expiration of the certificate of registration and shall at the same time submit Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, a nursing home administrator license is valid for one year and may be renewed and reinstated in accordance with this section.

(B) If a licensed nursing home administrator intends to continue to practice nursing home administration without interruption after the administrator's license expires, the administrator shall apply to the board of executives of long-term services and supports for a renewed nursing home administrator license. Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board shall renew the license if the administrator does all of the following before the license expires:

(1) Submits to the board a completed application for license renewal in accordance with rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code;

(2) Pays to the board the license renewal fee of three hundred dollars;

(3) Submits to the board satisfactory evidence to the board of having attended such continuing education programs or courses of study as may be prescribed in rules adopted by the board under section 4751.04 of the Revised

Code:

(4) Satisfies any other requirements as may be prescribed in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

~~(B) Upon making an application for a new certificate of registration such individual shall pay the annual registration fee of three hundred dollars.~~

~~(C) Upon receipt of such application for registration and the registration fee required by divisions (A) and (B) of this section, the board shall issue a certificate of registration to such nursing home administrator. If a nursing home administrator license issued under section 4751.20 or 4751.201 of the Revised Code is not renewed before it expires, the individual who held the license may apply to the board for the license's reinstatement. Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board shall reinstate the license if the individual does all of the following not later than one year after the date the license expired:~~

~~(1) Submits to the board the completed application for license reinstatement in accordance with rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(2) Pays to the board the license reinstatement fee equal to the sum of the following:~~

~~(a) Three hundred dollars;~~

~~(b) Fifty dollars for each calendar quarter that occurs during the period beginning on the date the license expires and ending on the last day of the calendar quarter during which the individual applies for license reinstatement, up to a maximum of two hundred dollars.~~

~~(3) Submits to the board satisfactory evidence of having attended such continuing education programs or courses of study as may be prescribed in rules adopted by the board under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(4) Satisfies any other requirements as may be prescribed in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(D) The license of a nursing home administrator who fails to comply with this section shall automatically lapse.~~

~~(E) A licensed nursing home administrator who has been licensed and registered in this state who determines to temporarily abandon the practice of nursing home administration shall notify the board in writing immediately; provided, that such individual, The former administrator may thereafter register to resume the practice of nursing home administration within the state upon complying with the requirements of this section regarding annual registration license renewal or license reinstatement, whichever is applicable.~~

~~(F) Only an individual who has qualified as a licensed and registered nursing home administrator under Chapter 4751. of the Revised Code and the~~

~~rules adopted thereunder, and who holds a valid current registration certificate pursuant to this section, may use the title "nursing home administrator," or the abbreviation "N.H.A." after the individual's name. No other person shall use such title or such abbreviation or any other words, letters, sign, card, or device tending to indicate or to imply that the person is a licensed and registered nursing home administrator.~~

~~(G) Every person holding a valid license entitling the person to practice nursing home administration in this state shall display said license in the nursing home which is the person's principal place of employment, and while engaged in the practice of nursing home administration shall have at hand the current registration certificate.~~

~~(H) Every person holding a valid temporary license shall have such license at hand while engaged in the practice of nursing home administration.~~

**Sec. 4751.25.** (A) Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, a health services executive license is valid for one year and may be renewed and reinstated in accordance with this section.

(B) A licensed health services executive may apply to the board of executives of long-term services and supports for a renewed license. Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board shall renew the license if the licensed health services executive does all of the following before the license expires:

(1) Submits to the board the completed application for license renewal in accordance with rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code;

(2) Pays to the board the license renewal fee of fifty dollars;

(3) Submits to the board satisfactory evidence of having attended such continuing education programs or courses of study as may be prescribed in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) If a health services executive license is not renewed before it expires, the individual who held the license may apply to the board for the license's reinstatement. Subject to section 4751.32 of the Revised Code, the board shall reinstate the license if the individual does all of the following not later than one year after the date the license expired:

(a) Submits to the board the completed application for license reinstatement in accordance with rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code;

(b) Pays to the board the license reinstatement fee specified in division (C)(2) of this section;

(c) Submits to the board satisfactory evidence of having attended such continuing education programs or courses of study as may be prescribed in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

(2) The fee to reinstate a health services executive license under division (C)(1) of this section is the following:

(a) If the individual applying for reinstatement has, at the same time, applied for reinstatement of a nursing home administrator license under division (C) of section 4751.24 of the Revised Code and paid the reinstatement fee required by division (C)(2) of that section, one hundred dollars;

(b) If division (C)(2)(a) of this section does not apply to the individual, the sum of the following:

(i) One hundred dollars;

(ii) Twenty-five dollars for each calendar quarter that occurs during the period beginning on the date the license expired and ending on the last day of the calendar quarter during which the individual applies for license reinstatement, up to a maximum of one hundred dollars.

**Sec. 4751.044 4751.26.** The board of executives of long-term services and supports shall approve continuing education courses for licensed nursing home administrators and licensed health services executives. The board may establish a fee for approval of such courses that is adequate to cover any expense the board incurs in the approval process.

**Sec. 4751.30.** (A) Any person may submit to the board of executives of long-term services and supports a complaint that the person reasonably believes that another person has violated, or failed to comply with a requirement of, this chapter or a rule adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code. All of the following apply to complaints submitted to the board under this section:

(1) They are not subject to discovery in any civil action.

(2) They are not public records for purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(3) They are not subject to inspection or copying under section 1347.08 of the Revised Code.

(B) Except as provided in division (D) of section 4751.31 of the Revised Code, the board shall protect the confidentiality of each person who submits a complaint to the board under this section.

**Sec. 4751.31.** (A) The board of executives of long-term services and supports shall receive, investigate, and take appropriate action with respect to any complaint submitted to the board under section 4751.30 of the Revised Code and any other credible information the board possesses that indicates a person may have violated, or failed to comply with a requirement of, this chapter or a rule adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

(B) In conducting an investigation under this section, the board may



do any of the following:

(1) Question witnesses;

(2) Conduct interviews;

(3) Inspect and copy any books, accounts, papers, records, or other documents;

(4) Issue subpoenas;

(5) Compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents and testimony.

(C) No member of the board who supervises an investigation conducted under this section shall participate in any adjudication arising from the investigation.

(D) The board may disclose any information it receives as part of an investigation conducted under this section, including the identity of a person who submits a complaint under section 4751.30 of the Revised Code, to a law enforcement agency, licensing board, or other government agency that investigates, prosecutes, or adjudicates alleged violations of statutes or rules. An agency or board that receives such information shall protect the confidentiality of a person who submits a complaint under section 4751.30 of the Revised Code in the same manner as the board of executives of long-term services and supports, notwithstanding any other information that the agency or other board possesses.

Sec. 4751.10 4751.32. (A) The license or registration, or both, or the temporary license of any person practicing or offering to practice nursing-home administration, shall be revoked or suspended by the board of executives of long-term services and supports may take any of the actions authorized by division (B) of this section against an individual who has applied for or holds a nursing home administrator license, temporary nursing home administrator license, or health services executive license if such licensee or temporary licensee any of the following apply to the individual:

(A) Is (1) The individual has failed to satisfy any requirement established by this chapter or the rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code that must be satisfied to obtain the license or temporary license.

(2) The individual has violated, or failed to comply with a requirement of, this chapter or a rule adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code regarding the practice of nursing home administration, including the requirements of sections 4751.40 and 4751.41 of the Revised Code.

(3) The individual is unfit or incompetent to practice nursing home administration, serve in a leadership position at a long-term services and supports setting, or direct the practices of others in such a setting by reason of negligence, habits, or other causes;

~~(B) Has willfully or repeatedly violated any of the provisions of Chapter 4751. of the Revised Code or the regulations adopted thereunder; or willfully or repeatedly, including the individual's habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances.~~

~~(4) The individual has acted in a manner inconsistent with the health and safety of either of the patients following:~~

~~(a) The residents of the nursing home in at which the licensee or temporary licensee is the administrator individual practices nursing home administration;~~

~~(C) Is guilty of fraud or deceit in the practice of nursing home administration or in the licensee's or temporary licensee's admission to such practice;~~

~~(D) Has (b) The consumers of services and supports provided by a long-term services and supports setting at which the individual serves in a leadership position or directs the practices of others.~~

~~(5) The individual has been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, either of the following in a court of competent jurisdiction, either within or without this state, of a:~~

~~(a) A felony;~~

~~(b) An offense of moral turpitude that constitutes a misdemeanor in this state.~~

~~(6) The individual made a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in seeking to obtain, or obtaining, a nursing home administrator license, temporary nursing home administrator license, or health services executive license.~~

~~(7) The individual made a fraudulent misrepresentation in attempting to obtain, or obtaining, money or anything of value in the practice of nursing home administration or while serving in a leadership position at a long-term services and supports setting or directing the practices of others in such a setting.~~

~~(8) The individual has substantially deviated from the board's code of ethics.~~

~~(9) Another health care licensing agency has taken any of the following actions against the individual for any reason other than nonpayment of a fee:~~

~~(a) Denied, refused to renew or reinstate, limited, revoked, or suspended, or accepted the surrender of, a license or other authorization to practice;~~

~~(b) Imposed probation;~~

~~(c) Issued a censure or other reprimand.~~

(10) The individual has failed to do any of the following:

(a) Cooperate with an investigation conducted by the board under section 4751.31 of the Revised Code;

(b) Respond to or comply with a subpoena issued by the board in an investigation of the individual;

(c) Comply with any disciplinary action the board has taken against the individual pursuant to this section.

(B) The following are the actions that the board may take for the purpose of division (A) of this section:

(1) Deny the individual any of the following:

(a) A nursing home administrator license under section 4751.20, 4751.201, 4751.23, or 4751.24 of the Revised Code;

(b) A temporary nursing home administrator license under section 4751.202 or 4751.23 of the Revised Code;

(c) A health services executive license under section 4751.21, 4751.23, or 4751.25 of the Revised Code.

(2) Suspend the individual's nursing home administrator license, temporary nursing home administrator license, or health services executive license;

(3) Revoke the individual's nursing home administrator license, temporary nursing home administrator license, or health services executive license, either permanently or for a period of time the board specifies;

(4) Place a limitation on the individual's nursing home administrator license, temporary nursing home administrator license, or health services executive license;

(5) Place the individual on probation;

(6) Issue a written reprimand of the individual;

(7) Impose on the individual a civil penalty, fine, or other sanction specified in rules adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code.

(C) The board shall take actions authorized by division (B) of this section in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except that the board may enter into a consent agreement with an individual to resolve an alleged violation of this chapter or a rule adopted under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code in lieu of making an adjudication regarding the alleged violation. A consent agreement constitutes the board's findings and order with respect to the matter addressed in the consent agreement if the board ratifies the consent agreement. Any admissions or findings included in a proposed consent agreement have no force or effect if the board refuses to ratify the consent agreement.

**Sec. 4751.11 4751.33.** (A) The board of executives of long-term services and supports may, in its discretion, reissue a nursing home administrator license or registration, or both, temporary nursing home administrator license, or health services executive license to any person-individual whose license or registration, or both, temporary license has been revoked.

~~(B) revoked.~~ Application for the reissuance of a license or registration, or both, shall not be made prior to one year after revocation and shall be made in such manner as the board may direct.

~~(C)~~(B) If a ~~person~~an individual who has been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, a felony is subsequently pardoned by the governor of the state where such conviction or plea was had or by the president of the United States, or receives a final release granted by the adult parole authority of this state or its equivalent agency of another state, the board may, in its discretion, on application of ~~such person~~the individual and on the submission of evidence satisfactory to the board, restore to ~~such person~~the individual's nursing home administrator's-administrator license or registration, temporary nursing home administrator license, or both health services executive license.

**Sec. 4751.12 4751.35.** On receipt of a notice pursuant to section 3123.43 of the Revised Code, the board of executives of long-term services and supports shall comply with sections 3123.41 to 3123.50 of the Revised Code and any applicable rules adopted under section 3123.63 of the Revised Code with respect to a license or temporary license issued pursuant to this chapter.

**Sec. 4751.13 4751.36.** The board of executives of long-term services and supports shall comply with section 4776.20 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 4751.37.** The board of executives of long-term services and supports shall take such actions as may be necessary to enable the state to meet the requirements set forth in section 1908 of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C. 1396g.

**Sec. 4751.38.** The board of executives of long-term services and supports shall create opportunities for the education, training, and credentialing of nursing home administrators, persons in leadership positions who practice in long-term services and supports settings or who direct the practices of others in those settings, and persons interested in serving in those roles. In carrying out this duty, the board shall do both the following:

(A) Identify core competencies and areas of knowledge that are appropriate for nursing home administrators, credentialed individuals, and others working within the long-term services and supports settings system, with an emphasis on all of the following:

(1) Leadership;

(2) Person-centered care;

(3) Principles of management within both the business and regulatory environments;

(4) An understanding of all post-acute settings, including transitions from acute settings and between post-acute settings.

(B) Assist in the development of a strong, competitive market in this state for making training, continuing education, and degree programs available to individuals seeking to practice nursing home administration, serve in a leadership position at a long-term services and support setting, or direct the practice of others in such a setting.

**Sec. 4751.043 4751.381.** (A) Training and education programs developed by the board of executives of long-term services and supports pursuant to ~~division (A)(10) of section 4751.04 4751.38~~ of the Revised Code may be conducted in person or through electronic media. The board may establish and charge a fee for the education and training programs.

(B) The board may enter into a contract with a government or private entity to perform the board's duties under ~~division (A)(10) of section 4751.04-4751.38~~ of the Revised Code to develop and conduct education and training programs. If the board enters into such a contract, the contract may authorize the entity to pay any or all costs associated with the education or training programs and to collect and keep, as all or part of the entity's compensation under the contract, any fee an applicant for education or training pays to enroll in the education or training program.

**Sec. 4751.40.** Each licensed nursing home administrator, licensed temporary nursing home administrator, and licensed health services executive shall report to the board of executives of long-term services and supports any change in any of the following not later than ten days after the change:

(A) The individual's residence mailing address;

(B) The name and address of each place at which the individual practices nursing home administration;

(C) The name and address of each long-term services and supports setting at which the individual serves in a leadership position or directs the practices of others.

**Sec. 4751.41.** Every licensed nursing home administrator, licensed temporary nursing home administrator, and licensed health services executive shall display the individual's license or temporary license in the place at which the individual practices nursing home administration and the long-term services and supports setting at which the individual serves in a leadership position or directs the practices of others.

**Sec. 4751.45.** An individual who is a licensed nursing home administrator, licensed temporary nursing home administrator, or licensed

health services executive may request that the board of executives of long-term services and supports provide to a licensing board or agency of another state verification of the individual's licensure status under this chapter and other related information in the board's possession. The board shall provide the licensing board or agency of the other state the verification and other related information so requested if the individual pays to the board the fee for this service. The board shall adopt a rule under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code establishing the fee.

**Sec. 4751.99.** Whoever violates section ~~4751.02 or 4751.09~~ 4751.10 of the Revised Code may be fined not more than five hundred dollars for the first offense; for each subsequent offense such person may be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety days, or both.

The imposition of fines pursuant to this section does not preclude the imposition of any civil penalties or fines authorized ~~under~~ by section ~~4751.04-4751.32~~ or any other section of the Revised Code."

In line 58436, after "4747.," insert "4751."

In line 58460, after the period insert "\"Applicant for a restored license\" does not include a person seeking restoration of a license under section 4751.33 of the Revised Code."

After line 58462, insert:

**"Sec. 4776.20.** (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Licensing agency" means, in addition to each board identified in division (C) of section 4776.01 of the Revised Code, the board or other government entity authorized to issue a license under Chapters 4703., 4707., 4709., 4712., 4713., 4719., 4723., 4727., 4728., 4733., 4735., 4736., 4737., 4738., 4740., 4742., 4747., 4749., ~~4751.~~, 4752., 4753., 4758., 4759., 4763., 4764., 4765., 4766., 4771., 4773., and 4781. of the Revised Code. "Licensing agency" includes an administrative officer that has authority to issue a license.

(2) "Licensee" means, in addition to a licensee as described in division (B) of section 4776.01 of the Revised Code, the person to whom a license is issued by the board or other government entity authorized to issue a license under Chapters 4703., 4707., 4709., 4712., 4713., 4719., 4723., 4727., 4728., 4733., 4735., 4736., 4737., 4738., 4740., 4742., 4747., 4749., 4751., 4752., 4753., 4758., 4759., 4763., 4764., 4765., 4766., 4771., 4773., and 4781. of the Revised Code.

(3) "Prosecutor" has the same meaning as in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) On a licensee's conviction of, plea of guilty to, judicial finding of guilt of, or judicial finding of guilt resulting from a plea of no contest to the offense of trafficking in persons in violation of section 2905.32 of the Revised

Code, the prosecutor in the case shall promptly notify the licensing agency of the conviction, plea, or finding and provide the licensee's name and residential address. On receipt of this notification, the licensing agency shall immediately suspend the licensee's license.

(C) If there is a conviction of, plea of guilty to, judicial finding of guilt of, or judicial finding of guilt resulting from a plea of no contest to the offense of trafficking in persons in violation of section 2905.32 of the Revised Code and all or part of the violation occurred on the premises of a facility that is licensed by a licensing agency, the prosecutor in the case shall promptly notify the licensing agency of the conviction, plea, or finding and provide the facility's name and address and the offender's name and residential address. On receipt of this notification, the licensing agency shall immediately suspend the facility's license.

(D) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, the suspension of a license under division (B) or (C) of this section shall be implemented by a licensing agency without a prior hearing. After the suspension, the licensing agency shall give written notice to the subject of the suspension of the right to request a hearing under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. After a hearing is held, the licensing agency shall either revoke or permanently revoke the license of the subject of the suspension, unless it determines that the license holder has not been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, been found guilty of, or been found guilty based on a plea of no contest to the offense of trafficking in persons in violation of section 2905.32 of the Revised Code."

After line 81161, insert:

**"Sec. 5903.12.** (A) As used in this section:

"Continuing education" means continuing education required of a licensee by law and includes, but is not limited to, the continuing education required of licensees under sections 3737.881, 3781.10, 4701.11, 4715.141, 4715.25, 4717.09, 4723.24, 4725.16, 4725.51, 4730.14, 4730.49, 4731.155, 4731.282, 4734.25, 4735.141, 4736.11, 4741.16, 4741.19, ~~4751.07~~ 4751.24, ~~4751.25~~, 4755.63, 4757.33, 4759.06, 4761.06, and 4763.07 of the Revised Code.

"Reporting period" means the period of time during which a licensee must complete the number of hours of continuing education required of the licensee by law.

(B) A licensee may submit an application to a licensing agency, stating that the licensee requires an extension of the current reporting period because the licensee has served on active duty during the current or a prior reporting period. The licensee shall submit proper documentation certifying the active duty service and the length of that active duty service. Upon receiving the application and proper documentation, the licensing agency

shall extend the current reporting period by an amount of time equal to the total number of months that the licensee spent on active duty during the current reporting period. For purposes of this division, any portion of a month served on active duty shall be considered one full month."

In line 82826, after "991.02," insert "1347.08,"

In line 82832, after "2923.20," insert "2925.01,"

In line 82873, after "4737.045," insert "4743.02,"; after "4745.04," insert "4751.01, 4751.03, 4751.041, 4751.042, 4751.043, 4751.044, 4751.05, 4751.06, 4751.07, 4751.08, 4751.10, 4751.11, 4751.12, 4751.13, 4751.14, 4751.99,"

In line 82883, after "4776.01," insert "4776.20,"

In line 82912, after "5903.04," insert "5903.12,"

In line 82922, after "4731.296," insert "4751.02, 4751.04, 4751.09,"

After line 96558, insert:

**"Section 747.30.**As used in this section, "authorizing statute" means a Revised Code section or provision of a Revised Code section that is cited in the Ohio Administrative Code as the statute that authorizes the adoption of a rule.

The Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports is not required to amend any rule for the sole purpose of updating the citation in the Ohio Administrative Code to the rule's authorizing statute to reflect that this act renumbers the authorizing statute or relocates it to another Revised Code section. Such citations shall be updated as the Board amends the rules for other purposes."

After line 97672, insert:

"Section 2925.01 of the Revised Code as amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 49, Am. Sub. S.B. 1, Am. Sub. S.B. 201, Sub. S.B. 229, Am. Sub. S.B. 255, and Sub. S.B. 259, all of the 132nd General Assembly."

In line 7104, after "organizations," insert "institutions of higher education,"

Delete lines 96130 through 96158

In line 16744, reinsert "100" and delete "104"

In line 16745, reinsert "1,200" and delete "1,248"

In line 16746, reinsert "450" and delete "468"

In line 16749, reinsert "160" and delete "166"

In line 16759, reinsert "five" and delete "nine"

After line 83513a, insert:

"GRF 700511 Ride Inspection \$400,000 \$400,000"



In line 83514, add \$400,000 to each fiscal year

In line 83559, add \$400,000 to each fiscal year

In line 7424, reinsert "Then"; delete "Second, if the director received a certification"

Delete lines 7425 through 7429

In line 7430, delete "(c) Third"

In line 7431, delete "remaining"

Delete lines 7456 through 7463

In line 79187, delete "in consultation with"

In line 79188, delete "the director of budget and management"

In line 79193, delete "If the tax commissioner intends to"

Delete lines 79194 through 79203

In line 97615, delete "; the amendment of division (B)(1) of, and the amendment"

Delete lines 97616 and 97617

In line 97618, delete "division (A) of section 5746.06 of the Revised Code;"

In line 66 of the title, delete "3904.13,"

In line 165 of the title, delete "3901.89,"

In line 270, delete "3904.13,"

In line 343, delete "3901.89,"

Delete lines 44216 through 44286

Delete lines 44549 through 44685

In line 82860, delete "3904.13,"

Delete lines 97595 through 97597

In line 59710, delete "having" and insert "that has"

In line 112 of the title, after "5149.38," insert "5160.01, 5160.48,"

In line 304, after "5149.38," insert "5160.01, 5160.48,"

After line 65550, insert:

**"Sec. 5160.01.** As used in this chapter:

(A) "Assisted living program" has the same meaning as in section 173.51 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Dual eligible individual" has the same meaning as in the "Social Security Act," section 1915(h)(2)(B), 42 U.S.C. 1396n(h)(2)(B). A dual eligible individual is a medicare-medicaid enrollee (MME).

~~(B)~~(C) "Exchange" has the same meaning as in 45 C.F.R. 155.20.

~~(C)~~(D) "Federal financial participation" means the federal government's share of expenditures made by an entity in implementing a medical assistance program.

~~(D)~~(E) "Medical assistance program" means all of the following:

- (1) The medicaid program;
- (2) The children's health insurance program;
- (3) The refugee medical assistance program;
- (4) Any other program that provides medical assistance and state statutes authorize the department of medicaid to administer.

~~(E)~~(F) "Medical assistance recipient" means a recipient of a medical assistance program. To the extent appropriate in the context, "medical assistance recipient" includes an individual applying for a medical assistance program, a former medical assistance recipient, or both.

~~(F)~~(G) "Medicaid managed care organization" has the same meaning as in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code.

(H) "Nursing facility" has the same meaning as in section 5165.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(G)~~(I) "Refugee medical assistance program" means the program that the department of medicaid administers pursuant to section 5160.50 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Residential care facility" has the same meaning as in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 5160.48.** (A)(1) The medicaid director shall adopt rules under section 5160.02 of the Revised Code implementing sections 5160.45 to 5160.481 of the Revised Code and governing the custody, use, disclosure, and preservation of the information generated or received by the department of medicaid, county departments of job and family services, other state and county entities, contractors, grantees, private entities, or officials participating in the administration of medical assistance programs. ~~The~~

Subject to division (A)(2) of this section, the rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The rules may define who is an "authorized representative" for purposes of sections 5160.45 and 5160.46 of the Revised Code. The rules shall specify conditions and procedures for the release of information, which may include both of the following:

~~(1)~~(a) Permitting a provider of a service under a medical assistance program limited access to information that is essential for the provider to render the service or to bill for the service rendered;

~~(2)(b)~~ Permitting a contractor, grantee, or other state or county entity limited access to information that is essential for the contractor, grantee, or entity to perform administrative or other duties on behalf of the department or a county department.

(2) In the case of a medical assistance recipient who is a resident of a nursing facility or residential care facility, and the facility participates in the assisted living program, a county department of job and family services shall automatically designate the nursing facility or residential care facility as the recipient's primary authorized representative at the time of the application for medical assistance. Both of the following apply to a facility that is automatically designated as an authorized representative pursuant to this division:

(a) The facility shall be considered an authorized representative for purposes of sections 5160.45 and 5160.46 of the Revised Code and shall be subject to all rules regarding authorized representatives that are adopted under division (A)(1) of this section;

(b) The facility may resign as an authorized representative.

A medical assistance recipient may designate additional authorized representatives in the manner provided for in rules.

(B) The department of aging, when investigating a complaint under section 173.20 of the Revised Code, shall be granted any limited access permitted in the rules authorized by division (A)(1)~~(a)~~ of this section.

A contractor, grantee, or entity given access to information pursuant to the rules authorized by division (A)~~(2)(1)(b)~~ of this section is bound by the director's rules. Disclosure of the information by the contractor, grantee, or entity in a manner not authorized by the rules is a violation of section 5160.45 of the Revised Code."

In line 82894, after "5149.38," insert "5160.01, 5160.48,"

In line 148 of the title, delete "122.178, 122.179,"

In line 330, delete "122.178, 122.179,"

Delete lines 5706 through 5803

Delete lines 84714 through 84717

In line 94719, delete "(A)"

In line 84720, delete "reimbursements to employers under"

In line 84721, delete everything after "Program" and insert a period

Delete lines 84722 through 84733

In line 84800, delete "under section" and insert a period

Delete line 84801

In line 25148, reinsert "or"; delete ", or"

In line 25149, delete "(F)"

In line 25154, delete "(J)" and insert "(I)"

In line 25208, delete "(J)" and insert "(I)"

In line 25227, strike through "2016-2017" and insert "2019-2020"; strike through "is"

In line 25228, strike through "enrolled in or will be enrolling in" and insert "meets both of the following conditions:

(a) The student was enrolled in a public or nonpublic school or was homeschooled in the prior school year and completed any of grades eight through eleven in that school year.

(b) The student would be assigned to"

In line 25229, strike through "serves" and insert "either:

(i) Serves"

In line 25235, after "sought" insert ";

(ii) Is a building described in division (A)(1) of this section"

After line 25235, insert:

"Any student who was awarded a scholarship under division (A)(6) of this section as it existed prior to the effective date of this amendment may continue to receive scholarships in subsequent school years until the student completes grade twelve, as long as the student meets the criteria prescribed by division (F) of this section."

In line 25302, after "(F)" delete the balance of the line

Delete lines 25303 through 25306

In line 25307, delete "(G)"

In line 25325, reinsert "(G)"; delete "(H)"

In line 25356, reinsert "(F)"; delete "(G)"

In line 25357, reinsert "(H)"; delete "(I)"

In line 25358, reinsert "(F)"; delete "(G)"

In line 25360, reinsert "(I)"; delete "(J)"

In line 25464, reinsert "(F)"; delete "(G)"

In line 25498, reinsert "(F)"; delete "(G)"

In line 25502, after "(A)" insert "As used in this section, "tuition discount" means any deduction from the base tuition amount per student charged by the school, to which the student's family is entitled due to one or more of the following conditions:

(1) The student's family has multiple children enrolled in the same school.

(2) The student's family is a member of or affiliated with a religious or secular organization that provides oversight of the school or from which the school has agreed to enroll students.

(3) The student's parent is an employee of the school.

(4) Some other qualification not based on the income of the student's family or the student's athletic or academic ability and for which all students in the school may qualify.

(B)"

In line 25505, after the second "the" insert "following: (1) The base"

In line 25506, delete ", prior to the application"

In line 25507, delete "of any other sources of financial aid received by the student."; strike through "or"

In line 25508, strike through the first "the"; insert "minus the total amount of any applicable tuition discounts for which the student qualifies;

(2) The"

In line 25510, strike through "(B)" and insert "(C)"

In line 25517, strike through "(C)" and insert "(D)"

In line 25520, strike through "(B)" and insert "(C)"

In line 25531, strike through "(B)" and insert "(C)"

In line 25537, strike through "(C)" and insert "(D)"

In line 94052, delete "\$350,000 \$350,000" and insert "\$775,000 \$250,000"

In line 94056, add \$425,000 to fiscal year 2020 and subtract \$100,000 from fiscal year 2021

In line 94060, add \$425,000 to fiscal year 2020 and subtract \$100,000 from fiscal year 2021

After line 94120, insert:

"The Treasurer of State shall determine, during the second half of fiscal year 2021, if the cash balance and anticipated loan repayments to the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5NH0), will be sufficient to meet the appropriation level of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2021. If those resources are insufficient, the Treasurer of State may submit a request to the Controlling Board for a transfer of up to \$325,000 from the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0), to Fund 5NH0."

In line 158 of the title, after "3314.353," insert "3314.354,"

In line 337, after "3314.353," insert "3314.354,"

In line 24259, strike through "Annually," and insert "Not later than the thirty-first day of July of each year, the department of education shall submit preliminary report card data for overall academic performance and for each separate performance measure for each school district, and each school building, in accordance with this section."

Annually,"

In line 24261, strike through "of education"

In line 27853, delete "(H)" and insert "(I)"

In line 27918, strike through "(F)" and insert "(G)"

In line 28021, after "(F)" insert "Not later than the thirty-first day of July of each year, the department shall submit preliminary report card data for overall academic performance for each performance measure prescribed in division (E)(3) of this section for each community school to which this section applies."

(G)"

In line 28037, strike through "(G)" and insert "(H)"

In line 28040, strike through "(F)" and insert "(G)"

In line 28042, delete "(H)" and insert "(I)"

In line 29706, delete "(H)" and insert "(I)"

In line 29709, delete "(H)" and insert "(I)"

After line 29723, insert:

"Sec. 3314.354. Not later than the thirty-first day of July of each year, the department of education shall submit preliminary data on community schools at risk of becoming subject to permanent closure under section 3314.35 or 3314.351 of the Revised Code."

In line 97645a, delete "(H)" and insert "(I)"

In line 163 of the title, after "3727.461," insert "3727.49,"

In line 341, after "3727.462," insert "3727.49,"

After line 41053, insert:

"Sec. 3727.49.(A) As used in this section, "freestanding emergency department" means a facility that provides emergency care and is structurally separate and distinct from a hospital, as defined in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) A freestanding emergency department shall provide notice that identifies the facility as a freestanding emergency department. The facility shall provide the notice by posting it in either of the following ways:

(1) In a conspicuous place in an area of the facility that is accessible to

the public;

(2) On the facility's internet web site.

(C) A freestanding emergency department shall use the national provider identifier, as assigned to the freestanding emergency department by the national provider system pursuant to 45 C.F.R. 162.408, on all claims for payment for health care services or goods.

(D) The director of health may apply to the court of common pleas of the county in which a freestanding emergency department is located for a temporary or permanent injunction restraining the freestanding emergency department from failure to comply with this section."

After line 28048, insert:

"(I) The state board shall coordinate a study committee consisting of one member of the Ohio senate appointed by the president of the senate, one member of the Ohio house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one representative of the governor's office, one school district superintendent appointed by the state board, and one chief administrator of a community school appointed by the state board. This committee shall conduct a study regarding the classification, authorization, and report card ratings of community schools that primarily serve students enrolled in dropout prevention and recovery programs as described in division (A)(4)(a) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code that offer two or more of the following educational models:

(1) Blended learning, as that term is defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code;

(2) Portfolio learning, as defined by the members of the committee;

(3) Credit flexibility, which permits credits to be awarded based on a student's demonstration of subject area competency.

The state board, on behalf of the committee, shall submit the committee's recommendations to the general assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code not later than six months after the effective date of this amendment."

In line 66792, delete "seventy" and insert "eighty"

In line 66797, delete "ten" and insert "fifteen"

In line 44353, delete "prohibiting" and insert "doing any of the following:"

(1) Prohibiting"

In line 44357, delete the period and insert an underlined semicolon

In line 44358, delete everything before "a" and insert "(2) Requiring"

In line 44362, after "services" insert ";

(3) Requiring a health plan issuer to reimburse a telemedicine provider for telemedicine services at the same rate as in-person services"

In line 44363, delete "(F)" and insert "(E)"

In line 97361, delete "July 1, 2019" and insert "the first day of the first month beginning on or after the effective date of this section"

In line 97412, delete "July 1, 2019" and insert "the first day of the first month beginning on or after the effective date of this section"

In line 97511, delete "and" and insert "or"

In line 97611, after "sections" insert "122.175,"

In line 97613, after "4301.43," insert "5739.01, 5739.011, 5739.02,"

In line 97614, after "5741.17," insert "5743.01, 5743.025, 5743.14, 5743.20, 5743.41, 5743.44, 5743.51, 5743.52, 5743.53, 5743.54, 5743.55, 5743.59, 5743.60, 5743.61, 5743.62, 5743.63, 5743.66,"

In line 97618, delete "and"

In line 97619, after "Code" insert "; and the enactment of Sections 757.80, 757.140, 757.160, 757.230, 757.260, 757.270, and 757.331 of this act"

In line 110 of the title, delete "5126.05,"

In line 177 of the title, delete "5123.0425,"

In line 178 of the title, after "5123.1612," insert "5123.193,"

In line 302, delete "5126.05,"

In line 352, delete "5123.0425,"; after "5123.1612," insert "5123.193,"

Delete lines 63532 through 63542

After line 64170, insert:

"Sec. 5123.193. The director of developmental disabilities shall include on the internet web site maintained by the department of developmental disabilities a searchable database of vacancies in licensed residential facilities. Each person or government entity operating a licensed residential facility shall provide current and accurate vacancy information to the department in accordance with procedures that the director shall establish."

In line 64645, delete "list of ICF/IID providers" and insert "searchable database of vacancies in licensed residential facilities"

In line 64646, delete "5123.0425" and insert "5123.193"

In line 64745, delete "list of"

Delete line 64746

In line 64747, delete "services" and insert "searchable database of



vacancies in licensed residential facilities"; delete "makes"

In line 64748, delete "available" and insert "includes"; delete "5123.0425" and insert "5123.193"

Delete lines 64756 through 64862

In line 82893, delete "5126.05,"

Delete lines 97705 and 97706

In line 43827, delete "of the following."

In line 43828, delete "(1) Prior to September 15, 2019, a"

In line 43829, reinsert "prior to September 15,"; after "~~2019,~~" insert "2020,"

Delete lines 43833 through 43839

In line 43842, reinsert "September 15,"; delete "the respective date prescribed in"

In line 43843, delete "division (A)(1) or (2) of this section" and insert "2020"

After line 87941, insert:

**"Section 287.90.SCHOOL STORM SHELTER STUDY**

The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission shall conduct a study to evaluate and make recommendations regarding appropriate requirements for storm shelters for Ohio school buildings. The Commission shall conduct this study in consultation with stakeholders, including school district officials, and submit a report of its findings to the General Assembly not later than December 31, 2019."

After line 93666, insert:

"In addition to the amounts credited to the Public Library Fund in August of 2019, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer an additional \$916,705 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the Public Library Fund. This amount shall be distributed from the Public Library Fund in the same manner in August of 2019 as if it were credited in accordance with section 131.51 of the Revised Code."

After line 93675, insert:

"In addition to the amounts credited to the Local Government Fund in August of 2019, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer an additional \$458,352 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Fund. This amount shall be distributed from the Local Government Fund in the same manner in August of 2019 as if it were credited in accordance with section 131.51 of the Revised Code."

In line 81121, delete "AMVETS pursuant to division (C) of" and

insert "a supplier selected under"

In line 81122, after "shall" insert "enter into a"; delete "with"

In line 81123, delete "AMVETS"; after "for" insert "the purchase of"

In line 81124, delete "AMVETS" and insert "the supplier"

In line 81133, after "directors" insert ", with the approval of controlling board."; delete "disbursements" and insert "a disbursement"

In line 81134, delete "to AMVETS"

In line 81139, delete "AMVETS" and insert "the supplier"

In lines 81142, delete "not"

In line 81143, delete "competitive bidding requirements" and insert "section 9.231 and Chapter 125. of the Revised Code"

After line 90300, insert:

"5VV0 336645 Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Pilot \$3,000,000 \$3,000,000"

In line 90303, add \$3,000,000 to each fiscal year

In line 90323, add \$3,000,000 to each fiscal year

After line 90889, insert:

**"Section 337.230. TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION PILOT**

The foregoing appropriation item 336645, Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Pilot, shall be used for a transcranial magnetic stimulation pilot program for veterans with substance use disorders or mental illness as described in section 5902.09 of the Revised Code."

Delete lines 94182 and 94182a

In line 94184, subtract \$3,000,000 from each fiscal year

In line 94195, subtract \$3,000,000 from each fiscal year

Delete lines 94213 through 94218

In line 166 of the title, delete "3902.53,"

In line 167 of the title, delete "3902.54,"

In line 343, delete "3902.53,"

In line 344, delete "3902.54,"

Delete lines 44365 through 44542 and insert:

**"Sec. 3902.50. (A) As used in sections 3902.50 to 3902.52 of the Revised Code:**

**(1) "Cost sharing" means the cost to a covered person under a health benefit plan according to any coverage limit, copayment, coinsurance,**

deductible, or other out-of-pocket expense requirement.

(2) "Covered person," "health benefit plan," "health care services," and "health plan issuer" have the same meanings as in section 3922.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Emergency facility" has the same meaning as in section 3701.74 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Emergency services" means all of the following as described in 42 U.S.C. 1395dd:

(a) Medical screening examinations undertaken to determine whether an emergency medical condition exists;

(b) Treatment necessary to stabilize an emergency medical condition;

(c) Appropriate transfers undertaken prior to an emergency medical condition being stabilized.

(5) "Individual in-network provider," "individual out-of-network provider," and "individual provider" mean a provider who is an individual.

(6) "Unanticipated out-of-network care" means health care services that are covered under a health benefit plan and that are provided by an individual out-of-network provider when either of the following conditions applies:

(a) The covered person did not have the ability to request such services from an individual in-network provider.

(b) The services provided were emergency services.

(B)(1) A health plan issuer shall reimburse an individual out-of-network provider for unanticipated out-of-network care when both of the following apply:

(a) The services are provided to a covered person at a facility that is in the covered person's health benefit plan provider network.

(b) The services would be covered if provided by an individual provider in the covered person's health benefit plan network.

(2) A health plan issuer shall reimburse both of the following for emergency services provided to a covered person at an out-of-network emergency facility:

(a) An individual out-of-network provider;

(b) The out-of-network emergency facility.

(C)(1) The reimbursement required to be paid an individual provider under division (B)(1) or (2) of this section shall be the greatest of the following amounts:

(a) The amount negotiated with individual in-network providers for

the service in question, excluding any in-network cost sharing imposed under the health benefit plan. If there is more than one amount negotiated with individual in-network providers for the service, the relevant amount shall be the median of those amounts, excluding any in-network cost sharing imposed under the health benefit plan. In determining the median amount, the amount negotiated with each individual in-network provider shall be treated as a separate amount even if the same amount is paid to more than one provider. If there is no per-service amount negotiated with individual in-network providers, such as under a capitation or similar payment arrangement, the amount described in division (C)(1)(a) of this section shall be disregarded.

(b) The amount for the service calculated using the same method the health benefit plan generally uses to determine payments for out-of-network health care services, such as the usual, customary, and reasonable amount, excluding any in-network cost sharing imposed under the health benefit plan. This amount shall be determined without reduction for cost sharing that generally applies under the health benefit plan with respect to out-of-network health care services.

(c) The amount that would be paid under the medicare program, part A or part B of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1395, as amended, for the service in question, excluding any in-network cost sharing imposed under the health benefit plan.

(2) The reimbursement required to be paid to an out-of-network emergency facility under division (B)(2) of this section shall be the greatest of the following amounts:

(a) The amount negotiated with in-network emergency facilities for the service in question, excluding any in-network cost sharing imposed under the health benefit plan. If there is more than one amount negotiated with in-network emergency facilities for the service, the relevant amount shall be the median of those amounts, excluding any in-network cost sharing imposed under the health benefit plan. In determining the median amount, the amount negotiated with each in-network emergency facility shall be treated as a separate amount even if the same amount is paid to more than one provider. If there is no per-service amount negotiated with in-network emergency facilities, such as under a capitation or similar payment arrangement, the amount described in division (C)(2)(a) of this section shall be disregarded.

(b) The amount for the service calculated using the same method the health benefit plan generally uses to determine payments for out-of-network health care services, such as the usual, customary, and reasonable amount, excluding any in-network cost sharing imposed under the health benefit plan. This amount shall be determined without reduction for cost sharing that generally applies under the health benefit plan with respect to out-of-network health care services.

(c) The amount that would be paid under the medicare program, part A or part B of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1395, as amended, for the service in question, excluding any in-network cost sharing imposed under the health benefit plan.

(D)(1) For unanticipated out-of-network care provided at an in-network facility in this state, an individual provider shall not bill a covered person for the difference between the health plan issuer's reimbursement and the individual provider's charge for the services.

(2)(a) For emergency services provided at an out-of-network emergency facility in this state, an individual provider shall not bill a covered person for the difference between the health plan issuer's reimbursement and the individual provider's charge for the services.

(b) For emergency services provided at an out-of-network emergency facility in this state, the emergency facility shall not bill a covered person for the difference between the health plan issuer's reimbursement and the emergency facility's charge for the services.

(E) A health plan issuer shall not require cost sharing for any service described in division (B) of this section from the covered person at a rate higher than if the services were provided by an individual in-network provider or in-network emergency facility.

(F) For health care services, other than those described in division (B) of this section, that are covered under a health benefit plan but are provided by an individual out-of-network provider at an in-network facility, all of the following apply:

(1) For services provided in this state, the individual provider shall not bill the covered person for the difference between the health plan issuer's out-of-network reimbursement and the provider's charge for the services unless all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The individual provider informs the covered person that the individual provider is not in the person's health benefit plan network.

(b) The individual provider provides to the covered person a good faith estimate of the cost of the services, including the individual provider's charge, the estimated reimbursement by the health plan issuer, and the covered person's responsibility. The estimate shall contain a disclaimer that the covered person is not required to obtain the health care service at that location or from that individual provider.

(c) The covered person affirmatively consents to receive the services.

(2) The health plan issuer may reimburse the individual provider at either the in-network or out-of-network rate as described in the covered person's health benefit plan.

(G) A pattern of continuous or repeated violations of this section is an

unfair and deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance under sections 3901.19 to 3901.26 of the Revised Code.

(H) Nothing in this section is subject to section 3901.71 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3902.51.** (A) An individual provider or emergency facility may request alternative dispute resolution if both of the following apply:

(1) The individual provider or emergency facility believes that the health plan issuer's offer of reimbursement does not meet the requirements of division (C) of section 3902.50 of the Revised Code.

(2) The billed amount exceeds seven hundred dollars.

(B) Any documents or information submitted by a health plan issuer, individual provider, or emergency facility in the course of alternative dispute resolution are not public records for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be released.

**Sec. 3902.52.** The superintendent of insurance shall adopt by rule alternative dispute resolution procedures and guidelines for complaints brought by individual providers or emergency facilities against health plan issuers relating to reimbursement under section 3902.50 of the Revised Code. The superintendent shall require that mediation be attempted prior to arbitration."

In line 96545, delete "to"

In line 96546, delete "3902.53" and insert "and 3902.51"

Delete lines 97593 and 97594

In line 165 of the title, after "3781.40," insert "3799.01,"

In line 342, after "3781.40," insert "3799.01,"

After line 44056, insert:

**Sec. 3799.01.** Article I. Definitions

For purposes of this compact:

1. "Compacting state" means either of the following:

a. Any state that has enacted the compact and which has not withdrawn or been suspended pursuant to Article XIV of the compact;

b. The federal government in accordance with the commission's bylaws.

2. "Compact" means the Solemn Covenant of the States to Award Prizes for Curing Diseases enacted in this section.

3. "Non-compacting state" means any state or the federal government, if it is not at the time a compacting state.

4. "Public health expenses" means the amount of all costs paid by

taxpayers in a specified geographic area relating to a particular disease.

5. "State" means any state, district, or territory of the United States of America.

#### Article II. Establishment of the Commission; Membership

1. Upon the enactment of the compact by six states, the compacting states shall establish the Solemn Covenant of States Commission.

2. The commission is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of each of the compacting states and is solely responsible for its liabilities, except as otherwise specifically provided in the compact.

3. Each compacting state shall be represented by one member as selected by the compacting state. Each compacting state shall determine its member's qualifications and period of service and shall be responsible for any action to remove or suspend its member or to fill the member's position if it becomes vacant. Nothing in the compact shall be construed to affect a compacting state's authority regarding the qualification, selection, or service of its own member.

#### Article III. Powers of the Commission

1. To adopt bylaws and rules pursuant to Articles V and VI of the compact, which shall have the force and effect of law and shall be binding in the compacting states to the extent and in the manner provided in the compact;

2. To receive and review in an expeditious manner treatments and therapeutic protocols for the cure of disease submitted to the commission and to award prizes for submissions that meet the commission's standards for a successful cure treatment or therapeutic protocol;

3. To make widely available a cure treatment or therapeutic protocol upon a prize winner claiming a prize and transferring any intellectual property necessary for the manufacture and distribution of the cure in accordance with section 3.g.i. of Article VI, including by arranging or contracting for the manufacturing, production, or provision of any drug, serum, or other substance, device, or process, provided that the commission does not market the cure or conduct any other activity regarding the cure not specifically authorized in the compact;

4. To establish a selling price for the cure, which shall be not more than the expenses for the cure's manufacturing, distribution, licensing, and any other necessary governmental requirements for compacting states, or those expenses plus any royalty fees, for noncompacting states; the price shall not include the expenses of any other activities;

5. In non-compacting states and foreign countries, to establish and collect royalty fees imposed on manufacturers, producers, and providers of any drug, serum, or other substance, device, or process used for a cure

treatment or therapeutic protocol, for which a prize is awarded; royalty fees may be added to the sales price of the cure pursuant to section 4 of this Article; provided that the royalty fees shall cumulatively be not more than the estimated five-year savings in public health expenses for that state or country, as calculated by actuaries employed or contracted by the commission;

6. To do the following regarding the collected royalty fees:

a. Pay or reimburse expenses related to the payment of a prize, which shall include employing or contracting actuaries to calculate annual taxpayer savings amounts in compacting states in accordance with section 3.g.iii. of Article VI, and payment of interest and other expenses related to a loan obtained in accordance with section 3.g.vi. of Article VI;

b. Annually disburse any amounts remaining after making payments or reimbursements under section 6.a. of this article as refunds to compacting states based on the per cent of the state's prize obligation in relation to the total obligation amount of all compacting states;

7. To bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in its name as the commission;

8. To issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence;

9. To establish and maintain offices;

10. To borrow, accept, or contract for personnel services, including personnel services from employees of a compacting state;

11. To hire employees, professionals, or specialists, and elect or appoint officers, and to fix their compensation, define their duties and give them appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of the compact, and determine their qualifications; and to establish the commission's personnel policies and programs relating to, among other things, conflicts of interest, rates of compensation, and qualifications of personnel;

12. To accept any and all appropriate donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services, and to receive, utilize, and dispose of the same; provided that at all times the commission shall strive to avoid any appearance of impropriety;

13. To lease, purchase, or accept appropriate gifts or donations of, or otherwise to own, hold, improve, or use, any property, real, personal, or mixed; provided, that at all times the commission shall strive to avoid any appearance of impropriety;

14. To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property, real, personal, or mixed;

15. To monitor compacting states for compliance with the commission's bylaws and rules;



16. To enforce compliance by compacting states with the commission's bylaws and rules;

17. To provide for dispute resolution among compacting states or between the commission and those who submit treatments and therapeutic protocols for the cure of disease for consideration;

18. To establish a budget and make expenditures;

19. To borrow money;

20. To appoint committees, including management, legislative, and advisory committees comprised of members, state legislators or their representatives, medical professionals, and such other interested persons as may be designated by the commission;

21. To establish annual membership dues for compacting states, which shall be used for daily expenses of the commission and not for interest or prize payments;

22. To adopt and use a corporate seal;

23. To perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this compact.

#### Article IV. Meetings and Voting

1. The commission shall meet and take such actions as are consistent with the compact, bylaws, and rules.

2. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum necessary in order to conduct business or take actions at meetings of the commission.

3. Each member of the commission shall have the right and power to cast one vote regarding matters determined or actions to be taken by the commission. Each member shall have the right and power to participate in the business and affairs of the commission.

4. A member shall vote in person or by such other means as provided in the commission's bylaws. The commission's bylaws may provide for members' participation in meetings by telephone or other means of communication.

5. The commission shall meet at least once during each calendar year. Additional meetings shall be held as set forth in the commission's bylaws.

6. No decision of the commission with respect to the approval of an award for a treatment or therapeutic process for the cure of a disease shall be effective unless two-thirds of all the members of the commission vote in favor thereof.

7. Guidelines and voting requirements for all other decisions of the commission shall be established in the commission's bylaws.

### Article V. Bylaws

The commission shall, by a majority vote of all the members of the commission, prescribe bylaws to govern its conduct as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes, and exercise the powers, of the compact, including, but not limited to:

1. Establishing the fiscal year of the commission;
2. Providing reasonable procedures for appointing and electing members, as well as holding meetings, of the management committee;
3. Providing reasonable standards and procedures:
  - a. For the establishment and meetings of other committees;
  - b. Governing any general or specific delegation of any authority or function of the commission; and
  - c. Voting guidelines and procedures for commission decisions.
4. Providing reasonable procedures for calling and conducting meetings of the commission that shall consist of requiring a quorum to be present, ensuring reasonable advance notice of each such meeting and providing for the right of citizens to attend each such meeting with enumerated exceptions designed to protect the public's interest and the privacy of individuals.
5. Providing a list of matters about which the commission may go into executive session and requiring a majority of all members of the commission vote to enter into such session. As soon as practicable, the commission shall make public:
  - a. A copy of the vote to go into executive session, revealing the vote of each member with no proxy votes allowed; and
  - b. The matter requiring executive session, without identifying the actual issues or individuals involved.
6. Establishing the titles, duties, authority, and reasonable procedures for the election of the officers of the commission;
7. Providing reasonable standards and procedures for the establishment of the personnel policies and programs of the commission. Notwithstanding any civil service or other similar laws of any compacting state, the commission's bylaws shall exclusively govern the personnel policies and programs of the commission;
8. Allowing a mechanism for:
  - a. The federal government to join as a compacting state; and
  - b. Foreign countries or subdivisions of those countries to join as liaison members by adopting the compact; provided that adopting countries or subdivisions shall not have voting power or the power to bind the commission

in any way.

9. Adopting a code of ethics to address permissible and prohibited activities of members and employees;

10. Providing for the maintenance of the commission's books and records;

11. Governing the acceptance of and accounting for donations, annual member dues, and other sources of funding and establishing the proportion of these funds to be allocated to prize amounts for treatments and therapeutic protocols that cure disease;

12. Governing any fund raising efforts in which the commission wishes to engage; and

13. Providing a mechanism for winding up the operations of the commission and the equitable disposition of any surplus funds that may exist after the termination of the compact after the payment and reserving of all its debts and obligations.

#### Article VI. Rules

1. The commission shall adopt rules to do the following:

a. Effectively and efficiently achieve the purposes of this compact;  
b. Govern the methods, processes, and any other aspect of the research, creation, and testing of a treatment or therapeutic protocol for each disease for which a prize may be awarded.

2. The commission shall also adopt rules establishing the criteria for defining and classifying the diseases for which prizes shall be awarded. The commission may define and classify subsets of diseases, for example, tubular carcinoma of the breast. For purposes of sections 3.a. and c. of this article, a subset of a disease shall be considered one disease. The commission may consult the most recent edition of the international classification of disease as published by the world health organization or other definitions agreed to by a two-thirds vote of the commission.

3. The commission shall also adopt rules regarding prizes for curing diseases that establish the following:

a. At least ten major diseases for which to create prizes, which shall be determined based on the following factors:

i. The severity of the disease to a human individual's overall health and well-being;

ii. The survival rate or severity of impact of the disease;

iii. The public health expenses and treatment expenses for the disease.

b. The criteria a treatment or therapeutic protocol must meet in order to be considered a cure for any of the diseases for which a prize may be

awarded, which shall include the following requirements:

i. It must be approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration or have otherwise obtained legal status for the compact to immediately contract to manufacture and distribute in the United States;

ii. Except as provided in section 4. of this article, it must yield a significant increase in survival with respect to the diseases if early death is the usual outcome;

iii. It requires less than one year of the treatment or protocol to completely cure the disease.

c. The procedure for determining the diseases for which to award prizes, which includes the option to award prizes for more than ten diseases that meet the above criteria, if agreed to by two-thirds vote of the commission, and a requirement to update the list every three years.

d. The submission and evaluation procedures and guidelines, including filing and review procedures, a requirement that the person or entity submitting the cure bears the burden of proof in demonstrating that the treatment or therapeutic protocol meets the above criteria, and limitations preventing public access to treatment or protocol submissions.

e. The estimated five-year public health savings that would result from a cure, which shall be equal to the five-year public health expenses for each disease in each compacting state, and a procedure to update these expenses every three years in conjunction with the requirements in section 3.c. of this article. The estimated five-year public health savings amount shall be calculated, estimated, and publicized every three years by actuaries employed or contracted by the commission.

f. The prize amount with respect to cures for each disease, which shall be equal to the most recent estimated total five-year savings in public health expenses for the disease as calculated in section 3.e. of this article in all of the compacting states; amounts donated by charities, individuals, and any other entities intended for the prize under Article I of the compact; and any other factors that the commission deems appropriate.

g. The prize distribution procedures and guidelines, which shall include the following requirements:

i. Upon acceptance of a cure, the prize winner shall transfer to the commission the patent and all related intellectual property for the manufacture and distribution of the treatment or therapeutic protocol in exchange for the prize, except in the case that the prize money is considered by the commission to be too low, and that a prize will be awarded only to the first person or entity that submits a successful cure for a disease for which a prize may be awarded.

ii. Donation amounts intended for the prize shall be kept in a separate, interest-bearing account maintained by the commission. This account shall be

the only account in which prize money is kept.

iii. Each compacting state shall have the responsibility to pay annually the compacting state's actual one-year savings in public health expenses for the particular disease for which a cure has been accepted. The compacting state shall make such an annual payment until it has fulfilled its prize responsibility as established in section 3.f. of this article. Each compacting state's payment responsibility begins one year after the date the cure becomes widely available. The commission shall employ or contract with actuaries to calculate each state's actual one-year savings in public health expenses at the end of each year to determine each state's responsibility for the succeeding year.

iv. Compacting states may meet prize responsibilities by any method including the issuance of bonds or other obligations, with the principal and interest of those bonds or obligations to be repaid only from revenue derived from estimated public health expense savings from a cure to a disease. If the compacting state does not make such revenue available to repay some or all of the revenue bonds or obligations issued, the owners or holders of those bonds or obligations have no right to have excises or taxes levied to pay the principal or interest on them. The revenue bonds and obligations are not a debt of the issuing compacting state.

v. A compacting state may issue bonds or other debt that are general obligations, under which the full faith and credit, revenue, and taxing power of the state is pledged to pay the principal and interest under those obligations, only if authorized by the compacting state's constitution or, if constitutional authorization is not required, by other law of the compacting state.

vi. Upon acceptance of a cure, the commission shall obtain a loan from a financial institution in an amount equal to the most recently calculated total estimated five-year public health expenses for the disease in all compacting states, in accordance with section 3.f. of this article. The commission reserves the right to continuously evaluate the cure in the interim and rescind a prize offer if the commission finds that the cure no longer meets the commission's criteria.

4. The commission may award a prize for a treatment or therapeutic protocol that yields a survival rate that is less than what is established in the cure criteria through at least five years after the treatment or protocol has ended. In that case, the prize amount awarded for that treatment or therapeutic protocol shall be reduced from the prize amount originally determined by the commission for a cure for that disease. The reduction shall be in proportion to the survival rate yielded by that treatment or protocol as compared to the survival rate established in the cure criteria.

5. The commission also shall adopt rules that do the following:

a. Establish the following regarding commission records:

i. Conditions and procedures for public inspection and copying of its information and official records, except such information and records involving the privacy of individuals or would otherwise violate privacy laws under federal law and the laws of the compacting states;

ii. Procedures for sharing with federal and state agencies, including law enforcement agencies, records and information otherwise exempt from disclosure;

iii. Guidelines for entering into agreements with federal and state agencies to receive or exchange information or records subject to nondisclosure and confidentiality provisions.

b. Provide a process for commission review of submitted treatments and therapeutic protocols for curing diseases that includes the following:

i. An opportunity for an appeal, not later than thirty days after a rejection of a treatment or protocol for prize consideration, to a review panel established under the commission's dispute resolution process;

ii. Commission monitoring and review of treatment and protocol effectiveness consistent with the cure criteria established by the commission for the particular disease;

iii. Commission reconsideration, modification, or withdrawal of approval of a treatment or protocol for prize consideration for failure to continue to meet the cure criteria established by the commission for the particular disease.

c. Establish a dispute resolution process to resolve disputes or other issues under the compact that may arise between two or more compacting states or between the commission and individuals or entities who submit treatments and therapeutic protocols to cure diseases, which process shall provide for:

i. Administrative review by a review panel appointed by the commission;

ii. Judicial review of decisions issued after an administrative review;  
and

iii. Qualifications to be appointed to a panel, due process requirements, including notice and hearing procedures, and any other procedure, requirement, or standard necessary to provide adequate dispute resolution.

d. Establish and impose annual member dues on compacting states, which shall be calculated based on the percentage of each compacting state's population in relation to the population of all the compacting states.

6. Recognizing that the goal of the compact is to pool the potential

savings of as many states and countries as possible to generate sufficient financial incentive to develop a cure for many of the world's most devastating diseases, the compact will respect the laws of each of these United States by adopting rules that establish ethical standards for research that shall be followed in order for a prize to be claimed. The compact, in the rules, shall establish a common set of ethical standards that embodies the laws and restrictions in each of the states so that to be eligible for claiming a prize the entity submitting a cure must not have violated any of the ethical standards in any one of the fifty states, whether the states have joined the compact or not. The compact will publish these common ethical standards along with the specific criteria for a cure for each of the diseases the compact has targeted.

So long as a researcher follows the common ethical standards in effect at the time the research is done, an entity presenting a cure will be deemed to have followed the standards. On or before January 1 of each year, the compact shall review all state laws to determine if additional ethical standards have been enacted by any of the fifty states and the federal government. Any changes to the common ethical standards rules based on new state laws shall be adopted and published by the compact, but shall not take effect in cure criteria for a period of three years to allow for sufficient notice to researchers.

7. All rules may be amended as the commission sees necessary.

8. All rules shall be adopted pursuant to a rule-making process that conforms to the model state administrative procedure act of 1981 by the uniform law commissioners, as amended, as may be appropriate to the operations of the commission.

9. In the event the commission exercises its rule-making authority in a manner that is beyond the scope of the purpose of this compact, or the powers granted hereunder, then such rule shall be invalid and have no force and effect.

#### Article VII. Committees

##### 1. Management Committee

a. The commission may establish a management committee comprised of not more than fourteen members when twenty-six states enact the compact.

b. The committee shall consist of those members representing compacting states whose total public health expenses of all of the established diseases are the highest.

c. The committee shall have such authority and duties as may be set forth in the commission's bylaws and rules, including:

i. Managing authority over the day-to-day affairs of the commission in a manner consistent with the commission's bylaws and rules and the purposes of the compact;

ii. Overseeing the offices of the commission; and

iii. Planning, implementing, and coordinating communications and activities with state, federal, and local government organizations in order to advance the goals of the compact.

d. The commission annually shall elect officers for the committee, with each having such authority and duties as may be specified in the commission's bylaws and rules.

e. The management committee, subject to commission approval, may appoint or retain an executive director for such period, upon such terms and conditions, and for such compensation as the committee determines. The executive director shall serve as secretary to the commission, but shall not be a member of the commission. The executive director shall hire and supervise such other staff as may be authorized by the committee.

## 2. Advisory Committees

The commission may appoint advisory committees to monitor all operations related to the purposes of the compact and make recommendations to the commission; provided that the manner of selection and term of any committee member shall be as set forth in the commission's bylaws and rules. The commission shall consult with an advisory committee, to the extent required by the commission's bylaws or rules, before doing any of the following:

a. Approving cure criteria;

b. Amending, enacting, or repealing any bylaw or rule;

c. Adopting the commission's annual budget;

d. Addressing any other significant matter or taking any other significant action.

## Article VIII. Finance

1. The commission annually shall establish a budget to pay or provide for the payment of its reasonable expenses. To fund the cost of initial operations, the commission may accept contributions and other forms of funding from the compacting states and other sources. Contributions and other forms of funding from other sources shall be of such a nature that the independence of the commission concerning the performance of its duties shall not be compromised.

2. The commission shall be exempt from all taxation in and by the compacting states.

3. The commission shall keep complete and accurate accounts of all of its internal receipts, including grants and donations, and disbursements of all funds under its control. The internal financial accounts of the commission shall be subject to the accounting procedures established under the commission's bylaws or rules. The financial accounts and reports including



the system of internal controls and procedures of the commission shall be audited annually by an independent certified public accountant. Upon the determination of the commission, but not less frequently than every three years, the review of the independent auditor shall include a management and performance audit of the commission. The commission shall make an annual report to the governors and legislatures of the compacting states, which shall include a report of the independent audit. The commission's internal accounts shall not be confidential and such materials may be shared with any compacting state upon request provided, however, that any work papers related to any internal or independent audit and any information subject to the compacting states' privacy laws, shall remain confidential.

4. No compacting state shall have any claim or ownership of any property held by or vested in the commission or to any commission funds held pursuant to the provisions of the compact.

#### Article IX. Records

Except as to privileged records, data, and information, the laws of any compacting state pertaining to confidentiality or nondisclosure shall not relieve any member of the duty to disclose any relevant records, data, or information to the commission; provided, that disclosure to the commission shall not be deemed to waive or otherwise affect any confidentiality requirement; and further provided, that, except as otherwise expressly provided in the compact, the commission shall not be subject to the compacting state's laws pertaining to confidentiality and nondisclosure with respect to records, data, and information in its possession. Confidential information of the commission shall remain confidential after such information is provided to any member. All cure submissions received by the commission are confidential.

#### Article X. Compliance

The commission shall notify a compacting state in writing of any noncompliance with commission bylaws and rules. If a compacting state fails to remedy its noncompliance within the time specified in the notice, the compacting state shall be deemed to be in default as set forth in Article XIV.

#### Article XI. Venue

Venue for any judicial proceedings by or against the commission shall be brought in the appropriate court of competent jurisdiction for the geographical area in which the principal office of the commission is located.

#### Article XII. Qualified Immunity, Defense, and Indemnification

1. The members, officers, executive director, employees, and representatives of the commission shall be immune from suit and liability, either personally or in their official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability caused by or arising

out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred, or that such person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of the person's commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided, that nothing in section 1. of this article shall be construed to protect any such person from suit or liability for any damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by the intentional or willful and wanton misconduct of that person.

2. The commission shall defend any member, officer, executive director, employee, or representative of the commission in any civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of the person's commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that such person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided, that nothing in the compact or commission bylaws or rules shall be construed to prohibit that person from retaining his or her own counsel; and provided further, that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from that person's intentional or willful and wanton misconduct.

3. The commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any member, officer, executive director, employee, or representative of the commission for the amount of any settlement or judgment obtained against the person arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of the person's commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that such person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided, that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission, did not result from the intentional or willful and wanton misconduct of that person.

#### Article XIII. Compacting States, Effective Date, and Amendment

1. Any state is eligible to become a compacting state.

2. The compact shall become effective and binding upon legislative enactment of the compact into law by two compacting states; provided, the commission shall only be established after six states become compacting states. Thereafter, the compact shall become effective and binding as to any other compacting state upon enactment of the compact into law by that state.

3. Amendments to the compact may be proposed by the commission for enactment by the compacting states. No amendment shall become effective and binding until all compacting states enact the amendment into law.

4. If funding is requested or required, the legislative authority of each compacting state shall be responsible for making the appropriations it determines necessary to pay for the costs of the compact, including annual member dues and prize distributions.

## Article XIV. Withdrawal, Default, and Expulsion

### 1. Withdrawal

a. Once effective, the compact shall continue in force and remain binding upon each and every compacting state; provided, that a compacting state may withdraw from the compact by doing both of the following:

i. Repealing the law enacting the compact in that state;

ii. Notifying the commission in writing of the intent to withdraw on a date that is both of the following:

I. At least three years after the date the notice is sent;

II. After the repeal takes effect.

b. The effective date of withdrawal is the date described in section 1.a.ii. of this article.

c. The member representing the withdrawing state shall immediately notify the management committee in writing upon the introduction of legislation in that state repealing the compact. If a management committee has not been established, the member shall immediately notify the commission.

d. The commission or management committee, as applicable, shall notify the other compacting states of the introduction of such legislation within ten days after its receipt of notice thereof.

e. The withdrawing state is responsible for all obligations, duties and liabilities incurred through the effective date of withdrawal, including any obligations, the performance of which extend beyond the effective date of withdrawal. The commission's actions shall continue to be effective and be given full force and effect in the withdrawing state.

f. Reinstatement following a state's withdrawal shall become effective upon the effective date of the subsequent enactment of the compact by that state.

### 2. Default

a. If the commission determines that any compacting state has at any time defaulted in the performance of any of its obligations or responsibilities under the compact or the commission's bylaws or rules, then, after notice and hearing as set forth in the bylaws, all rights, privileges, and benefits conferred by this compact on the defaulting state shall be suspended from the effective date of default as fixed by the commission. The grounds for default include failure of a compacting state to perform its obligations or responsibilities, and any other grounds designated in commission rules. The commission shall immediately notify the defaulting state in writing of the suspension pending cure of the default. The commission shall stipulate the conditions and the time period within which the defaulting state shall cure its default. If the defaulting state fails to cure the default within the time period specified by the

commission, the defaulting state shall be expelled from the compact and all rights, privileges, and benefits conferred by the compact shall be terminated from the effective date of the expulsion. Any state that is expelled from the compact shall be liable for any cure prize or prizes for three years after its removal. The commission shall also take appropriate legal action to ensure that any compacting state that withdraws from the compact remains liable for paying its responsibility towards a prize for a cure that was accepted while the compacting state was a member of the commission.

b. The expelled state must reenact the compact in order to become a compacting state.

### 3. Dissolution of Compact

a. The compact dissolves effective upon the date of either of the following:

i. The withdrawal or expulsion of a compacting state, which withdrawal or expulsion reduces membership in the compact to one compacting state;

ii. The commission votes to dissolve the compact.

b. Upon the dissolution of the compact, the compact becomes null and void and shall be of no further force or effect, and the business and affairs of the commission shall be wound up and any surplus funds shall be distributed in accordance with the commission's bylaws, provided, that the commission shall pay all outstanding prizes awarded before the dissolution of the compact, as well as any other outstanding debts and obligations incurred during the existence of the compact. Any unawarded funds donated to be a part of a prize shall be returned to the donor, along with any interest earned on the amount.

### Article XV. Severability and Construction

1. The provisions of the compact shall be severable; and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision is deemed unenforceable, the remaining provisions of the compact shall be enforceable.

2. The provisions of the compact shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purposes.

### Article XVI. Binding Effect of Compact and Other Laws

1. Other Laws: Nothing herein prevents the enforcement of any other law of a compacting state, except as provided in section 2.b. of this article.

#### 2. Binding Effect of the Compact

a. All lawful actions of the commission, including all commission rules, are binding upon the compacting states.

b. All agreements between the commission and the compacting states are binding in accordance with their terms.

c. Except to the extent authorized by the compacting state's constitution or, if constitutional authorization is not required, by other law of the compacting state, such state, by entering into the compact does not:

i. Commit the full faith and credit or taxing power of the compacting state for the payment of prizes or other obligations under the compact;

ii. Make prize payment responsibilities or other obligations under the compact a debt of the compacting state.

d. Upon the request of a party to a conflict over the meaning or interpretation of commission actions, and upon a majority vote of the compacting states, the commission may issue advisory opinions regarding the meaning or interpretation in dispute.

e. In the event any provision of the compact exceeds the constitutional limits imposed on any compacting state, the obligations, duties, powers or jurisdiction sought to be conferred by that provision upon the commission shall be ineffective as to that compacting state, and those obligations, duties, powers, or jurisdiction shall remain in the compacting state and shall be exercised by the agency thereof to which those obligations, duties, powers, or jurisdiction are delegated by law in effect at the time the compact becomes effective."

After line 89728, insert:

**"Section 333. .PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS STUDY COMMITTEE**

The Department of Medicaid shall establish a committee to study and develop performance indicators for children's hospitals. The Medicaid Director shall appoint the committee's members. The committee shall prepare and submit to the Department a report of its findings and recommendations."

In line 25546, reinsert "February"; delete "January"

In line 25548, reinsert "not less than seventy-five days"; delete "to the first day of"

In line 25549, delete "May of that year"

In line 25550, delete "thirty-first" and insert "thirtieth"; delete "May" and insert "June"

In line 68 of the title, after "4501.24," insert "4503.038,"

In line 272, after "4501.24," insert "4503.038,"

After line 47155, insert:

**"Sec. 4503.038.** (A) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of this amendment, the registrar of motor vehicles shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing a service fee that applies for purposes of sections 4503.03, 4503.036, 4503.042, 4503.10,

4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.182, 4503.24, 4503.65, 4505.061, 4506.08, 4507.24, 4507.50, 4507.52, 4509.05, 4519.03, 4519.05, 4519.10, 4519.56, and 4519.69 of the Revised Code. The service fee shall be ~~not more than five dollars and twenty-five cents and not less than three dollars and fifty cents. When establishing the fee, the registrar shall consider inflation and any other factors the registrar considers to be relevant to the determination.~~

(B) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of this amendment, the registrar shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing prorated service fees that apply for purposes of multi-year registrations authorized under section 4503.103 of the Revised Code. ~~When establishing the fee, the registrar shall consider inflation and any other factors the registrar considers to be relevant to the determination."~~

In line 82862, after "4501.24," insert "4503.038,"

In line 20 of the title, after "991.02," insert "1501.31, 1501.32, 1501.33, 1501.34, 1501.35,"

In line 21 of the title, after "1509.50," insert "1521.01, 1521.03, 1521.04, 1521.06, 1521.062, 1521.063, 1521.16, 1521.99, 1522.10, 1522.101, 1522.11, 1522.12, 1522.13, 1522.14, 1522.15, 1522.19, 1522.20, 1522.21,"

In line 98 of the title, after "4779.08," insert "4906.10,"

In line 144 of the title, after "(113.61)," insert "1501.31 (1521.21), 1501.32 (1521.22), 1501.33 (1521.23), 1501.34 (1521.29), 1501.35 (1521.231), 1522.19 (1522.30),"

In line 146 of the title, after "sections" insert "1522.19,"

In line 151 of the title, after "940.37," insert "1521.24, 1521.25, 1521.26, 1521.27, 1521.28, 1521.30, 1521.31, 1521.32, 1521.33, 1521.34, 1521.35, 1521.36, 1521.40, 1522.121, 1522.122, 1522.123, 1522.124, 1522.125, 1522.23, 1522.24, 1522.25,"

In line 184 of the title, delete "and"; after "5922.08," insert "6109.071, and 6109.072"

In line 187 of the title, after "1501.20," insert "1501.30, 1501.99,"

In line 236, after "991.02," insert "1501.31, 1501.32, 1501.33, 1501.34, 1501.35,"

In line 237, after "1509.50," insert "1521.01, 1521.03, 1521.04, 1521.06, 1521.062, 1521.063, 1521.16, 1521.99, 1522.10, 1522.101, 1522.11, 1522.12, 1522.13, 1522.14, 1522.15, 1522.19, 1522.20, 1522.21,"

In line 293, after "4779.08," insert "4906.10,"

In line 326, after "(113.61)," insert "1501.31 (1521.21), 1501.32 (1521.22), 1501.33 (1521.23), 1501.34 (1521.29), 1501.35 (1521.231), 1522.19 (1522.30),"

In line 328, after "sections" insert "1522.19,"

In line 332, after "940.37," insert "1521.24, 1521.25, 1521.26, 1521.27, 1521.28, 1521.30, 1521.31, 1521.32, 1521.33, 1521.34, 1521.35, 1521.36, 1521.40, 1522.121, 1522.122, 1522.123, 1522.124, 1522.125, 1522.23, 1522.24, 1522.25,"

In line 357, delete "and"; after "5922.08" insert ", 6109.071, and 6109.072"

After line 16023, insert:

**"Sec. 1521.01.** As used in ~~sections 1521.01 to 1521.05 and 1521.13 to 1521.18 of the Revised Code~~this chapter:

(A) ~~"Consumptive use," "diversion," "Lake Erie drainage basin," "other great lakes states and provinces," "water resources," and "waters of the state" have the same meanings as in section 1501.30 of the Revised Code~~means a use of water resources, other than a diversion, that results in a loss of that water to the basin from which it is withdrawn and includes, but is not limited to, evaporation, evapotranspiration, and incorporation of water into a product or agricultural crop.

(B) "Diversion" means a withdrawal of water resources from either the Lake Erie or Ohio river drainage basin and transfer to another basin without return. "Diversion" does not include evaporative loss within the basin of withdrawal.

(C) "Other great lakes states and provinces" means states other than this state that are parties to the great lakes basin compact under Chapter 6161. of the Revised Code and the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

(D) "Water resources" means any waters of the state that are available or may be made available to agricultural, industrial, commercial, and domestic users.

(E) "Waters of the state" includes all streams, lakes, ponds, marshes, watercourses, waterways, wells, springs, irrigation systems, drainage systems, and other bodies or accumulations of water, surface and underground, natural or artificial, regardless of the depth of the strata in which underground water is located, that are situated wholly or partly within or bordering upon this state or are within its jurisdiction.

(F) "Well" means any excavation, regardless of design or method of construction, created for any of the following purposes:

(1) Removing ground water from or recharging water into an aquifer, excluding subsurface drainage systems installed to enhance agricultural crop production or urban or suburban landscape management or to control seepage in dams, dikes, and levees;

(2) Determining the quantity, quality, level, or movement of ground

water in or the stratigraphy of an aquifer, excluding borings for instrumentation in dams, ~~dikes~~, levees, or highway embankments;

(3) Removing or exchanging heat from ground water, excluding horizontal trenches that are installed for water source heat pump systems.

~~(C)~~(G) "Aquifer" means a consolidated or unconsolidated geologic formation or series of formations that are hydraulically interconnected and that have the ability to receive, store, or transmit water.

~~(D)~~(H) "Ground water" means all water occurring in an aquifer.

~~(E)~~(I) "Ground water stress area" means a definable geographic area in which ground water quantity is being affected by human activity or natural forces to the extent that continuous availability of supply is jeopardized by withdrawals.

~~(F)~~(J) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of the Revised Code and also includes the United States, the state, any political subdivision of the state, and any department, division, board, commission, agency, or instrumentality of the United States, the state, or a political subdivision of the state.

~~(G)~~(K) "State agency" or "agency of the state" has the same meaning as "agency" in section 111.15 of the Revised Code.

~~(H)~~(L) "Cone of depression" means a depression or low point in the water table or potentiometric surface of a body of ground water that develops around a location from which ground water is being withdrawn.

(M) "Facility" has the same meaning as in section 1522.10 of the Revised Code.

(N) "Hydrologic study area" means the area within a four-mile radius from the boundary of the withdrawal area.

(O) "Well field" means a contiguous land area containing two or more wells that provide water to a facility.

(P) "Withdrawal area" means the proposed well or well field location or locations.

(Q) "Development" means any artificial change to improved or unimproved real estate, including the construction of buildings and other structures, any substantial improvement of a structure, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavating, and drilling operations, and storage of equipment or materials.

~~(R)~~(R) "Floodplain" means the area adjoining any river, stream, watercourse, or lake that has been or may be covered by flood water.

~~(S)~~(S) "Floodplain management" means the implementation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage, including the collection and dissemination of flood information,



construction of flood control works, nonstructural flood damage reduction techniques, and adoption of rules, ordinances, or resolutions governing development in floodplains.

~~(K)~~(T) "One-hundred-year flood" means a flood having a one per cent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

~~(L)~~(U) "One-hundred-year floodplain" means that portion of a floodplain inundated by a one-hundred-year flood.

~~(M)~~(V) "Structure" means a walled and roofed building, including, without limitation, gas or liquid storage tanks; ~~mobile homes~~; and manufactured homes.

~~(N)~~(W) "Substantial improvement" means any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty per cent of the market value of the structure before the start of construction of the improvement. "Substantial improvement" includes repairs to structures that have incurred substantial damage regardless of the actual repair work performed. "Substantial improvement" does not include either of the following:

(1) Any project for the improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications that have been identified by the state or local code enforcement official having jurisdiction and that are the minimum necessary to ensure safe living conditions;

(2) Any alteration of an historic structure designated or listed pursuant to federal or state law, provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued listing or designation as an historic structure.

~~(O)~~(X) "Substantial damage" means damage of any origin that is sustained by a structure if the cost of restoring the structure to its condition prior to the damage would equal or exceed fifty per cent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

~~(P)~~(Y) "National flood insurance program" means the national flood insurance program established in the "National Flood Insurance Act of 1968," 82 Stat. 572, 42 U.S.C. 4001, as amended, and regulations adopted under it.

~~(Q)~~(Z) "Conservancy district" means a conservancy district established under Chapter 6101. of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 1521.03.** The chief of the division of water resources shall do all of the following:

(A) Assist in an advisory capacity any properly constituted watershed district, conservancy district, or soil and water conservation district or any county, municipal corporation, or other government agency of the state in the planning of works for ground water recharge, flood mitigation, floodplain management, flood control, flow capacity and stability of streams, rivers, and

watercourses, or the establishment of water conservation practices, within the limits of the appropriations for those purposes;

(B) Have authority to conduct basic inventories of the water and related natural resources in each drainage basin in the state; to develop a plan on a watershed basis that will recognize the variety of uses to which water may be put and the need for its management for those uses; with the approval of the director of natural resources and the controlling board, to transfer appropriated or other funds, authorized for those inventories and plan, to any division of the department of natural resources or other state agencies for the purpose of developing pertinent data relating to the plan of water management; and to accept and expend moneys contributed by any person for implementing the development of the plan;

(C) Have authority to make detailed investigations of all factors relating to floods, floodplain management, and flood control in the state with particular attention to those factors bearing upon the hydraulic and hydrologic characteristics of rivers, streams, and watercourses, recognizing the variety of uses to which water and watercourses may be put;

(D) Cooperate with the United States or any agency thereof and with any political subdivision of the state in planning and constructing flood control works;

(E) Hold meetings or public hearings, whichever is considered appropriate by the chief, to assist in the resolution of conflicts between ground water users. Such meetings or hearings shall be called upon written request from boards of health of city or general health districts created by or under the authority of Chapter 3709. of the Revised Code or authorities having the duties of a board of health as authorized by section 3709.05 of the Revised Code, boards of county commissioners, boards of township trustees, legislative authorities of municipal corporations, or boards of directors of conservancy districts and may be called by the chief upon the request of any other person or at the chief's discretion. The chief shall collect and present at such meetings or hearings the available technical information relevant to the conflicts and to the ground water resource. The chief shall prepare a report, and may make recommendations, based upon the available technical data and the record of the meetings or hearings, about the use of the ground water resource. In making the report and any recommendations, the chief also may consider the factors listed in division (B) of section 1521.17 of the Revised Code. The technical information presented, the report prepared, and any recommendations made under this division shall be presumed to be prima-facie authentic and admissible as evidence in any court pursuant to Evidence Rule 902.

(F) Perform stream or ground water gauging and may contract with the United States government or any other agency for the gauging of any

streams or ground water within the state;

(G) Primarily with regard to water quantity, have authority to collect, study, map, and interpret all available information, statistics, and data pertaining to the availability, supply, use, conservation, and replenishment of the ground and surface waters in the state in coordination with other agencies of this state;

(H) Primarily with regard to water quantity and availability, be authorized to cooperate with and negotiate for the state with any agency of the United States government, of this state, or of any other state pertaining to the water resources of the state;

(I) Provide engineering support for the coastal management program established under Chapter 1506. of the Revised Code;

(J) Define "Lake Erie drainage basin" and "Ohio river drainage basin" for the purposes of this chapter and Chapter 1522. of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 1521.04. (A)** ~~The chief of the division of water resources, with the approval of the director of natural resources, may make loans and grants from the water management fund created in section 1501.32-1521.22 of the Revised Code to governmental agencies for water management, water supply improvements, and planning and . The chief may administer grants from the federal government and from other public or private sources for carrying out those functions and for the performance of any acts that may be required by the United States or by any agency or department thereof as a condition for the participation by any governmental agency in any federal financial or technical assistance program. Direct and indirect costs of administration may be paid from the fund.~~

(B) The chief may use the water management fund for the any of the following purposes of administering :

(1) Administering the water diversion and consumptive use permit programs established in sections 1501.30 to 1501.35 of the Revised Code under this chapter and the withdrawal and consumptive use permit program established under sections 1522.10 to 1522.21 Chapter 1522. of the Revised Code; to

(2) To perform watershed and water resources studies for the purposes of water management planning; and to

(3) To acquire, construct, reconstruct, improve, equip, maintain, operate, and dispose of water management improvements. The

(C) The chief may fix, alter, charge, and collect rates, fees, rentals, and other charges to be paid into the fund by governmental agencies and persons who are supplied with water by facilities constructed or operated by the department of natural resources in order to amortize and defray the cost of the construction, maintenance, and operation of those facilities.

**Sec. 1521.06.** (A) No dam may be constructed for the purpose of storing, conserving, or retarding water, or for any other purpose, nor shall any levee be constructed for the purpose of diverting or retaining flood water, unless the person or governmental agency desiring the construction has a construction permit for the dam or levee issued by the chief of the division of water resources.

A construction permit is not required under this section for:

(1) A dam that is or will be less than ten feet in height and that has or will have a storage capacity of not more than fifty acre-feet at the elevation of the top of the dam, as determined by the chief. For the purposes of this section, the height of a dam shall be measured from the natural stream bed or lowest ground elevation at the downstream or outside limit of the dam to the elevation of the top of the dam.

(2) A dam, regardless of height, that has or will have a storage capacity of not more than fifteen acre-feet at the elevation of the top of the dam, as determined by the chief;

(3) A dam, regardless of storage capacity, that is or will be six feet or less in height, as determined by the chief;

(4) A dam or levee that belongs to a class exempted by the chief;

(5) The repair, maintenance, improvement, alteration, or removal of a dam or levee that is subject to section 1521.062 of the Revised Code, unless the construction constitutes an enlargement or reconstruction of the structure as determined by the chief;

(6) A dam or impoundment constructed under Chapter 1513. of the Revised Code.

(B) Before a construction permit may be issued, three copies of the plans and specifications, including a detailed cost estimate, for the proposed construction, prepared by a registered professional engineer, together with any filing fee specified by rules adopted by the chief in accordance with division (I) of this section and the bond or other security required by section 1521.061 of the Revised Code, shall be filed with the chief. The detailed estimate of the cost shall include all costs associated with the construction of the dam or levee, including supervision and inspection of the construction by a registered professional engineer.

All fees collected pursuant to this section, and all fines collected pursuant to section 1521.99 of the Revised Code, shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the dam safety fund, which is hereby created. Expenditures from the fund shall be made by the chief for the purpose of administering this section and sections 1521.061 and 1521.062 of the Revised Code.

(C) The chief shall, within thirty days from the date of the receipt of

the application, fee, and bond or other security, issue or deny a construction permit for the construction or may issue a construction permit conditioned upon the making of such changes in the plans and specifications for the construction as the chief considers advisable if the chief determines that the construction of the proposed dam or levee, in accordance with the plans and specifications filed, would endanger life, health, or property.

(D) The chief may deny a construction permit after finding that a dam or levee built in accordance with the plans and specifications would endanger life, health, or property, because of improper or inadequate design, or for such other reasons as the chief may determine.

In the event the chief denies a permit for the construction of the dam or levee, or issues a permit conditioned upon a making of changes in the plans or specifications for the construction, the chief shall state the reasons therefor and so notify, in writing, the person or governmental agency making the application for a permit. If the permit is denied, the chief shall return the bond or other security to the person or governmental agency making application for the permit.

The decision of the chief conditioning or denying a construction permit is subject to appeal as provided in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. A dam or levee built substantially at variance from the plans and specifications upon which a construction permit was issued is in violation of this section. The chief may at any time inspect any dam or levee, or site upon which any dam or levee is to be constructed, in order to determine whether it complies with this section.

(E) A registered professional engineer shall inspect the construction for which the permit was issued during all phases of construction and shall furnish to the chief such regular reports of the engineer's inspections as the chief may require. When the chief finds that construction has been fully completed in accordance with the terms of the permit and the plans and specifications approved by the chief, the chief shall approve the construction. When one year has elapsed after approval of the completed construction, and the chief finds that within this period no fact has become apparent to indicate that the construction was not performed in accordance with the terms of the permit and the plans and specifications approved by the chief, or that the construction as performed would endanger life, health, or property, the chief shall release the bond or other security. No bond or other security shall be released until one year after final approval by the chief, unless the dam or levee has been modified so that it will not retain water and has been approved as nonhazardous after determination by the chief that the dam or levee as modified will not endanger life, health, or property.

(F) When inspections required by this section are not being performed, the chief shall notify the person or governmental agency to which

the permit has been issued that inspections are not being performed by the registered professional engineer and that the chief will inspect the remainder of the construction. Thereafter, the chief shall inspect the construction and the cost of inspection shall be charged against the owner. Failure of the registered professional engineer to submit required inspection reports shall be deemed notice that the engineer's inspections are not being performed.

(G) The chief may order construction to cease on any dam or levee that is being built in violation of this section, and may prohibit the retention of water behind any dam or levee that has been built in violation of this section. ~~The attorney general, upon written request of the chief, may bring an action for an injunction against any person who violates this section or to enforce an order or prohibition of the chief made pursuant to this section.~~

(H) The chief may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, for the design and construction of dams and levees for which a construction permit is required by this section or for which periodic inspection is required by section 1521.062 of the Revised Code, for deposit and forfeiture of bonds and other securities required by section 1521.061 of the Revised Code, for the periodic inspection, operation, repair, improvement, alteration, or removal of all dams and levees, as specified in section 1521.062 of the Revised Code, and for establishing classes of dams or levees that are exempt from the requirements of this section and section 1521.062 of the Revised Code as being of a size, purpose, or situation that does not present a substantial hazard to life, health, or property. The chief may, by rule, limit the period during which a construction permit issued under this section is valid. The rules may allow for the extension of the period during which a permit is valid upon written request, provided that the written request includes a revised construction cost estimate, and may require the payment of an additional filing fee for the requested extension. If a construction permit expires without an extension before construction is completed, the person or agency shall apply for a new permit, and shall not continue construction until the new permit is issued.

(I) The chief shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing a filing fee schedule for purposes of division (B) of this section.

**Sec. 1521.062.** (A) All dams and levees constructed in this state and not exempted by this section or by the chief of the division of water resources under section 1521.06 of the Revised Code shall be inspected periodically by the chief, except for classes of dams that, in accordance with rules adopted under this section, are required to be inspected by registered professional engineers who have been approved for that purpose by the chief. The inspection shall ensure that continued operation and use of the dam or levee does not constitute a hazard to life, health, or property. Periodic inspections shall not be required of the following structures:

(1) A dam that is less than ten feet in height and has a storage capacity of not more than fifty acre-feet at the elevation of the top of the dam, as determined by the chief. For the purposes of this section, the height of a dam shall be measured from the natural stream bed or lowest ground elevation at the downstream or outside limit of the dam to the elevation of the top of the dam.

(2) A dam, regardless of height, that has a storage capacity of not more than fifteen acre-feet at the elevation of the top of the dam, as determined by the chief;

(3) A dam, regardless of storage capacity, that is six feet or less in height, as determined by the chief;

(4) A dam or levee belonging to a class exempted by the chief;

(5) A dam or levee that has been exempted in accordance with rules adopted under section 1521.064 of the Revised Code.

(B) In accordance with rules adopted under this section, the owner of a dam that is in a class of dams that is designated in the rules for inspection by registered professional engineers shall obtain the services of a registered professional engineer who has been approved by the chief to conduct the periodic inspection of dams pursuant to schedules and other standards and procedures established in the rules. The registered professional engineer shall prepare a report of the inspection in accordance with the rules and provide the inspection report to the dam owner who shall submit it to the chief. A dam that is designated under the rules for inspection by a registered professional engineer, but that is not inspected within a five-year period may be inspected by the chief at the owner's expense.

(C) Intervals between periodic inspections shall be determined by the chief, but shall not exceed five years.

(D) In the case of a dam or levee that the chief inspects, the chief shall furnish a report of the inspection to the owner of the dam or levee. With regard to a dam or levee that has been inspected, either by the chief or by a registered professional engineer, and that is the subject of an inspection report prepared or received by the chief, the chief shall inform the owner of any required repairs, maintenance, investigations, and other remedial and operational measures. The chief shall order the owner to perform such repairs, maintenance, investigations, or other remedial or operational measures as the chief considers necessary to safeguard life, health, or property. The order shall permit the owner a reasonable time in which to perform the needed repairs, maintenance, investigations, or other remedial measures, and the cost thereof shall be borne by the owner. All orders of the chief are subject to appeal as provided in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. ~~The attorney general, upon written request of the chief, may bring an action for an injunction against any person who violates this section or to enforce an order of the chief made~~

~~pursuant to this section.~~

(E) The owner of a dam or levee shall monitor, maintain, and operate the structure and its appurtenances safely in accordance with state rules, terms and conditions of permits, orders, and other requirements issued pursuant to this section or section 1521.06 of the Revised Code. The owner shall fully and promptly notify the division of water resources and other responsible authorities of any condition that threatens the safety of the structure and shall take all necessary actions to safeguard life, health, and property.

(F) Before commencing the repair, improvement, alteration, or removal of a dam or levee, the owner shall file an application including plans, specifications, and other required information with the division and shall secure written approval of the application by the chief. Emergency actions by the owner required to safeguard life, health, or property are exempt from this requirement. The chief may, by rule, define maintenance, repairs, or other remedial measures of a routine nature that are exempt from this requirement.

(G) The chief may remove or correct, at the expense of the owner, any unsafe structures found to be constructed or maintained in violation of this section or section 1521.06 of the Revised Code. In the case of an owner other than a governmental agency, the cost of removal or correction of any unsafe structure, together with a description of the property on which the unsafe structure is located, shall be certified by the chief to the county auditor and placed by the county auditor upon the tax duplicate. This cost is a lien upon the lands from the date of entry and shall be collected as other taxes and returned to the division. In the case of an owner that is a governmental agency, the cost of removal or correction of any unsafe structure shall be recoverable from the owner by appropriate action in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(H) If the condition of any dam or levee is found, in the judgment of the chief, to be so dangerous to the safety of life, health, or property as not to permit time for the issuance and enforcement of an order relative to repair, maintenance, or operation, the chief shall employ any of the following remedial means necessary to protect life, health, and property:

- (1) Lower the water level of the lake or reservoir by releasing water;
- (2) Completely drain the lake or reservoir;
- (3) Take such other measures or actions as the chief considers necessary to safeguard life, health, and property.

The chief shall continue in full charge and control of the dam or levee until the structure is rendered safe. The cost of the remedy shall be recoverable from the owner of the structure by appropriate action in a court of competent jurisdiction.

- (I) The chief may accept and expend gifts, bequests, and grants from



the United States government or from any other public or private source and may contract with the United States government or any other agency or entity for the purpose of carrying out the dam safety functions set forth in this section and section 1521.06 of the Revised Code.

(J) In accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the chief may adopt, and may amend or rescind, rules that do all of the following:

(1) Designate classes of dams for which dam owners must obtain the services of a registered professional engineer to periodically inspect the dams and to prepare reports of the inspections for submittal to the chief;

(2) Establish standards in accordance with which the chief must approve or disapprove registered professional engineers to inspect dams together with procedures governing the approval process;

(3) Establish schedules, standards, and procedures governing periodic inspections and standards and procedures governing the preparation and submittal of inspection reports;

(4) Establish provisions regarding the enforcement of this section and rules adopted under it.

(K) The owner of a dam or levee shall notify the chief in writing of a change in ownership of the dam or levee prior to the exchange of the property.

**Sec. 1521.063.** (A) Except for the federal government, the owner of a dam, that is classified as a class I, class II, or class III dam under rules adopted under section 1521.06 of the Revised Code and subject to section 1521.062 of the Revised Code shall pay an annual fee in accordance with the annual fee schedule established in rules adopted under division (B) of this section. The fee shall be paid to the division of water resources on or before the thirtieth day of June of each year.

All fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the dam safety fund created in section 1521.06 of the Revised Code. Any owner who fails to pay any annual fee required by this section within sixty days after the due date shall be assessed a penalty of ten per cent of the annual fee plus interest at the rate of one-half per cent per month from the due date until the date of payment.

There is hereby created the compliant dam discount program to be administered by the chief of the division of water resources. Under the program, the chief may reduce the amount of the annual fee that an owner of a dam is required to pay in accordance with rules adopted by the chief under division (B) of this section if the owner is in compliance with section 1521.062 of the Revised Code and has developed an emergency action plan pursuant to standards established in rules adopted under this section. The chief shall not discount an annual fee by more than twenty-five per cent of the total annual fee that is due. In addition, the chief shall not discount the annual

fee that is due from the owner of a dam who has been assessed a penalty under this section.

(B)(1) The chief shall, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and subject to the prior approval of the director of natural resources, adopt, and may amend or rescind, rules for the collection of fees and the administration, implementation, and enforcement of this section.

(2) The chief shall, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, adopt rules for the establishment of an annual fee schedule for purposes of this section.

(3) The annual fee schedule must be based on the height of the dam, the linear foot length of the dam, and the per-acre foot of volume of water impounded by the dam. For purposes of this section, the height of a dam is the vertical height, to the nearest foot, as determined by the division under section 1521.062 of the Revised Code.

(C)(+) No person, political subdivision, or state governmental agency shall violate or fail to comply with this section or any rule or order adopted or issued under it.

(2) The attorney general, upon written request of the chief, may commence an action against any such violator. Any action under division (C) (2) of this section is a civil action.

(D) As used in this section, "political subdivision" includes townships, municipal corporations, counties, school districts, municipal universities, park districts, sanitary districts, and conservancy districts and subdivisions thereof.

**Sec. 1521.16.** (A) Any person who owns a facility that has the capacity to withdraw waters of the state in an amount greater than one hundred thousand gallons per day from all sources and whose construction is completed before January 1, 1990, shall register the facility by January 1, 1991, with the chief of the division of water resources, and any person who owns a facility that has the capacity to withdraw waters of the state in such an amount and whose construction is completed on or after January 1, 1990, shall register the facility with the chief within three months after the facility is completed. The person shall register the facility using a form prescribed by the chief that shall include, without limitation, the name and address of the registrant and date of registration; the locations and sources of the facility's water supply; the facility's withdrawal capacity per day and the amount withdrawn from each source; the uses made of the water, places of use, and places of discharge; and such other information as the chief may require by rule.

The registration date of any facility whose construction was completed prior to January 1, 1990, and that is registered under this division prior to January 1, 1991, shall be January 1, 1990. The registration date of any

facility whose construction was completed prior to January 1, 1990, and that is required to register under this division prior to January 1, 1991, but that is not registered prior to that date, and the registration date of any facility whose construction was completed after January 1, 1990, and that is required to register under this division shall be the date on which the registration is received by the chief.

(B) In accordance with division (D) of this section, the chief shall adopt rules establishing standards and criteria for determining when an area of ground water is a ground water stress area, the geographic limits of such an area, and a threshold withdrawal capacity for the area below which registration under this division shall not be required. At any time following the adoption of those rules, the chief may by order designate an area of ground water as a ground water stress area and shall establish in any such order a threshold withdrawal capacity for the area below which registration under this division shall not be required.

Following the designation of a ground water stress area, the chief immediately shall give notice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the designated area that shall include a map delineating the designated ground water stress area and a statement of the threshold withdrawal capacity established for the area below which registration under this division shall not be required. The notice shall not appear in the legal notices section of the newspaper. Any person who owns a facility in the designated ground water stress area that is not registered under division (A) of this section and that has the capacity to withdraw waters of the state in an amount greater than the threshold withdrawal capacity for the area from all sources shall register the facility with the chief not later than thirty days after publication of the notice. A person registering a facility under this division shall do so using a form prescribed by the chief. The form shall include the information specified in division (A) of this section.

(C) Any person who owns a facility registered under division (A) or (B) of this section shall file a report annually with the chief listing the amount of water withdrawn per day by the facility, the return flow per day, and any other information the chief may require by rule. ~~Any person who, under Chapter 6109. of the Revised Code, provides such information to the Ohio environmental protection agency is exempt from reporting under this division. The director of environmental protection shall provide the chief any such reported information upon request.~~

(D) The chief shall adopt, and may amend or rescind, rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to carry out this section.

(E)(1) No person knowingly shall fail to register a facility or file a report as required under this section.

(2) No person shall file a false registration or report under this section.

Violation of division (E)(2) of this section is falsification under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code.

(F) At the request of the director of natural resources, the attorney general may commence a civil action to compel compliance with this section, in a court of common pleas, against any person who has violated or is violating division (E)(1) of this section. The court of common pleas in which a civil action is commenced under this division has jurisdiction to and shall compel compliance with this section upon a showing that the person against whom the action is brought has violated or is violating that division.

Any action under this division is a civil action, governed by the rules of civil procedure and other rules of practice and procedure applicable to civil actions.

**Sec. ~~1501.31~~ 1521.21.**(A) ~~The director of natural~~ chief of the division of water resources shall adopt, and may amend or rescind, rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of sections ~~1501.30 to 1501.35~~ 1521.21 to 1521.36 of the Revised Code.

(B) Sections ~~1501.30 to 1501.35~~ 1521.21 to 1521.36 of the Revised Code do not affect common law riparian rights.

**Sec. ~~1501.32~~ 1521.22.** (A)(1) No person shall divert more than one hundred thousand gallons per day of any waters of the state out of the Ohio river watershed to another basin without having a permit to do so issued by the ~~director of natural~~ chief of the division of water resources.

(2) An application for such a permit shall be filed with the ~~director~~ chief upon such forms as the ~~director~~ chief prescribes. The application shall state the quantity of water to be diverted, the purpose of the diversion, the life of the project for which the water is to be diverted, and such other information as the ~~director~~ chief may require by rule. Each application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of one thousand dollars, which shall be credited to the water management fund, which is hereby created.

(B) The ~~director~~ chief shall not approve a permit application filed under this section if the ~~director~~ chief determines that any of the following applies:

(1) During the life of the project for which the water is to be diverted, some or all of the water to be diverted will be needed for use within the Ohio river watershed.

(2) The proposed diversion would endanger the public health, safety, or welfare.

(3) The applicant has not demonstrated that the proposed diversion is a reasonable and beneficial use and is necessary to serve the applicant's present and future needs.

(4) The applicant has not demonstrated that reasonable efforts have been made to develop and conserve water resources in the importing basin and that further development of those resources would engender overriding, adverse economic, social, or environmental impacts.

(5) The proposed diversion is inconsistent with regional or state water resources plans.

(6) The proposed diversion, alone or in combination with other diversions and water losses, will have a significant adverse impact on in-stream uses or on economic or ecological aspects of water levels.

The ~~director~~chief may hold public hearings upon any application for a permit.

(C) The ~~director~~chief shall determine the period for which each permit approved under this section will be valid and specify the expiration date, but in no case shall a permit be valid beyond the life of the project as stated in the application.

The ~~director~~chief shall establish rules providing for the transfer of permits. A permit may be transferred on the conditions that the quantity of water diverted not be increased and that the purpose of the diversion not be changed.

(D)(1) Within a time established by rule, the ~~director~~chief shall do one of the following:

(a) Notify the applicant that an application the applicant filed under this section is approved or denied and, if denied, the reason for denial;

(b) Notify the applicant of any modification necessary to qualify the application for approval.

(2) Any person who receives notice of a denial or modification under division (D)(1) of this section is entitled to a hearing under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code if the person sends a written request for a hearing to the ~~director~~chief within thirty days after the date on which the notice is mailed or otherwise provided to the applicant.

(3) The chief shall issue a permit to an applicant whose application is approved under this section.

(E) The ~~director~~chief shall revoke a permit under this section without a prior hearing if the ~~director~~chief determines that the quantity of water being diverted exceeds the quantity stated in the permit application.

The ~~director~~chief may suspend a permit if the ~~director~~chief determines that the continued diversion of water will endanger the public health, safety, or welfare. Before suspending a permit, the ~~director~~chief shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the permittee that the ~~director~~chief intends to suspend the permit. If the attempt fails, notification shall be given

as soon as practicable following the suspension. Within five days after the suspension, the ~~director-chief~~ shall provide the permittee an opportunity to be heard and to present evidence that the continued diversion of water will not endanger the public health, safety, or welfare.

If the ~~director-chief~~ determines before the expiration date of a suspended permit that the diversion of water can be resumed without danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the ~~director-chief~~ shall, upon request of the permittee, reinstate the permit.

(F) Any six or more residents of this state may petition the ~~director-chief~~ for an investigation of a withdrawal of water resources that they allege is in violation of a permit issued under this section.

The petition shall identify the permittee and detail the reasons why the petitioners believe that grounds exist for the revocation or suspension of the permit under this section.

Upon receipt of the petition, the ~~director-chief~~ shall send a copy to the permittee and, within sixty days, make a determination whether grounds exist for revocation or suspension of the permit under this section.

(G) Each permittee shall submit to the ~~director-chief~~ an annual report containing such information as the ~~director-chief~~ may require by rule.

**Sec. ~~1501.33~~ 1521.23.** (A) Except as provided in divisions ~~(B), (C), and (D) and (E)~~ of this section, no person shall allow a facility that the person owns or operates to withdraw waters of the state in an amount that would result in a new or increased consumptive use of more than an average of two million gallons of water per day in any thirty-day period without first obtaining a permit from the ~~director of natural chief of the division of water resources~~ under section ~~1501.34~~ 1521.29 of the Revised Code. ~~Prior~~

~~(B) Prior~~ to developing a new or increased withdrawal or consumptive use capacity that would facilitate a withdrawal requiring a permit under ~~this section~~ 1521.29 of the Revised Code, an owner or operator of a facility shall submit an application for a permit to the ~~director-chief~~ on a form the ~~director-chief~~ prescribes. The ~~application-applicant~~ shall declare and document all of the following in the application:

- (1) The facility's current withdrawal capacity per day if the withdrawal is to occur at a facility already in operation;
- (2) The total new or increased daily withdrawal capacity proposed for the facility;
- (3) The locations and sources of water proposed to be withdrawn;
- (4) The locations of proposed discharges or return flows;
- (5) The locations and nature of proposed consumptive uses;
- (6) The estimated average annual and monthly volumes and rates of

withdrawal;

(7) The estimated average annual and monthly volumes and rates of consumptive use;

(8) The effects the withdrawal is anticipated to have with respect to existing uses of water resources;

(9) A description of other ways the applicant's need for water may be satisfied if the application is denied or modified;

(10) A description of the conservation practices the applicant intends to follow;

(11) All information required under sections 1521.24 to 1521.27 of the Revised Code if the sources of water for the proposed withdrawal are ground water;

~~(12) Any other information the director-chief may require by rule.~~

~~(C) Each application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of one thousand dollars, which shall be credited to the water management fund created under section 1501.32-1521.22 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(B)-(D) A major utility facility that is subject to regulation under Chapter 4906. of the Revised Code, a facility that is subject to regulation under Chapter 1514. of the Revised Code, or a facility that is required to obtain a permit under sections 1522.10 to 1522.30 of the Revised Code need not obtain a permit under section 1501.34-1521.29 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(C)(1)-(E) A public water system, as that term is defined in section 6109.01 of the Revised Code, that withdraws waters of the state in an amount that would result in a new or increased consumptive use of more than two million gallons per day need not obtain a permit under section 1501.34-1521.29 of the Revised Code if any one of the following applies:~~

~~(a)-(1) The public water system was in operation on June 29, 1988, and no substantial changes in the design capacity are proposed for that system except as specified in division (C)(1)(c) of this section.~~

~~(b)-(2) A public water system that is proposed to be constructed or installed, or an existing system for which changes are proposed, encompasses only water distribution facilities.~~

~~(c) A public water system, other than one that encompasses only water distribution facilities, is proposed to be constructed or installed, or substantial changes in the design capacity of an existing system, other than one that encompasses only water distribution facilities, are proposed; the plans submitted for the system to the director of environmental protection under section 6109.07 of the Revised Code declare and document the information specified in division (A) of this section and rules adopted under it as determined by the director of natural resources; and the director of~~

environmental protection has applied the criteria specified in division (A) of section 1501.34 of the Revised Code in reviewing and approving the plans as determined by the director of natural resources:

(2) Any public water system that withdraws waters of the state in an amount that would result in a new or increased consumptive use of more than two million gallons per day and that does not meet the criteria specified in division (C)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section shall obtain a permit under section 1501.34 of the Revised Code. A person who submits plans for such a system under section 6109.07 of the Revised Code may request the director of natural resources in writing to consider those plans as an application under this section. No later than twenty days after receiving the request, the director shall notify the person of one of the following:

(a) The plans declare and document the information specified in division (A) of this section and rules adopted under it and are accepted as an application under this section, and the person shall submit to the director the application fee required under division (A) of this section.

(b) Additional specified information is necessary before the director can accept the plans as an application.

(c) The plans do not meet the requirements of division (A) of this section and rules adopted under it and an application shall be submitted in accordance with this section.

(d) A facility that is required to obtain a permit under sections 1522.10 to 1522.21 of the Revised Code need not obtain a permit under section 1501.34 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 1501.35 1521.31.** Whenever any person submits an application under section ~~1501.33~~ 1521.23 of the Revised Code to withdraw water from the Lake Erie drainage basin that would result in a new or increased consumptive use totaling more than five million gallons per day or whenever a major utility facility subject to regulation under Chapter 4906. of the Revised Code proposes to make such a withdrawal, the director ~~chief~~ of ~~natural~~ the division of water resources shall notify the governors and premiers of the other great lakes states and provinces, the appropriate water management agencies of those states and provinces, and, when appropriate, the international joint commission and shall solicit their comments and concerns regarding the application. In the event of an objection to the proposed consumptive use, the ~~director~~ chief shall consult with the affected great lakes states and provinces to consider the issues involved and seek mutually agreeable recommendations. Before rendering a decision on the permit application, the ~~director~~ chief shall consider the concerns, comments, and recommendations of the other great lakes states and provinces and the international joint commission.

**Sec. 1521.24.** Along with an application for a permit submitted under



section 1521.23 of the Revised Code, an applicant that proposes to withdraw ground water shall submit data in a form prescribed by the chief of the division of water resources that includes all of the following:

(A) A hydrologic map consisting of a single map using the most recent USGS 7.5 minute topographic maps at a scale of 1:24,000 as a base or other approved format that shows all of the information described in section 1521.25 of the Revised Code;

(B) A hydrogeologic description in sufficient detail to determine the cone of depression for the proposed withdrawal that includes all of the information described in section 1521.26 of the Revised Code;

(C) A steady state ground water model that defines the projected cone of depression for the proposed withdrawal that complies with section 1521.27 of the Revised Code;

(D) Alternative water supply information that includes an analysis of the availability and suitability of alternative water supply sources that will be utilized to fulfill the water supply replacement provisions of section 1521.35 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 1521.25.** An applicant shall show all of the following on the hydrologic map required under division (A) of section 1521.24 of the Revised Code:

(A) The proposed withdrawal area;

(B) The hydrologic study area;

(C) A line delineating the location of the cross sections required under division (E) of section 1521.26 of the Revised Code;

(D) The location of and assigned identification number for the selected water supply wells identified in division (D) of section 1521.26 of the Revised Code and all other water sources used for domestic, agricultural, or industrial use within the proposed withdrawal area and hydrologic study area;

(E) The location of any well, well field, reservoir, river, and water source not identified under division (D) of this section on or within the hydrologic study area that is used for a public water supply and the location of any facility registered under section 1521.16 of the Revised Code on or within the hydrologic study area;

(F) Any additional information that the chief of the division of water resources may require based on site-specific conditions.

**Sec. 1521.26.** An applicant shall include all of the following with the hydrogeologic description required under division (B) of section 1521.24 of the Revised Code:

(A) A detailed description of the geology within the proposed

withdrawal and hydrologic study area down to the lowest level of any aquifer from which water is proposed to be withdrawn. The description must include the areal and structural geology of the withdrawal and hydrologic study area, and any other parameter that may affect the occurrence, availability, movement, or quantity of potentially affected ground waters. The description must be based on information available to the applicant from test borings, core drillings, well logs, and geologic literature and practices.

(B) Information related to the ground water hydrology for the proposed withdrawal and hydrologic study area including, at a minimum, all of the following:

(1) The elevation and the lateral extent of each aquifer, interbedded lithology, and overburden material;

(2) The thickness of each aquifer and a detailed lithologic description from surface to base of the deepest aquifer, noting any changes in lithology over distance;

(3) Known uses of and withdrawals from the water in each aquifer;

(4) The transmissivity of each aquifer;

(5) The storativity of each aquifer;

(6) The hydraulic conductivity of each aquifer;

(7) The specific yield of each unconfined aquifer;

(8) The rate of discharge of any currently registered water withdrawals shown pursuant to division (E) of section 1521.25 of the Revised Code.

(C) A listing of the published information and data, and copies of the unpublished records and data, used in preparation of the items in divisions (A) and (B) of this section, including core descriptions, cuttings descriptions, stratigraphic descriptions, and pump or slug test records;

(D) A water supply inventory representing all aquifers submitted in a format prescribed by the chief of the division of water resources that, at a minimum, includes all of the following:

(1) All of the existing water wells within the study area if there are fewer than one hundred wells. If there are more than one hundred wells within the study area, the inventory must include one hundred wells plus twenty-five per cent of those wells in excess of one hundred, but shall not exceed a total of three hundred wells.

(2) A listing of water sources in the proposed withdrawal and hydrologic study area as shown pursuant to divisions (D) and (E) of section 1521.25 of the Revised Code. Such water sources must include the most recently drilled wells, represent all aquifers and producing zones within the aquifers, and reflect a uniform geographical distribution of wells within the study area. The listing must include, to the extent available, all of the

following for each well:

(a) The map identification number listed under division (D) of section 1521.25 of the Revised Code;

(b) The department of natural resources, division of water resources number assigned to the log form required to be filed under section 1521.05 of the Revised Code;

(c) The township in which each well is located;

(d) The year the well was drilled;

(e) The latitude and longitude in NAD 83 of the well;

(f) The surface elevation of the well in feet;

(g) The total depth of the well in feet below the land surface;

(h) The depth to bedrock in feet;

(i) A description of unconsolidated material;

(j) The static water level of the well in feet below the land surface;

(k) The casing length in feet;

(l) The lithology of the screen interval/open borehole;

(m) The length of any well screen in feet;

(n) The test rate in gallons per minute;

(o) The duration of the test;

(p) The drawdown in feet.

(3) A listing of the location and type of any public water supply sources within the withdrawal and hydrologic study area;

(4) A copy of the division of water resources well logs for the wells listed in division (D) of this section.

Prior to submission of an application, an applicant may submit a request in writing to the chief to reduce the number or extent of the submittals required in division (D) of this section. The chief may grant the request only if the chief makes a written determination that this reduction will not diminish the level of accuracy in the ground water model. If the chief grants a reduction, the written request and determination shall be submitted with the permit application. If information required in the water supply inventory is unobtainable, the applicant shall submit a statement to that effect, giving the reasons therefor.

(E) A minimum of two perpendicular hydrogeologic cross sections of the same scale for the hydrologic study area based on available information. Such cross sections must be of uniform horizontal and uniform vertical scale, depict the information required in divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section, intersect the center of the proposed withdrawal, and include the data points

used to construct the cross section.

(F) Any other information the chief may require.

For purposes of the hydrogeologic description and to establish pre-pumping water level conditions, the chief may require the applicant to monitor water levels from each aquifer from which water is proposed to be withdrawn. The applicant shall conduct such monitoring via the wells listed in division (D) of this section or new monitoring wells drilled by the applicant. The chief also may require pre-pumping tests.

**Sec. 1521.27.** (A) An applicant shall ensure that both of the following apply to the steady state ground water model required under division (C) of section 1521.24 of the Revised Code:

(1) It accurately reflects the ground water flow conditions associated with the hydrologic study area and is consistent with American society for testing and materials international standards.

(2) It is in the form of a three-dimensional ground water flow model utilizing finite difference modeling software or other modeling software acceptable to the chief of the division of water resources.

(B) The applicant shall submit the model results in a format prescribed by the chief. The applicant shall include detailed explanations of the hydrologic and geologic parameters used to construct the model, including all of the following:

(1) The saturated thickness of each aquifer;

(2) The elevation of the static water level or potentiometric surface of each aquifer;

(3) Whether each aquifer is confined or unconfined;

(4) The pumping water level elevation at steady state conditions.

**Sec. 1521.28.** The chief of the division of water resources shall use the data submitted under sections 1521.24 to 1521.27 of the Revised Code to establish the geographic area defined by the ten-foot contour line of the projected cone of depression for any approved application for the withdrawal of ground water. However, the chief may designate a different contour line based upon water resource availability, seasonal variations, other water users in the hydrologic study area, or other ground water data available.

**Sec. ~~1501.34~~ 1521.29.** (A) The ~~director of natural~~ chief of the division of water resources shall not approve an application submitted under section ~~1501.33~~ 1521.23 of the Revised Code if ~~he~~ the chief determines that any of the following criteria apply:

(1) Public water rights in navigable waters will be adversely affected;

(2) The facility's current consumptive use, if any, does not incorporate maximum feasible conservation practices as determined by the ~~director~~ chief,

considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives;

(3) The proposed plans for the withdrawal, transportation, development, and consumptive use of water resources do not incorporate maximum feasible conservation practices as determined by the ~~director~~ chief, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives;

(4) The proposed withdrawal and consumptive uses do not reasonably promote the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare;

(5) The proposed withdrawal will have a significant detrimental effect on the quantity or quality of water resources and related land resources in this state, including a significant lowering of the water level within or the overdrafting of an aquifer;

(6) The proposed withdrawal is inconsistent with regional or state water resources plans;

(7) Insufficient water is available for the withdrawal and other existing legal uses of water resources are not adequately protected;

(8) A significant diminution will occur in the amount of water available to existing wells or an interruption of existing ground water usage will occur within the geographic area established by the chief pursuant to section 1521.28 of the Revised Code without a suitable replacement water supply source;

(9) A withdrawal or consumptive use will cause irreparable material damage to an aquifer such that the aquifer may no longer yield the amount of water it did before the withdrawal or consumptive use proposed in the application.

(B) The ~~director~~ chief may hold public hearings upon any application for a permit submitted under section ~~1501.33-1521.23~~ of the Revised Code. The ~~director~~ chief shall determine the period for which each permit approved under this section will be valid and specify the expiration date, but in no case shall a permit be valid beyond the life of the project as stated in the application. ~~The director shall establish rules providing for the transfer of permits. A permit may be transferred on the conditions that the quantity of water withdrawn not be increased and that the purposes of the withdrawal not be changed.~~

(C)(1) Within a time established by rule ninety days of receiving a complete application, the ~~director~~ chief shall do one of the following:

(a) Notify the applicant that ~~an~~ the applicant's application ~~he~~ submitted under section ~~1501.33-1521.23~~ of the Revised Code is approved or denied and, if denied, the reason for denial;

(b) Notify the applicant of any modification necessary to qualify the

application for approval.

(2) Any person who receives notice of a denial or modification under this division is entitled to a hearing under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code if the person sends a written request for a hearing to the ~~director~~ chief within thirty days after the date on which the notice is mailed or otherwise provided to the applicant.

~~(D) The director shall revoke a permit under this section without a prior hearing if he determines that the quantity of water being consumed exceeds the quantity stated in the permit application. The chief shall issue a permit to an applicant whose application is approved under this section.~~

~~The director may suspend a permit if he determines that the continued consumption of water under the permit will endanger the public health, safety, or welfare. Before suspending a permit, the director shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the permittee that he intends to suspend the permit. If the attempt fails, notification shall be given as soon as practicable following the suspension. Within five days after the suspension, the director shall provide the permittee an opportunity to be heard and to present evidence that the continued consumption of water will not endanger the public health, safety, or welfare.~~

~~If the director determines, before the expiration date of a suspended permit, that the consumption of water can be resumed without danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, he shall, upon request of the permittee, reinstate the permit.~~

~~(E) Any six or more residents of this state may petition the director for an investigation of a withdrawal of water resources that they allege is in violation of a permit issued under this section.~~

~~The petition shall identify the permittee and detail the reasons why the petitioners believe that grounds exist for the revocation or suspension of the permit under this section.~~

~~Upon receipt of the petition, the director shall send a copy to the permittee and, within sixty days, make a determination whether grounds exist for revocation or suspension of the permit under this section.~~

~~(F) Each permittee under this section shall submit to the director an annual report containing such information as the director may require by rule.~~

**Sec. 1521.30.** (A) With regard to a permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code, the permittee shall submit to the chief of the division of water resources an annual report containing any information as the chief shall require by rule.

(B) If the facility for which a permit has been issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code withdraws ground water, the chief may require the continued monitoring and reporting of water levels in each aquifer via

existing wells or new monitoring wells drilled by the permittee.

(C) With regard to a permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code, the permittee, at least once every five years, shall certify to the chief that the facility for which the permit has been issued is in compliance with the permit.

(D) The chief shall adopt rules for the transfer of permits issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code. The chief may allow a permit to be transferred on the condition that the quantity of water withdrawn not be increased and that the purposes of the withdrawal not be changed.

**Sec. 1521.31.** (A) The chief of the division of water resources may require a permittee that has been issued a permit under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code to decrease its withdrawal and submit a revised ground water model under section 1521.27 of the Revised Code if either of the following applies:

(1) The permittee's reported ground water monitoring data conflicts with the permittee's ground water model.

(2) The results of the division of water resources' investigation of any written complaint under section 1521.36 of the Revised Code indicate that the permittee's withdrawal caused the diminution or interruption of a person's water supply.

(B) If so required under division (A) of this section, the permittee shall submit the revised ground water modeling using additional data that reflects the permittee's impact on ground water. Based upon the revised ground water modeling and additional data, the chief may amend the permit to decrease the withdrawal or establish a revised projected cone of depression.

(C) A permittee may request the chief to amend a permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code when another ground water user affects or has the potential to affect the projected cone of depression. The permittee shall submit with the request a revised ground water model using additional data that reflects the other ground water user's impact on ground water. Based on the revised ground water model and additional data, the chief may establish a revised projected cone of depression and amend the permit accordingly.

**Sec. 1521.32.** (A) The chief may suspend a permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code pursuant to an adjudication conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code if the chief determines one of the following:

(1) That the continued withdrawal or consumptive use of water under the permit will endanger the public health, safety, or welfare;

(2) That the withdrawal or consumptive use of water will result in a significant lowering of the water level within an aquifer, the overdrafting of

an aquifer, or the imminent threat of irreparable material damage to an aquifer such that the aquifer will no longer yield the amount of water it did before the withdrawal or consumptive use.

(B) Before suspending a permit, the chief shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the permittee that the chief intends to suspend the permit. If the attempt fails, notification shall be given as soon as practicable following the suspension.

(C) Within five days after the suspension, the chief shall provide the permittee an opportunity for a hearing. At the hearing the permittee may present evidence that the continued withdrawal or consumptive use of water is warranted because the reasons for suspension specified in division (A) of this section do not apply.

(D) Prior to the expiration of a suspended permit, a permittee may request the chief to amend the suspended permit. The chief may amend the permit and allow the withdrawal or consumptive use of water under it to be resumed if the chief determines that, under the amended permit, the reasons for suspension specified in division (A) of this section will no longer apply.

(E)(1) Any six or more residents of this state may petition the chief for an investigation of a withdrawal of water resources that they allege is in violation of a permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code.

(2) In the petition, the petitioners shall identify the permittee and detail the reasons why the petitioners believe that grounds exist for the suspension of the permit under this section or the revocation of the permit under section 1521.33 of the Revised Code.

(3) Upon receipt of the petition, the chief shall send a copy to the permittee and, within sixty days, make a determination whether grounds exist for suspension of the permit under this section or revocation of the permit under section 1521.33 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 1521.33.** The chief may revoke a permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code pursuant to an adjudication conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code if one of the following applies:

(A) The continued withdrawal or consumptive use of water under the permit will endanger the public health, safety, or welfare.

(B) The withdrawal or consumptive use of water will result in a significant lowering of the water level within an aquifer, the overdrafting of an aquifer, or the imminent threat of irreparable material damage to an aquifer such that the aquifer will no longer yield the amount of water it did before the withdrawal or consumptive use.

(C) The permittee has violated, is violating, or is threatening to violate any provision in sections 1521.23 to 1521.36 of the Revised Code, rules



adopted under those sections, or a permit or order issued under those sections.

**Sec. 1521.34.** (A) For purposes of this section, "public water system" has the same meaning as in section 6109.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) The chief shall provide written notice to the director of environmental protection and the permittee at least ten business days prior to requiring a permittee that is a public water system to decrease its withdrawal, or prior to revoking, suspending, or amending the public water system's permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code. Nothing in this section affects a public water system's obligation to comply with Chapter 6109. of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under it.

**Sec. 1521.35.** (A) An owner of real property that is located within the geographic area established under section 1521.28 of the Revised Code with respect to a permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code may submit a written complaint to the permittee or to the chief of the division of water resources informing the permittee or the chief that there is a diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply if both of the following apply:

(1) The owner obtains all or part of the owner's water supply for domestic, agricultural, industrial, or other legitimate use from ground water.

(2) There is a diminution or interruption of that water supply.

The owner shall include in the complaint the owner's name, address, and telephone number.

(B) If the chief receives a written complaint submitted in accordance with division (A) of this section, upon receipt the chief shall send a copy of the complaint to the permittee, and the permittee shall immediately respond by sending the chief a statement that explains how the permittee resolved or will resolve the complaint.

If the permittee receives the written complaint in accordance with division (A) of this section, the permittee shall send a copy of the complaint, within fourteen days after receiving the complaint, to the chief and include a statement that explains how the permittee resolved or will resolve the complaint. Nothing in this section relieves a permittee from performing the duties specified in division (C) of this section.

(C) Not later than seventy-two hours after the permittee receives the complaint and if the complaint is not resolved as verified by the chief, the permittee shall provide the owner with a supply of water that is comparable to the owner's water supply prior to the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply. The chief shall approve the method of providing the water supply. The permittee shall maintain that water supply unless the chief determines that the permittee has rebutted the presumption established in division (D) of this section.

(D) A rebuttable presumption exists that the withdrawal by the

permittee caused the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply. However, not later than fourteen days after receipt of the complaint, the permittee may submit to the chief information showing that the permittee is not the proximate cause of the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply. The chief shall evaluate the information submitted by the permittee to determine if the presumption is rebutted.

(E) If the permittee fails to rebut the presumption, the chief shall notify the permittee and the owner in writing that the permittee failed to rebut the presumption.

(F) If the permittee rebuts the presumption, the chief shall notify the permittee and the owner that the permittee rebutted the presumption. Upon receipt of that notice, the permittee may cease providing a supply of water to the owner under division (C) of this section.

(G) If, within fourteen days after receipt of the complaint, the permittee fails to submit to the chief information showing that the withdrawal is not the proximate cause of the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply, such failure shall be considered a failure to rebut the presumption.

**Sec. 1521.36.** (A) An owner of real property that is located outside the geographic area established under section 1521.28 of the Revised Code with respect to a permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code may submit a written complaint to the permittee or to the chief of the division of water resources if both of the following apply:

(1) The owner obtains all or part of the owner's water supply for domestic, agricultural, industrial, or other legitimate use from ground water.

(2) There is a diminution or interruption of that water supply.

The owner shall include in the complaint the owner's name, address, and telephone number.

(B) If the chief receives the written complaint submitted under division (A) of this section, upon receipt the chief shall send the permittee a copy of the complaint. If the permittee receives the written complaint, upon receipt the permittee shall send the chief a copy of the complaint.

(C) The chief shall investigate the complaint. Upon completion of the investigation, the chief shall send the results of the investigation to the permittee and to the owner that submitted the complaint.

(D) The owner that submitted the complaint may resolve the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply with the permittee or may commence a civil action for that purpose.

**Sec. 1521.40.** (A) No person shall violate any provision of this chapter, any rule or order adopted or issued under it, or any term or condition of a permit issued under it.

(B) The attorney general, upon written request of the chief of the division of water resources, shall bring an action for an injunction or other appropriate legal or equitable action against any person who has violated, is violating, or is threatening to violate any provision of this chapter, any rule or order adopted or issued under it, or any term or condition of a permit issued under it.

(C) A person who violates any provision of this chapter, any rule or order adopted or issued under it, or any term or condition of a permit issued under it is liable to the chief for any costs incurred by the division of water resources in investigating, mitigating, minimizing, removing, or abating the violation and conditions caused by it.

(D) Upon the request of the chief, the attorney general shall bring a civil action against the responsible person to recover those costs in the court of common pleas of Franklin county. Moneys recovered under this division shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the water management fund created in section 1521.22 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 1521.99.** (A) Whoever violates division (E)(1) of section 1521.05 or division (E)(1) of section 1521.16 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(B) Whoever violates section 1521.06 or 1521.062 of the Revised Code shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for each offense. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense.

(C) Whoever violates section 1521.22 of the Revised Code or the terms or conditions of a permit issued under that section shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars for each day of violation.

(D) Whoever violates section 1521.23 of the Revised Code or the terms or conditions of a permit issued under section 1521.29 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

**Sec. 1522.10.** As used in sections 1522.10 to ~~1522.21~~ 1522.30 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Baseline facility" means a facility identified in the baseline report or a facility added to the baseline report under section 1522.16 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Baseline facility abandonment" means the voluntary and affirmative termination of a baseline facility's withdrawal and consumptive use capacity as listed in the baseline report. "Baseline facility abandonment" does not include the nonuse or the transfer of a baseline facility's withdrawal and consumptive use capacity unless either of the following applies:

(1) The nonuse continues for fifteen consecutive years for a facility with a potential withdrawal from Lake Erie or a recognized navigational

channel and the nonuse is not extended in accordance with division (B) of section 1522.16 of the Revised Code.

(2) For a facility to which division (B)(1) of this section does not apply, the nonuse continues for thirty-six consecutive months and is not extended in accordance with division (B) of section 1522.16 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Baseline report" means a list of the withdrawal and consumptive use capacities of facilities that was developed for purposes of Section 4.12 of the great lakes-st. Lawrence river basin water resources compact by the department of natural resources and submitted to the great lakes-st. Lawrence river basin water resources council on December 8, 2009.

(D) "Capacity" means the ability of a facility's pumps, pipes, and other appurtenances to withdraw water presented in terms of withdrawal capacity, treatment capacity, distribution capacity, or other capacity-limiting factors.

(E) "Compact" means the great lakes-st. Lawrence river basin water resources compact set forth in section 1522.01 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Consumptive use" has the same meaning as in section 1522.01 of the Revised Code. For purposes of determining a new or increased capacity for consumptive use, "consumptive use" is the use based on a coefficient of consumptive use generally accepted in the scientific community that most accurately reflects the process at a facility or the use based on facility specific data, whichever is more accurate.

(G) "Diversion" has the same meaning as in section 1522.01 of the Revised Code.

(H) "Facility" means any site, installation, or building at which water withdrawal and consumptive use activities take place or are proposed to take place, that is located at a property or on contiguous properties, ~~and that is under the direction of either a private or public entity.~~ "Facility" includes any site, installation, building, or service area of a public water system at or within which water withdrawal and consumptive use activities take place.

(I) "Facility abandonment" means the voluntary and affirmative termination of a facility's withdrawal and consumptive use capacity as listed in a withdrawal and consumptive use permit issued under section 1522.12 of the Revised Code. "Facility abandonment" does not include the nonuse or the transfer of a facility's withdrawal and consumptive use capacity unless either of the following applies:

(1) The nonuse continues for fifteen consecutive years for a facility with a potential withdrawal from Lake Erie or a recognized navigational channel and the nonuse is not extended in accordance with division (B) of section 1522.16 of the Revised Code.

(2) For a facility to which division (I)(1) of this section does not apply,

the nonuse continues for thirty-six consecutive months and is not extended in accordance with division (B) of section 1522.16 of the Revised Code.

(J) "High quality water" means a river or stream segment that has been designated by the environmental protection agency under Chapter 3745-1 of the Administrative Code as an exceptional warm water habitat, cold water habitat, outstanding state water, or superior high-quality water.

(K) "Increased capacity" does not include any capacity that results from alterations or changes made at a facility that replace existing capacity without increasing the capacity of the facility.

(L) "Public water system" has the same meaning as in section 6109.01 of the Revised Code.

(M) "Recognized navigation channel" means that portion of a river or stream extending from bank to bank that is a direct tributary of Lake Erie and that, as of the effective date of this section September 4, 2012, is a state or federally maintained navigation channel.

(N) "River or stream" means a body of water running or flowing, either continually or intermittently, on the earth's surface or a channel in which such flow occurs.

(O) "Water" means ground or surface water contained within the basin of the Lake Erie source watershed.

(P) "Aquifer," "cone of depression," "ground water," "hydrologic study area," "well," "well field," and "withdrawal area" have the same meanings as in section 1521.01 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 1522.101.** For purposes of sections 1522.10 to ~~1522.21~~ 1522.30 of the Revised Code, a reference to source watershed or the Lake Erie source watershed means the Lake Erie watershed considered as a whole.

**Sec. 1522.11.** (A) No person shall install or operate a facility or equipment that results in a new or increased diversion of any water out of the Lake Erie watershed to another watershed without first obtaining a permit to do so issued by the chief of the division of water resources. An application for such a permit shall be submitted to the chief on a form that the chief prescribes. An application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of one thousand dollars, which shall be credited to the water management fund created in section ~~1501.32~~ 1521.22 of the Revised Code.

(B) The chief shall approve a permit application submitted under this section only if the chief determines that it meets the criteria required to qualify as an exception to the prohibition against diversions established in Section 4.9 of the compact. The chief shall issue or deny a permit through issuance of an order.

**Sec. 1522.12.**(A) For purposes of the compact, ~~not later than one hundred eighty days after September 4, 2012,~~ the chief of the division of

~~water resources shall establish a program for the issuance of permits for the withdrawal and consumptive use of water from the Lake Erie watershed. Upon establishment of the program, the owner or operator of a facility within the Lake Erie watershed that is not otherwise exempt under section 1522.14 of the Revised Code shall obtain a withdrawal and consumptive use permit from the chief of the division of water resources if the facility meets any of the following threshold criteria:~~

(1) The facility has a new or increased capacity for withdrawals or consumptive uses from Lake Erie or a recognized navigation channel of at least two and one-half million gallons per day.

(2) Except as provided in division (A)(3) of this section, the facility has a new or increased capacity for withdrawals or consumptive uses from any river or stream or from ground water in the Lake Erie watershed of at least one million gallons per day.

(3)(a) Except as provided in division (A)(3)(b) of this section, the facility has a new or increased capacity for withdrawals or consumptive uses from any river or stream in the Lake Erie watershed that is a high quality water of at least one hundred thousand gallons per day. Division (A)(3) of this section does not apply to withdrawals and consumptive uses from outstanding state waters that are designated as such by the environmental protection agency due to their exceptional recreational values.

(b) If a river or stream or segment thereof is designated as a high quality water as of September 4, 2012, the threshold established in division (A)(3)(a) of this section applies to the river or stream or segment thereof and the entire watershed upstream of that river, stream, or segment. If a river or stream or segment thereof is designated as a high quality water after September 4, 2012, the threshold established in division (A)(3)(a) of this section applies to the river or stream or segment thereof and the entire watershed upstream of that river, stream, or segment, provided that the director of environmental protection and the director of natural resources, or their designees, jointly determine that the proposed withdrawal or consumptive use would cause the high quality water to lose its designation as a high quality water. If the directors determine that the proposed withdrawal or consumptive use would not cause the high quality water to lose that designation, the threshold established in division (A)(2) of this section applies to the withdrawal or consumptive use at a point beginning one thousand feet upstream of the upstream end of the designated high quality water segment or at a point beginning two times the length of the river, stream, or segment that has been designated as a high quality water, whichever is greater.

Upon establishment of the withdrawal and consumptive use permit program under this division, the owner or operator of a facility that is not otherwise exempt under section 1522.14 of the Revised Code and that is

subject to a threshold specified in division (A)(1) or (2) of this section, after submitting an application for a permit under this section and a determination by the chief that the application is complete, may commence installation of the facility or equipment that will result in a new or increased withdrawal or consumptive use of water in the Lake Erie watershed prior to issuance of the withdrawal and consumptive use permit.

~~Upon establishment of the withdrawal and consumptive use permit program under this division, the~~ ~~(B)~~ An owner or operator of a facility that is not otherwise exempt under section 1522.14 of the Revised Code and that is subject to a threshold specified in division (A)~~(3)~~ of this section shall not install or operate the facility or equipment that will result in a new or increased withdrawal or consumptive use of water in the Lake Erie watershed without first obtaining a withdrawal and consumptive use permit.

~~(B)-(C)~~ (C) Permits issued under this section shall be issued only for the amount of withdrawal or consumptive use capacity of a facility that meets or exceeds threshold amounts established in division (A) of this section. A permit shall not be required for the portion of the withdrawal and consumptive use capacity of the facility below that threshold amount.

~~(C)-(D)~~ (D) An applicant for a permit shall submit an application to the chief on a form that the chief prescribes. The applicant shall include with the application all of the following:

- (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the applicant and of a contact person for the applicant;
- (2) The names, addresses, and other necessary contact information of any other owners and operators of the facility;
- (3) A description of all of the following:
  - (a) The facility's current withdrawal capacity per day if the withdrawal is to occur at a facility already in operation;
  - (b) The total new or increased daily withdrawal capacity proposed for the facility;
  - (c) The locations and sources of water proposed to be withdrawn;
  - (d) The locations of proposed discharges or return flows;
  - (e) The locations and nature of proposed consumptive uses and the applicable consumptive use coefficient for the facility;
  - (f) The estimated average annual and monthly volumes and rates of withdrawal;
  - (g) The estimated average annual and monthly volumes and rates of consumptive use;
  - (h) The environmentally sound and economically feasible water conservation measures to be undertaken by the applicant;

(i) Other ways the applicant's need for water may be satisfied if the application is denied or modified;

~~(j)-(4)~~ All information required in sections 1522.121 to 1522.124 of the Revised Code if the source of water for the proposed withdrawal is ground water;

~~(5)~~ Any other information the chief may require to adequately consider the application-;

~~(4)(6)~~ A nonrefundable application fee of one thousand dollars, the proceeds of which shall be credited to the water management fund created in section ~~1501.32~~ 1521.22 of the Revised Code.

~~(D)-(E)~~ Provided that a facility meets all applicable permit conditions, a permit for the facility is valid until the facility is the subject of facility abandonment. Once every five years, the owner or operator of a facility shall certify to the chief that the facility is in compliance with the permit that has been issued for the facility.

~~(E)-(F)~~ No person that is required to do so shall fail to apply for and receive a withdrawal and consumptive use permit.

~~(F)-(G)~~ A permit issued under this section shall include terms and conditions restricting the withdrawal and consumptive use by a facility to amounts not exceeding the capacity of the facility.

~~(G)-(H)~~ The chief shall issue or deny a permit not later than ninety days after receipt of a complete application. If applicable, the chief shall comply with the requirements regarding prior notice established in Section 4.6 of the compact. The chief shall issue or deny a permit through issuance of an order. The chief shall issue a permit if all applicable criteria for receiving the permit are met as provided in sections 1522.10 to ~~1522.21~~ 1522.30 of the Revised Code and neither of the following applies:

(1) A withdrawal or consumptive use will result in a significant lowering of the water level within an aquifer, the overdrafting of an aquifer, a significant diminution in the amount of water available in existing wells, or the interruption of existing ground water supplies within the geographic area established by the chief pursuant to section 1522.125 of the Revised Code without a suitable replacement water supply source.

(2) A withdrawal or consumptive use would cause irreparable material damage to an aquifer such that the aquifer could no longer yield the amount of water it did before the withdrawal or consumptive use proposed in the application.

(I) If the facility for which a permit has been issued under this section withdraws ground water, the chief may require the continued monitoring and reporting of water levels in each aquifer via existing wells or new monitoring wells drilled by the permittee.



**Sec. 1522.121.** Along with an application for a permit submitted under section 1522.12 of the Revised Code, an applicant that proposes to withdraw ground water shall submit data in a form prescribed by the chief of the division of water resources that includes all of the following:

(A) A hydrologic map consisting of a single map using the most recent USGS 7.5 minute topographic maps at a scale of 1:24,000 as a base or other approved format that shows all of the information described in section 1521.122 of the Revised Code;

(B) A hydrogeologic description in sufficient detail to determine the cone of depression for the proposed withdrawal that includes all of the information described in section 1522.123 of the Revised Code;

(C) A steady state ground water model that defines the projected cone of depression for the proposed withdrawal that complies with section 1522.124 of the Revised Code;

(D) Alternative water supply information that includes an analysis of the availability and suitability of alternative water supply sources that will be utilized to fulfill the water supply replacement provisions of section 1522.24 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 1522.122.** An applicant shall show all of the following on the hydrologic map required under division (A) of section 1522.121 of the Revised Code:

(A) The proposed withdrawal area;

(B) The hydrologic study area;

(C) A line delineating the location of the cross sections required under division (E) of section 1522.123 of the Revised Code;

(D) The location of and assigned identification number for the selected water supply wells identified in division (D) of section 1522.123 of the Revised Code and all other water sources used for domestic, agricultural, or industrial use within the proposed withdrawal area and hydrologic study area;

(E) The location of any well, well field, reservoir, river, and water source not identified under division (D) of this section on or within the hydrologic study area that is used for a public water supply and any facility registered under section 1521.16 of the Revised Code on or within the hydrologic study area;

(F) Any additional information that the chief of the division of water resources may require based on site-specific conditions.

**Sec. 1522.123.** An applicant shall include all of the following with the hydrogeologic description required under division (B) of section 1522.121 of the Revised Code:

(A) A detailed description of the geology within the proposed withdrawal and hydrologic study area down to the lowest level of any aquifer from which water is proposed to be withdrawn. The description must include the areal and structural geology of the withdrawal and hydrologic study area, and any other parameter that may affect the occurrence, availability, movement, or quantity of potentially affected ground waters. The description must be based on information available to the applicant from test borings, core drillings, well logs, and geologic literature and practices.

(B) Information related to the ground water hydrology for the proposed withdrawal and hydrologic study area including, at a minimum, all of the following:

(1) The elevation and the lateral extent of each aquifer, interbedded lithology, and overburden material;

(2) The thickness of each aquifer and a detailed lithologic description from surface to base of the deepest aquifer, noting any changes in lithology over distance;

(3) Known uses of and withdrawals from the water in each aquifer;

(4) The transmissivity of each aquifer;

(5) The storativity of each aquifer;

(6) The hydraulic conductivity of each aquifer;

(7) The specific yield of each unconfined aquifer;

(8) The rate of discharge of any currently registered water withdrawals shown pursuant to division (E) of section 1522.122 of the Revised Code;

(C) A listing of the published information and data, and copies of the unpublished records and data, used in preparation of the items in divisions (A) and (B) of this section including core descriptions, cuttings descriptions, stratigraphic descriptions, and pump or slug test records;

(D) A water supply inventory representing all aquifers submitted in a format prescribed by the chief of the division of water resources that, at a minimum, includes all of the following:

(1) All of the existing water wells within the study area if there are fewer than one hundred wells. If there are more than one hundred wells within the study area, the inventory must include one hundred wells plus twenty-five per cent of those wells in excess of one hundred, but shall not exceed a total of three hundred wells.

(2) A listing of water sources in the proposed withdrawal and hydrologic study area as shown pursuant to divisions (D) and (E) of section 1522.122 of the Revised Code. Such water sources must include the most recently drilled wells, represent all aquifers and producing zones within the aquifers, and reflect a uniform geographical distribution of wells within the

study area. The listing must include, to the extent available, all of the following for each well:

(a) The map identification number listed under division (D) of section 1522.122 of the Revised Code;

(b) The department of natural resources, division of water resources number assigned to the log form required to be filed under section 1521.05 of the Revised Code;

(c) The township in which each well is located;

(d) The year the well was drilled;

(e) The latitude and longitude in NAD 83 of the well;

(f) The surface elevation of the well in feet;

(g) The total depth of the well in feet below the land surface;

(h) The depth to bedrock in feet;

(i) A description of unconsolidated material;

(j) The static water level of the well in feet below the land surface;

(k) The casing length in feet;

(l) The lithology of the screen interval/open borehole;

(m) The length of any well screen in feet;

(n) The test rate in gallons per minute;

(o) The duration of the test;

(p) The drawdown in feet.

(3) A listing of the location and type of any public water supply sources within the withdrawal and hydrologic study area;

(4) A copy of the division of water resources well logs for the wells listed in division (D) of this section.

Prior to submission of an application, an applicant may submit a request in writing to the chief to reduce the number or extent of the submittals required in division (D) of this section. The chief may grant the request only if the chief makes a written determination that this reduction will not diminish the level of accuracy in the ground water model. If the chief grants a reduction, the written request and determination shall be submitted with the permit application. If information required in the water supply inventory of division (D) of this section is unobtainable, a statement to that effect shall be submitted, giving the reasons therefor.

(E) A minimum of two perpendicular hydrogeologic cross sections of the same scale for the hydrologic study area based on available information. Such cross sections must be of uniform horizontal and uniform vertical scale, depict the information required in divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section,

intersect the center of the proposed withdrawal, and include the data points used to construct the cross section.

(F) Any other information the chief may require.

For purposes of the hydrogeologic description and to establish pre-pumping water level conditions, the chief may require the applicant to monitor water levels from each aquifer from which water is proposed to be withdrawn. The applicant shall conduct such monitoring via the wells listed in division (D) of this section or new monitoring wells drilled by the applicant. The chief also may require pre-pumping tests.

**Sec. 1522.124.** (A) An applicant shall ensure that both of the following apply to the steady state ground water model required under division (C) of section 1522.121 of the Revised Code:

(1) It accurately reflects the ground water flow conditions associated with the hydrologic study area and is consistent with American society for testing and materials international standards.

(2) It is in the form of a three-dimensional ground water flow model utilizing finite difference modeling software or other modeling software acceptable to the chief of the division of water resources.

(B) The applicant shall submit the model results in a format prescribed by the chief. The applicant shall include detailed explanations of the hydrologic and geologic parameters used to construct the model, including all of the following:

(1) The saturated thickness of each aquifer;

(2) The elevation of the static water level or potentiometric surface of each aquifer;

(3) Whether each aquifer is confined or unconfined;

(4) The pumping water level elevation at steady state conditions.

**Sec. 1522.125.** The chief of the division of water resources shall use the data submitted under sections 1522.121 to 1522.124 of the Revised Code to establish the geographic area defined by the ten-foot contour line of the projected cone of depression for any approved application for the withdrawal of ground water. However, the chief may designate a different contour line based upon water resource availability, seasonal variations, other water users in the hydrologic study area, or other ground water data available.

**Sec. 1522.13.** (A) The chief of the division of water resources shall not issue a withdrawal and consumptive use permit for a facility if the chief determines that the facility ~~meets~~ does not meet all of the criteria established in Section 4.11 of the compact.

(B) In applying the provision of the decision-making standard established in Section 4.11.2 of the compact, the chief shall require that a

withdrawal or consumptive use will be implemented so as to ensure that the withdrawal or consumptive use will result in no significant individual or cumulative adverse impacts on the quantity or quality of the waters and water dependent natural resources of the great lakes basin considered as a whole or of the Lake Erie source watershed considered as a whole. As part of the evaluation of a permit application under Section 4.11.2 of the compact, the chief shall do all of the following:

(1) Rely on the best generally accepted scientific methods appropriate for this state derived from professionally accepted resources and practices;

(2) Consider the long-term mean annual inflow and outflow of the Lake Erie source watershed;

(3) Consider the withdrawal and the portion of the withdrawal that is not returned to the Lake Erie source watershed.

(C) Impacts of a withdrawal or consumptive use on the quantity or quality of waters and water dependent natural resources of more localized areas that affect less than the great lakes basin considered as a whole or the Lake Erie source watershed considered as a whole shall be considered as a part of the evaluation of whether a proposed withdrawal or consumptive use is reasonable as provided in Section 4.11.5 of the compact.

(D) The chief shall not submit an application for a withdrawal and consumptive use permit for regional review under Section 4.5.2(c)(ii) of the compact to the regional body as defined in Section 1.2 of the compact unless regional review is agreed to by the applicant.

(E) Nothing in sections 1522.10 to ~~1522.21~~ 1522.30 of the Revised Code shall be construed to affect, limit, diminish, or impair any rights validly established and existing under the laws of this state as of December 8, 2008, including, but not limited to, sections 1506.10 and 1521.17 of the Revised Code, or to limit a person's right to the reasonable use of ground water, water in a lake, or any other watercourse in contravention of Section 19b of Article I, Ohio Constitution.

**Sec. 1522.14.** The following are exempt from the requirement to obtain a withdrawal and consumptive use permit:

(A) A facility or proposed facility that has a withdrawal and consumptive use capacity or proposed capacity below the threshold amounts established in divisions (A)(1) to (3) of section 1522.12 of the Revised Code;

(B) A facility that has a new or increased withdrawal capacity above an applicable threshold amount established in section 1522.12 of the Revised Code if either of the following apply:

(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, the new or increased maximum daily withdrawal of the facility is less than the applicable threshold amount when averaged over any ninety-day period.

(2) The new or increased maximum daily withdrawal of the facility is less than the applicable threshold amount when averaged over any forty-five-day period with regard to a facility with withdrawals from a river or stream that is a high quality water when the withdrawals are made at a point where the area of the watershed of the river or stream is less than one hundred square miles but greater than fifty square miles.

Division (B) of this section does not apply to withdrawals of a facility from a river or stream that is a high quality water when the withdrawals are made at a point where the area of the watershed of the river or stream is fifty square miles or less.

(C) A baseline facility that has not increased its withdrawal and consumptive use capacity beyond the capacity listed in the baseline report and beyond the threshold amounts established in section 1522.12 of the Revised Code;

(D) An electric generating facility that increases its consumptive use due to a requirement imposed by a federal regulation that is unrelated to an increase in production at the facility;

(E) A facility making a withdrawal and consumptive use from an impoundment of water collected primarily from diffused surface water sources, including a farm pond, golf course pond, nursery pond, stormwater retention pond, or other private pond; or a facility making a withdrawal and consumptive use from any stream or river to augment the water supply of an impoundment of water if the impoundment is used, at least in part, for firefighting purposes. The exemption established by this division does not apply to a facility making a withdrawal and consumptive use for industrial purposes or for public water supply purposes.

(F) A facility that must temporarily establish a new or increased withdrawal and consumptive use capacity as a result of an emergency for the duration of that emergency that, without the new or increased withdrawal and consumptive use capacity, will result in imminent harm to human health or property;

(G) A facility that is establishing a new or is increasing its withdrawal and consumptive use capacity in compliance with an experimental use permit issued under section 1522.131 of the Revised Code;

(H) A facility that must temporarily establish a new or increased withdrawal and consumptive use capacity in order to respond to a humanitarian crisis for the duration of that crisis if the new or increased capacity is necessary to assist in the management of that crisis;

(I) A facility that is exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit under division ~~(B)-(D)~~ or ~~(C)-(E)~~ of section ~~1501.33-1521.23~~ of the Revised Code;

(J) A facility that is subject to regulation under Chapter 1514. of the Revised Code;

(K) A facility that purchases all of its water from a public water system;

(L) A facility that is withdrawing or consumptively using water from an off-stream impoundment that has been substantially filled with a stream withdrawal by a baseline facility or with a stream withdrawal that is subject to a withdrawal and consumptive use permit;

(M) A facility that is increasing its withdrawal or consumptive use capacity directly related to supplying a major electric generating facility that is subject to regulation under Chapter 4906. of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 1522.15.(A)(1)** Transfer of a withdrawal and consumptive use permit upon the sale or transfer of a facility may occur so long as the location of the facility, the source of water, and the withdrawal and consumptive use capacities do not change. Transfer of the baseline withdrawal and consumptive use capacity of a baseline facility upon the sale or transfer of the baseline facility may occur so long as the location of the facility, the source of water, and the withdrawal and consumptive use capacities do not change. Transferred capacity of a baseline facility does not require a withdrawal and consumptive use permit.

Notice of a transfer shall be provided to the chief of the division of water resources in a manner prescribed by the chief.

(2) If the owner of a facility for which a withdrawal and consumptive use permit has been issued sells or transfers a portion of the facility, transfer of the applicable portion of the withdrawal and consumptive use capacity authorized by the withdrawal and consumptive use permit may occur so long as the location of the facility, the source of water, and the total withdrawal and consumptive use capacities do not change. The permittee shall provide notice of such a transfer to the chief in a manner prescribed by the chief. Upon receipt of the notice and if a permit is required for the transferred portion based on the threshold amounts established in divisions (A)(1) to (3) of section 1522.12 of the Revised Code, the chief shall issue a new permit for the transferred portion of the facility to the transferee and a modified permit for the remaining portion of the facility to the original permittee upon a showing that the transferee will meet the conditions of the original permit and all applicable requirements of this chapter and rules adopted under it. Any new permit shall reflect the portion of the withdrawal and consumptive use capacity that has been transferred.

(3) If the owner of a baseline facility sells or transfers a portion of the baseline facility, transfer of the applicable portion of the withdrawal and consumptive use capacity listed in the baseline report for that facility may occur so long as the location of the facility, the source of water, and the total

withdrawal and consumptive use capacities do not change. The owner shall provide notice of such a transfer to the chief in a manner prescribed by the chief. The chief shall not require the owner of the baseline facility or the transferee to obtain a withdrawal and consumptive use permit, but shall update the baseline report to reflect the transfer.

(4) The chief may deny a transfer under this section by issuing an order denying the transfer and sending written notice to the permittee and the transferee not later than thirty days after notice of the intended transfer. The chief shall deny the transfer if the chief determines that the transfer will result in noncompliance with this chapter, rules adopted under it, or the terms and conditions of a withdrawal and consumptive use permit.

(5) The chief shall remove a facility from the baseline report when the facility is subject to baseline facility abandonment. However, a baseline facility shall not be removed from the baseline report due to the transfer of the facility's baseline capacity.

(B) No person shall sell or transfer a withdrawal and consumptive use permit for purposes of evading the requirements established in sections 1522.10 to ~~1522.21~~ 1522.30 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1522.19. (A) The chief of the division of water resources may require a permittee that has been issued a permit under section 1522.12 of the Revised Code to decrease its withdrawal and submit a revised ground water model under section 1522.124 of the Revised Code if either of the following applies:

(1) The reported ground water monitoring data conflicts with the permittee's ground water model.

(2) The results of the division of water resources' investigation of any written complaint under section 1522.25 of the Revised Code indicate that the permittee's withdrawal caused the diminution or interruption of a person's water supply.

(B) If so required under division (A) of this section, the permittee shall submit the revised ground water modeling using additional data that reflects the permittee's impact on ground water. Based upon the revised ground water modeling and additional data, the chief may amend the permit to decrease the withdrawal or establish a revised projected cone of depression and amend the permit accordingly.

(C) A permittee may request the chief to amend a permit issued under section 1522.12 of the Revised Code when another ground water user affects or has the potential to affect the projected cone of depression. The permittee shall submit with the request a revised ground water model using additional data that reflects the other ground water user's impact on ground water. Based upon the revised ground water model and additional data, the chief may



establish a revised projected cone of depression and amend the permit accordingly.

**Sec. 1522.20.** (A)(+) The chief of the division of water resources may issue an order of compliance to a person ~~that if~~ the chief determines one of the following:

(1) That the person has violated, is violating, or is threatening to violate any provisions of this chapter, rules adopted under it, or ~~permits a permit or orders order~~ issued under it;

(2) That the continued withdrawal or consumptive use of water under a permit issued to the person under section 1522.12 of the Revised Code will endanger the public health, safety, or welfare;

(3) That the withdrawal or consumptive use of water under a permit issued to the person under section 1522.12 of the Revised Code will result in a significant lowering of the water level within an aquifer, the overdrafting of an aquifer, or the imminent threat of irreparable material damage to an aquifer such that the aquifer will no longer yield the amount of water it did before the withdrawal or consumptive use. The-

(B) An order ~~shall be of compliance~~ issued under division (A) of this section is effective upon issuance and. The chief shall identify ~~the all of the following in the order~~.

(1) The facility where the violation has occurred, is occurring, or is threatened to occur, the specific violation, and to which the order applies;

(2) The findings of fact and specific circumstances that led to the issuance of the order;

(3) The actions that the owner or operator of the facility must take to comply with the order. The order-

The chief shall ~~establish fix~~ and specify in the order a reasonable date by which the owner or operator must comply with the order.

~~(2) An order issued under division (A)(1) of this section shall be (C)~~  
 (1) If a person that is issued an order of compliance under division (A) of this section does not comply with the order by the date specified in the order, the chief may issue a proposed order to suspend or revoke the permit issued to the person and may subsequently issue a final order to suspend or revoke the permit in accordance with section 1522.21 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the chief issues a proposed order to suspend or revoke a permit, the chief, in the proposed order, shall identify all of the following:

(a) The facility to which the order applies;

(b) The findings of fact and specific circumstances that led to the issuance of the order;

(c) The actions that the permittee must take to comply with the order.

The chief shall fix and specify in the proposed order a reasonable date or time by which the permittee must comply. The chief shall state in the proposed order that the chief may issue a final order suspending or revoking the permit if the permittee fails to comply with the proposed order by that date or time.

(D) If the chief, after making a determination under division (A)(2) or (3) of this section, issues an order under division (A) of this section, a proposed order under division (C) of this section, or a final order to suspend a permit under section 1522.21 of the Revised Code, the permittee may request the chief to amend the permit or suspended permit prior to its expiration. The chief may amend the permit and allow the withdrawal or consumptive use of water under it to be resumed if the chief determines that, under the amended permit, the reasons for the order or suspension specified in division (A)(2) or (3) of this section, as applicable, will no longer apply.

(E) The chief shall issue an order or proposed order under this section, or a final order under section 1522.21 of the Revised Code in writing and shall contain a finding of the facts on which the order is based. ~~Notice~~ The chief shall provide notice of the order ~~shall be given~~ by certified mail to the applicable owner or operator of a facility. ~~Notice~~ The chief also shall be provided provide notice to a person who initiated a complaint that resulted in the order ~~and shall be posted~~. The chief shall post the notice on the web site of the department of natural resources in a manner prescribed by the chief.

(B)(1) The chief, by order, may propose to suspend or revoke a permit issued under this chapter if the chief determines that any term or condition of the permit is being violated. The chief's order shall identify the facility where the violation allegedly occurred, describe the nature of the violation, and prescribe what action the permittee may take to bring the facility into compliance with the permit. The chief shall fix and specify in the order a reasonable date or time by which the permittee must comply. The order shall state that the chief may suspend or revoke the permit if the permittee fails to comply with the order by that date or time. If on that date or time the chief finds that the permittee has not complied with the order, the chief may issue a new order suspending or revoking the permit.

~~(2)-(F)~~ The chief or the chief's designee may enter on private or public lands and take action to mitigate, minimize, remove, or abate the conditions caused by a violation that is the subject of an order issued under division (B) (1) of that are the subject of an order or proposed order issued under this section.

(C) The attorney general, upon written request of the chief, shall bring an action for an injunction or other appropriate legal or equitable action against any person who has violated, is violating, or is threatening to violate any provision of this chapter, any rule or order adopted or issued under it, or

any term or condition of a permit issued under it. The attorney general shall bring the action in the court of common pleas of Franklin county or the county where the applicable facility is located. In an action for injunction, any factual findings of the chief presented at a hearing conducted under division (A) of section 1522.21 of the Revised Code is prima-facie evidence of the facts regarding the order that is the subject of the hearing.

(D) A person who violates any provision of this chapter, any rule or order adopted or issued under it, or any term or condition of a permit issued under it is liable to the chief for any costs incurred by the division of water resources in investigating, mitigating, minimizing, removing, or abating the violation and conditions caused by it. Upon the request of the chief, the attorney general shall bring a civil action against the responsible person to recover those costs in the court of common pleas of Franklin county. Moneys recovered under this division shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the water management fund created in section 1501.32 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 1522.21.** (A) As used in this section, "person who is or will be aggrieved or adversely affected" means a person with a direct economic or property interest that is or will be adversely affected by an order or rule issued or adopted by the chief of the division of water resources under this chapter.

~~(B) Before issuance of~~ The chief shall issue a proposed order indicating the chief's intent to issue a final order prior to issuing a final order denying that does one of the following:

~~(1) Denies the issuance of a permit under section 1522.11, 1522.12, or 1522.131 of the Revised Code, denying this chapter;~~

~~(2) Denies a transfer of a permit under section 1522.15 of the Revised Code, denying;~~

~~(3) Denies a petition to the chief under section 1522.16 of the Revised Code, or denying;~~

~~(4) Denies a request for confidentiality under section 1522.17 of the Revised Code, or before the issuance of a final order under section 1522.20 of the Revised Code, the chief shall issue a proposed order indicating the chief's intent to issue a final order;~~

~~(5) Suspends or revokes a permit issued under this chapter. If~~

(C)(1) If the chief receives a written objection from a person who is or will be aggrieved or adversely affected by the issuance of the final order, the chief shall conduct an adjudication hearing with respect to the proposed order in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. A person who is or will be aggrieved or adversely affected by the issuance of the final order and who submitted a written objection under this division may be a party to the adjudication.

(2) ~~Any person who is issued a proposed order or a final order by the chief shall be a party in any administrative or legal proceeding in which the proposed order or final order is at issue. This division is in addition to any other rights that a person may have as a person aggrieved or adversely affected. If the chief proposes to suspend or revoke a permit after making a determination under division (A)(2) or (3) of section 1522.20 of the Revised Code, the permittee, at the hearing, may present evidence that the continued withdrawal or consumptive use of water is warranted because the reasons for suspension or revocation specified in division (A)(2) or (3) of that section, as applicable, do not apply.~~

~~(C)(D)~~(1) After the issuance of a final order, a person who is or will be aggrieved or adversely affected by the issuance of the order may appeal the order to the court of common pleas of Franklin county or the court of common pleas of the county in which the facility that is the subject of the order is located. Subject to the exceptions specified in section 2506.03 of the Revised Code, the court is confined to the record as certified to it by the chief if an adjudication hearing was conducted by the chief under division ~~(B)(C)~~ of this section. However, the court also may grant a request for the admission of additional evidence when satisfied that the additional evidence is newly discovered and could not with reasonable diligence have been ascertained prior to the hearing before the chief. If no adjudication hearing was conducted under division ~~(B)(C)~~ of this section, the court shall conduct a hearing de novo.

(2) The filing of an appeal under division ~~(C)(D)~~(1) of this section does not automatically suspend the order that is the subject of the appeal. Upon application by the appellant, the court may suspend or stay the order, pending an immediate hearing on the appeal.

(3) If the court finds that the order was lawful and reasonable, it shall issue a written order affirming the order. If the court finds that the order was unreasonable or unlawful, it shall issue a written order vacating or modifying the order. The judgment of the court is final unless reversed, vacated, or modified on appeal.

(4) ~~Attorney's~~ A court shall not award attorney's fees shall not be awarded to any party to an administrative or legal proceeding under this section.

(E) Any person who is issued a proposed order or a final order by the chief shall be a party in any administrative or legal proceeding in which the proposed order or final order is at issue. This division is in addition to any other rights that a person may have as a person aggrieved or adversely affected.

**Sec. 1522.23.** The chief of the division of water resources shall provide written notice to the director of environmental protection and the

permittee at least ten business days prior to requiring a permittee that is a public water system to decrease its withdrawal, or prior to revoking, suspending, or amending the public water system's permit under this chapter. Nothing in this section affects a public water system's obligation to comply with Chapter 6109. of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under it.

Sec. 1522.24. (A) An owner of real property that is located within the geographic area established under section 1522.125 of the Revised Code with respect to a permit issued under section 1522.12 of the Revised Code may submit a written complaint to the permittee or to the chief of the division of water resources informing the permittee or the chief that there is a diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply if both of the following apply:

(1) The owner obtains all or part of the owner's water supply for domestic, agricultural, industrial, or other legitimate use from ground water.

(2) There is a diminution or interruption of that water supply.

The owner shall include in the complaint the owner's name, address, and telephone number.

(B) If the chief receives a written complaint submitted in accordance with division (A) of this section, upon receipt the chief shall send a copy of the complaint to the permittee, and the permittee shall immediately respond by sending the chief a statement that explains how the permittee resolved or will resolve the complaint.

If the permittee receives the written complaint in accordance with division (A) of this section, the permittee shall send a copy of the complaint, within fourteen days after receiving the complaint, to the chief and include a statement that explains how the permittee resolved or will resolve the complaint. Nothing in this section relieves a permittee from performing the duties specified in division (C) of this section.

(C) Not later than seventy-two hours after the permittee receives the complaint and if the complaint is not resolved as verified by the chief, the permittee shall provide the owner with a supply of water that is comparable to the owner's water supply prior to the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply. The chief shall approve the method of providing the water supply. The permittee shall maintain that water supply unless the chief determines that the permittee has rebutted the presumption established in division (D) of this section.

(D) A rebuttable presumption exists that the withdrawal by the permittee caused the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply. However, not later than fourteen days after receipt of the complaint, the permittee may submit to the chief information showing that the permittee is not the proximate cause of the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply. The chief shall evaluate the information submitted by the permittee to

determine if the presumption is rebutted.

(E) If the permittee fails to rebut the presumption, the chief shall notify the permittee and the owner in writing that the permittee failed to rebut the presumption.

(F) If the permittee rebuts the presumption, the chief shall notify the permittee and the owner that the permittee rebutted the presumption. Upon receipt of that notice, the permittee may cease providing a supply of water to the owner under division (C) of this section.

(G) If, within fourteen days after receipt of the complaint, the permittee fails to submit to the chief information showing that the withdrawal is not the proximate cause of the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply, such failure shall be considered a failure to rebut the presumption.

Sec. 1522.25. (A) An owner of real property that is located outside the geographic area established under section 1522.125 of the Revised Code with respect to a permit issued under section 1522.12 of the Revised Code may submit a written complaint to the permittee or to the chief of the division of water resources if both of the following apply:

(1) The owner obtains all or part of the owner's water supply for domestic, agricultural, industrial, or other legitimate use from ground water.

(2) There is a diminution or interruption of that water supply.

The owner shall include in the complaint the owner's name, address, and telephone number.

(B) If the chief receives the written complaint submitted under division (A) of this section, upon receipt the chief shall send the permittee a copy of the complaint. If the permittee receives the written complaint, upon receipt the permittee shall send the chief a copy of the complaint.

(C) The chief shall investigate the complaint. Upon completion of the investigation, the chief shall send the results of the investigation to the permittee and to the owner that submitted the complaint.

(D) The owner that submitted the complaint may resolve the diminution or interruption of the owner's water supply with the permittee or may commence a civil action for that purpose.

Sec. ~~1522.19~~ 1522.30. (A) No person shall violate any provision of this chapter, any rule or order adopted or issued under it, or any term or condition of a permit issued under it.

(B)(1) The attorney general, upon written request of the chief of the division of water resources, shall bring an action for an injunction or other appropriate legal or equitable action against any person who has violated, is violating, or is threatening to violate any provision of this chapter, any rule or

order adopted or issued under it, or any term or condition of a permit issued under it.

(2) The attorney general shall bring the action in the court of common pleas of Franklin county or the county where the applicable facility is located. In an action for injunction, any factual findings of the chief presented at a hearing conducted under section 1522.21 of the Revised Code is prima facie evidence of the facts regarding the order that is the subject of the hearing.

(C) A person who violates any provision of this chapter, any rule or order adopted or issued under it, or any term or condition of a permit issued under it is liable to the chief for any costs incurred by the division of water resources in investigating, mitigating, minimizing, removing, or abating the violation and conditions caused by it.

(D) Upon the request of the chief, the attorney general shall bring a civil action against the responsible person to recover those costs in the court of common pleas of Franklin county. Moneys recovered under this division shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the water management fund created in section 1521.22 of the Revised Code."

After line 58833, insert:

**"Sec. 4906.10.** (A) The power siting board shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions, or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance of the major utility facility as the board considers appropriate. The certificate shall be conditioned upon the facility being in compliance with standards and rules adopted under ~~sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and section~~ 4561.32 and Chapters 3704., 3734., and 6111. of the Revised Code. An applicant may withdraw an application if the board grants a certificate on terms, conditions, or modifications other than those proposed by the applicant in the application.

The board shall not grant a certificate for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a major utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the board, unless it finds and determines all of the following:

(1) The basis of the need for the facility if the facility is an electric transmission line or gas pipeline;

(2) The nature of the probable environmental impact;

(3) That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations;

(4) In the case of an electric transmission line or generating facility, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system

economy and reliability;

(5) That the facility will comply with Chapters 3704., 3734., and 6111. of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under ~~sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and section 4561.32~~ of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under section 4561.32 of the Revised Code, the board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the department of transportation under section 4561.341 of the Revised Code.

(6) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;

(7) In addition to the provisions contained in divisions (A)(1) to (6) of this section and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929. of the Revised Code that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility. Rules adopted to evaluate impact under division (A)(7) of this section shall not require the compilation, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site.

(8) That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

(B) If the board determines that the location of all or a part of the proposed facility should be modified, it may condition its certificate upon that modification, provided that the municipal corporations and counties, and persons residing therein, affected by the modification shall have been given reasonable notice thereof.

(C) A copy of the decision and any opinion issued therewith shall be served upon each party."

After line 81998, insert:

"Sec. 6109.071. (A) As used in this section and section 6109.072 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Public water system well" means a well for use by a public water system.

(2) "Well" means any excavation by digging, boring, drilling, driving, or other method for the purpose of removing ground water from an aquifer. "Well" does not include a private water system well or a monitoring well.

(B) The director of environmental protection may require a public water system to decrease its pumping rates if either of the following applies:



(1) The public water system is pumping at a rate that is drawing or has the potential to draw contaminants into the public water system or a public water system well.

(2) The chief of the division of water resources in the department of natural resources revokes, suspends, or amends a permit issued under section 1521.29 or 1522.12 of the Revised Code or requires a decrease in withdrawal with respect to either such permit.

**Sec. 6109.072.** (A) No person shall install a public water system well without an approved well siting application issued by the director of environmental protection in accordance with this chapter and any rules adopted under it.

(B) In addition to meeting the siting requirements established under section 6109.04 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under it, a person that submits a well siting application for a public water system well shall include all of the following in the application:

(1) For a new public water system or an existing public water system that proposes an increase in the withdrawal of waters of the state, an evaluation of alternatives for the provision of drinking water, including the potential for tie-in to a regional water system;

(2) For a new public water system or an existing public water system that proposes an increase in the withdrawal of waters of the state, asset management program information in accordance with section 6109.24 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under it;

(3) For an existing public water system, a description of the asset management program impacts of installing the well, including impacts to any existing asset management program and the potential for tie-in to a regional water system;

(4) For a public water system well that has the capacity to withdraw waters of the state in an amount requiring registration pursuant to section 1521.16 of the Revised Code, a general plan, subject to approval of the director, that includes both of the following:

(a) The information required to be submitted under section 6109.07 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under it;

(b) Verification of registration pursuant to section 1521.16 of the Revised Code.

(5) For a public water system well that has new or increased capacities for withdrawal or consumptive use that require a permit issued under either section 1521.29 or 1522.12 of the Revised Code, a permit approved by the chief of the division of water resources in the department of natural resources pursuant to section 1521.29 or 1522.12 of the Revised Code.

(C) If the director approves a well siting application for an applicant

that meets the requirements of division (B)(5) of this section, the applicant then shall submit to the director a copy of any certification, continuing monitoring, or other data or reports required by the chief of the division of water resources pursuant to a permit issued under either section 1521.29 or 1522.12 of the Revised Code and any revised ground water model required by the chief.

(D) The director may require the well site applicant to include, in the application, additional information, including but not limited to hydrologic information, in a form prescribed by the director for any public water system that is not required to obtain a permit under either section 1521.23 or 1522.12 of the Revised Code.

(E) The director may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code as is necessary for the implementation of this section."

In line 82826, after "991.02," insert "1501.31, 1501.32, 1501.33, 1501.34, 1501.35,"

In line 82827, after "1509.50," insert "1521.01, 1521.03, 1521.04, 1521.06, 1521.062, 1521.063, 1521.16, 1521.99, 1522.10, 1522.101, 1522.11, 1522.12, 1522.13, 1522.14, 1522.15, 1522.19, 1522.20, 1522.21,"

In line 82884, after "4779.08," insert "4906.10,"

In line 82918, after "1501.20," insert "1501.30, 1501.99,"

In line 166 of the title, after "3902.30," insert "3902.31,"

In line 343, after "3902.30," insert "3902.31,"

After line 44364, insert:

**"Sec. 3902.31.(A) As used in this section:**

(1) "Pay in full" means paying for a health service in its entirety without cost-sharing on the part of a third-party payer. "Pay in full" includes payment made under a deductible requirement.

(2) "Third-party payer" and "provider" have the same meanings as in section 3901.38 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) Subject to division (C) of this section, a provision in a contract entered into between a third-party payer and a provider is void and against public policy if it does either of the following:

(a) Establishes a minimum amount that the provider is required to charge an individual for a health service when that individual pays in full for the service;

(b) Prohibits a provider from advertising the provider's rates for a service.

(2) Division (B)(1)(b) of this section shall not be construed as prohibiting a provision in a contract between a provider and a third-party

payer that prohibits a provider from disclosing or advertising contractually agreed upon reimbursement rates for providers.

(C)(1) This section shall apply to all new contracts between a third-party payer and a provider entered into on or after the effective date of this section.

(2) For existing contracts, this section shall apply on the earlier of either of the following:

(a) Three years after the effective date of this section;

(b) The expiration date of the contract or renewal of the contract."

In line 94751, delete "YEAR" and insert "YEARS"; after "2020" insert "AND 2021"

After line 94755, insert:

"Notwithstanding section 131.44 of the Revised Code, not later than July 31, 2021, the Director of Budget and Management shall determine the surplus General Revenue Fund revenue that existed on June 30, 2021, and shall transfer cash, in an amount equal to fifty per cent of the surplus revenue, from the General Revenue Fund to the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20) and from the General Revenue Fund to the Budget Stabilization Fund (Fund 7013).

As used in this section, "surplus revenue" has the same meaning as in section 131.44 of the Revised Code."

In line 181 of the title, delete "5167.124,"

In line 354, delete "5167.124,"

Delete lines 67268 through 67287

In line 67288, delete "**5167.123**" and insert "**5167.122**"

In line 67299, delete "**5167.124**" and insert "**5167.123**"

In line 181 of the title, delete "5167.124,"

In line 354, delete "5167.124,"

Delete lines 67288 through 67298

In line 67299, delete "**5167.124**" and insert "**5167.123**"

In line 69 of the title, after "4506.03," insert "4507.12,"

In line 272, after "4506.03," insert "4507.12,"

After line 47538, insert:

**Sec. 4507.12.** (A)(1) Except as provided in division (C) of section 4507.10 of the Revised Code, each person applying for the renewal of a driver's license shall submit to a screening of the person's vision before the license may be renewed. The Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, the vision screening shall be conducted at the office of the deputy registrar receiving the application for license renewal.

(2) A person applying for the renewal of a driver's license who is capable of meeting the standards required for licensing, but who is not capable of passing the vision screening conducted at the office of the deputy registrar, may have the vision screening conducted at a licensed optometrist's or ophthalmologist's office of the person's choice. The person shall have the vision screening performed within ninety days prior to the time the person applies for the driver's license renewal. The person shall bring any forms required by the registrar to the vision screening conducted at the optometrist's or ophthalmologist's office to be completed by the optometrist or ophthalmologist. The person shall submit such forms to a deputy registrar at the time the person applies for the driver's license renewal to verify that the vision screening results meet the vision standards required for licensing.

(B) When the results of a vision screening given under division (A) of this section indicate that the vision of the person examined meets the standards required for licensing, the deputy registrar may renew the person's driver's license at that time.

(C) When the results of a vision screening given under division (A) of this section indicate that the vision of the person screened may not meet the standards required for licensing, the deputy registrar shall not renew the person's driver's license at that time but shall refer the person to a driver's license examiner appointed by the director of public safety under section 5502.05 of the Revised Code for a further examination of the person's vision.  
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(D) When a person referred to a driver's license examiner by a deputy registrar does not meet the vision standards required for licensing, the driver's license examiner shall retain the person's operator's ~~or chauffeur's~~ license and shall immediately notify the registrar of motor vehicles of that fact. The driver's license examiner shall refer the person to a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist of the person's choice. The person may have the optometrist or ophthalmologist conduct a vision screening and shall request the optometrist or ophthalmologist to certify the vision screening results on any forms required by the registrar. The person shall submit such forms to a deputy registrar or driver's license examiner to verify that the vision screening results meet the vision standards required for licensing.

(E) No driver's license shall be issued to ~~any such~~ a person, until the person's vision is corrected to meet the standards required for licensing ~~and the person passes the vision screening required by this section.~~ Any person who operates a motor vehicle on a highway, or on any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking, during the time the person's driver's license is held by a driver's license examiner under this division, shall be deemed to be operating a motor vehicle in violation of division (A) of section 4510.12 of the Revised Code.

~~(D)~~(F) The registrar shall adopt rules and shall provide any forms necessary to properly conduct vision screenings at the office of a deputy registrar, a driver examination station, or at the office of a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist.

~~(E)~~~~No~~(G) A person conducting vision screenings under this section ~~shall be~~ is not personally liable for damages for injury or loss to persons or property and for death caused by the operation of a motor vehicle by any person whose driver's license was renewed by the deputy registrar under division (B) of this section."

In line 82863, after "4506.03," insert "4507.12,"

In line 151 of the title, after "901.172," insert "936.01, 936.02, 936.03, 936.04, 936.05, 936.06, 936.07, 936.08, 936.09, 936.10, 936.11, 936.12, 936.13, 936.99"

In line 332, after "901.172," insert "936.01, 936.02, 936.03, 936.04, 936.05, 936.06, 936.07, 936.08, 936.09, 936.10, 936.11, 936.12, 936.13, 936.99"

After line 14650, insert:

**Sec. 936.01.** As used in this chapter:

"Education" means any activity designed to provide information regarding propane, propane equipment, mechanical and technical practices, and uses and promotion of propane to consumers and members of the propane industry.

"Propane" means liquefied petroleum gas, a material with a vapor pressure not exceeding that of commercial propane composed predominately of the following hydrocarbons or mixtures:

(A) Propane;

(B) Propylene;

(C) Butane;

(D) Butylene

"Propane council" or "council" means the propane council created under section 936.02 of the Revised Code.

"Retailer" means a person engaged primarily in the sale of odorized propane to the ultimate consumer or to a retail propane dispenser.

"Wholesale distributor" means a person whose primary business involves the sale of propane to a retailer.

**Sec. 936.02.**(A) The director of agriculture shall establish a propane council and adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code necessary to implement this chapter.

(B) The director shall appoint the following members to the council in

accordance with this section and rules adopted under it:

- (1) Two multi-state propane gas retailers;
- (2) Two intrastate propane gas retailers;
- (3) One cooperative propane gas retailer;
- (4) One wholesale propane gas wholesale distributor;
- (5) One propane gas equipment dealer;

The director of agriculture or the director's designee and the state fire marshal or the fire marshal's designee also shall serve on the council.

(C) The director shall appoint members under divisions (B)(1) through (5) of this section from a list submitted by a qualified statewide propane association. The director shall not appoint a person as a member of the council unless the person is at least twenty-five years old and has at least five years of active experience in the propane gas industry.

(D) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of this section, the director shall make initial appointments to the council. Members shall serve three-year staggered terms of office in accordance with rules adopted by the director.

Sec. 936.03. The propane council shall adopt procedures by which retailers of propane in this state may propose, develop, and operate a marketing program to do all of the following:

- (A) Promote the safe and efficient use of propane;
- (B) Demonstrate to the general public the importance and economic significance of propane;
- (C) Develop new uses and markets for propane and enable engagement in promotional activities that incentivize the use of propane;
- (D) Support research, training, and educational activities concerning the propane industry;
- (E) Determine the eligibility of retailers to participate in referendums and other procedures that may be required to establish the marketing program;
- (F) Establish procedures necessary to implement and administer the marketing program;
- (G) Enter into contracts with qualified organizations, agencies, individuals, or any combination thereof, to carry out the purpose of the marketing program;
- (H) Employ staff to carry out the purpose of the marketing program.

Sec. 936.04. (A) Retailers in this state may present the propane council with a petition signed by the lesser of twenty-five or ten per cent of all such retailers requesting that the council hold a referendum in accordance

with section 936.05 of the Revised Code to establish or amend a marketing program for propane.

(B) At the time of presentation of the petition to the council under division (A) of this section, the petitioners also shall present the proposed program or amendment, which shall include all of the following:

(1) The rate of assessment to be made on the volume of odorized propane purchased by a retailer from a wholesale distributor in this state, which shall not exceed five thousandths of a mill per gallon;

(2) Terms, conditions, limitations, and other eligibility qualifications for assessment;

(3) Procedures and eligibility requirements for a refund of the assessment.

(C) Before the council makes a decision to approve or disapprove a proposed program or amendment, the council shall publish in at least two appropriate periodicals designated by the council a notice that the program or amendment has been proposed and informing interested persons of the procedures for submitting comments regarding the proposal. After publishing the notice, the council shall provide interested persons with a copy of the proposed program or amendment and an opportunity to comment on the proposed program or amendment for thirty days after the publication of the notice. The petitioners may make changes to the proposed program or amendment based upon the comments received. The council may make technical changes to the proposal to ensure compliance with this chapter. Subsequent to any changes made by the petitioners or any technical changes made by the council to a proposed program or amendment, the council may approve or disapprove the proposed program or amendment.

(D) If the council approves the proposed program or amendment, with any changes made under division (C) of this section, the council shall hold a referendum in accordance with section 936.05 of the Revised Code to establish a marketing program for propane or to amend an existing program.

**Sec. 936.05.** (A) Not later than ninety days after the propane council has approved a marketing program proposed under section 936.04 of the Revised Code, or an amendment to such a program, the council shall determine by a referendum whether the eligible retailers, as determined under section 936.03 of the Revised Code, favor the proposed program or amendment. The council shall cause a ballot request form to be published not less than thirty days before the beginning of the election period established under division (B) of this section in at least two appropriate periodicals designated by the council and shall make the form available for reproduction to any qualified statewide propane association.

(B) In a referendum held under this section, each eligible retailer is

entitled to one vote. The council shall establish a three-day period during which eligible retailers may vote either in person during normal business hours at polling places designated by the council or by mailing a ballot to such a polling place. The council shall send a mail-in ballot by first-class mail to any eligible retailer who requests one by sending in the ballot request form provided for in division (A) of this section or by any additional method that the council may provide. A ballot that is returned by mail is not valid if it is postmarked later than the third day of the election period established by the council.

(C) A marketing program or an amendment to a marketing program is favored by retailers if a majority of the retailers who vote in the referendum vote in favor of the program or amendment.

**Sec. 936.06.** When the retailers who vote in a referendum held under section 936.05 of the Revised Code favor a proposed marketing program, the propane council shall order the program established.

**Sec. 936.07.** The director of agriculture shall monitor the actions of the propane council to ensure all of the following:

(A) A marketing program is self-supporting.

(B) The council keeps all records that are required for agencies of the state.

(C) All program operations are in accord with both of the following:

(1) The provisions of the marketing program;

(2) This chapter and procedures established under it.

**Sec. 936.08.** (A) For the purpose of a marketing program established under this chapter, the council may levy assessments on retailers at the time of purchase of odorized propane by a retailer from a wholesale distributor. The council shall base the assessments on the volume of odorized propane purchased by the retailer from the wholesale distributor.

(B) A marketing program shall require a refund of assessments collected under this section after receiving an application for a refund from a retailer who has been assessed and is eligible for a refund. The retailer shall submit the application for a refund on a form furnished by the council. The council shall ensure that refund forms are available where assessments for its program are withheld.

A retailer who desires a refund shall submit a request for a refund not later than thirty days after the end of the month for which the request is submitted. The council shall refund the assessment to the retailer not later than sixty days after the request for the refund is submitted.

(C) The propane council shall not use money from any assessments that it levies for any political or legislative purpose or for preferential



treatment of one person to the detriment of another person who is affected by the marketing program that the council administers.

(D) If the propane council requests that a retailer seeking a refund provide additional information to support a refund request, any additional information provided to the council is not a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code, is confidential, and the propane council shall treat the information as confidential.

**Sec. 936.09.** (A) There is hereby established a fund for the marketing program that is established by the propane council under this chapter. The fund shall be in the custody of the treasurer of state, but shall not be part of the state treasury. Except as authorized in division (B) of this section, all money collected pursuant to section 936.08 of the Revised Code for the marketing program shall be paid into the fund for the marketing program and shall be disbursed only pursuant to a voucher signed by the chairperson of the council for use in defraying the costs of administration of the marketing program and for carrying out sections 936.03 and 936.11 of the Revised Code.

(B) In lieu of deposits in the fund established under division (A) of this section, the propane council may deposit all money collected pursuant to section 936.08 of the Revised Code with a bank as defined in section 1101.01 of the Revised Code. All money collected pursuant to section 936.08 of the Revised Code for the marketing program and deposited pursuant to this division also shall be used only in defraying the costs of administration of the marketing program and for carrying out sections 936.03 and 936.11 of the Revised Code.

(C) The council shall establish a fiscal year for its marketing program, shall publish an activity and financial report within sixty days of the end of each fiscal year, and shall make the report available to each retailer who pays an assessment or otherwise contributes to the marketing program that the council administers and to other interested persons.

(D) In addition to the report required by division (C) of this section, if the council deposits money in accordance with division (B) of this section, the council shall annually submit a financial statement prepared by a certified public accountant holding valid certification from the Ohio board of accountancy issued pursuant to Chapter 4701. of the Revised Code to the department of agriculture. The council shall file the financial statement with the department not more than one hundred fifty days after the end of each fiscal year.

(E) The council shall use money in the fund or deposited in a bank to promote the common good, welfare, and advancement of the propane industry, including, but not limited to, all of the following activities and programs:

(1) Education;

(2) Training;

(3) Safety compliance;

(4) Advertising;

(5) Promotion;

(6) Customer rebates to encourage energy efficient appliance and equipment purchases by residential, commercial, or agricultural customers.

**Sec. 936.10.** (A) The director of agriculture temporarily may suspend the operation of a marketing program, or any part of a program, established under this chapter for any reason upon recommendation by the propane council for a period of not more than twelve consecutive months.

(B) At least once in each five years of operation, or at any time upon written petition by the lesser of twenty-five or ten per cent of the retailers in this state, the council shall hold a hearing as prescribed in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to consider the continuation of the program.

(C) Not later than thirty days after the close of any hearing to consider the continuation of a marketing program, the council shall recommend continuation or termination of the program, shall give public notice, and shall notify each retailer of record, all parties appearing at the hearing, and other interested parties of the recommendation.

(D) When the council recommends termination of a marketing program, within forty-five days the council shall conduct a referendum to determine whether retailers favor the proposed termination. Retailers favor the termination of the program if a majority of the retailers who vote in the referendum vote in favor of termination of the program.

**Sec. 936.11.** (A) When retailers favor termination of a marketing program established under this chapter, the propane council shall terminate all operations of the program.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, upon termination of a program, the council shall return any remaining unobligated money to the retailers who paid the assessments levied under section 936.08 of the Revised Code during the immediately preceding twelve months and shall prorate the money accordingly.

(2) If a program is operated by a nonprofit corporation that is organized under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code for the purpose of carrying out the purposes identified in section 936.03 of the Revised Code, and if the nonprofit corporation is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and is described in section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, upon termination of the program, the nonprofit corporation shall distribute any remaining unobligated money to be used for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or to the federal, a state, or a

local government to be used for a public purpose. If there remains any unobligated money after the distribution by the nonprofit corporation, the court of common pleas of the county in which the principal office of the nonprofit corporation is located shall distribute the remaining unobligated money to be used for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to the federal, a state, or a local government to be used for a public purpose, or to one or more organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for one or more of the purposes that are within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as the court determines is best to accomplish the exempt purposes of the nonprofit corporation.

**Sec. 936.12.** The propane council may institute an action at law or in equity that appears necessary to enforce compliance with this chapter, a procedure established under it, or a marketing program established under it.

**Sec. 936.13.** No retailer shall knowingly fail or refuse to withhold or remit any assessment levied under section 936.08 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 936.99.** Whoever violates section 936.13 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree."

In line 151 of the title, delete "940.36, 940.37,"

In line 332, delete "940.36, 940.37,"

In line 14664, reinsert "natural resource "; delete "soil and water"

In line 14665, delete everything after "improvement"

In line 14666, delete everything before the semicolon

In line 14749, reinsert "service "; delete "services"; reinsert "is"; delete "are"

In line 15168, delete everything after "(U)"

Delete lines 15169 through 15171

In line 15172, delete "(V)"

In line 15175, delete "(W)" and insert "(V)"

Delete lines 15195 through 15289

Delete lines 96211 through 96234

In line 62 of the title, after "3734.901," insert "3735.31, 3735.33, 3735.40, 3735.41,"

In line 267, after "3734.901," insert "3735.31, 3735.33, 3735.40, 3735.41,"

After line 41651, insert:

**"Sec. 3735.31.** A metropolitan housing authority created under sections 3735.27 to 3735.50 of the Revised Code constitutes a body corporate

and politic. Nothing in this chapter shall limit the authority of a metropolitan housing authority, or a nonprofit corporation formed by a metropolitan housing authority to carry out its functions, to compete for and perform federal housing contracts or grants within or outside this state. To clear, plan, redevelop, and rebuild slum areas within the district in which the authority is created; to provide safe and sanitary housing accommodations to families of low income within that district; to make available, acquire, construct, improve, manage, lease, or own mixed-use or mixed-income developments, or a combination of such developments; or to accomplish any combination of the foregoing public purposes, the authority may do any of the following:

(A) Sue and be sued; have a seal; have corporate succession; receive grants from state, federal, or other governments, or from private sources; conduct investigations into housing and living conditions; enter any buildings or property in order to conduct its investigations; conduct examinations, subpoena, and require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers; issue commissions for the examination of witnesses who are out of the state or unable to attend before the authority or excused from attendance; and in connection with these powers, any member of the authority may administer oaths, take affidavits, and issue subpoenas;

(B) Determine what areas constitute slum areas, and prepare plans for housing or other projects in those areas; purchase, lease, sell, exchange, transfer, assign, or mortgage any property, real or personal, or any interest in that property, or acquire the same by gift, bequest, or eminent domain; own, hold, clear, and improve property; provide and set aside housing projects, or dwelling units comprising portions of housing projects, designed especially for the use of families, the head of which or the spouse of which is sixty-five years of age or older; engage in, or contract for, the construction, reconstruction, alteration, or repair, or both, of any housing project or part of any housing project; participate in partnerships or joint ventures relating to the development of housing or projects with other public or private entities; include in any contract let in connection with a project, stipulations requiring that the contractor and any subcontractors comply with requirements as to minimum wages and maximum hours of labor, and comply with any conditions that the federal government has attached to its financial aid of the project; lease or operate, or both, any project, and establish or revise schedules of rents for any projects or part of any project; arrange with the county or municipal corporations, or both, for the planning and replanning of streets, alleys, and other public places or facilities in connection with any area or project; borrow money upon its notes, debentures, or other evidences of indebtedness, and secure the same by mortgages upon property held or to be held by it, or by pledge of its revenues, or in any other manner; invest any funds held in reserves or sinking funds or not required for immediate disbursements; enter into a shared service agreement with another

metropolitan housing authority; execute contracts and all other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of the powers granted in this section; make, amend, and repeal bylaws and rules to carry into effect its powers and purposes;

(C) Borrow money or accept grants or other financial assistance from the federal government for or in aid of any housing project within its territorial limits; take over or lease or manage any housing project or undertaking constructed or owned by the federal government; comply with any conditions and enter into any mortgages, trust indentures, leases, or agreements that are necessary, convenient, or desirable;

(D) Subject to section 3735.311 of the Revised Code, employ a police force to protect the lives and property of the residents of housing projects within the district, to preserve the peace in the housing projects, and to enforce the laws, ordinances, and regulations of this state and its political subdivisions in the housing projects and, when authorized by law, outside the limits of the housing projects.

(E) Enter into an agreement with a county, municipal corporation, or township in whose jurisdiction the metropolitan housing authority is located that permits metropolitan housing authority police officers employed under division (D) of this section to exercise full arrest powers as provided in section 2935.03 of the Revised Code, perform any police function, exercise any police power, or render any police service within specified areas of the county, municipal corporation, or township for the purpose of preserving the peace and enforcing all laws of the state, ordinances of the municipal corporation, or regulations of the township.

**Sec. 3735.33.** Any two or more metropolitan housing authorities created under sections 3735.27 to 3735.50 of the Revised Code, may join or cooperate with one another in the exercise, either jointly or otherwise, of any or all of their powers relative to the purpose of financing as provided in sections 3735.31 and 3735.45 to 3735.49 of the Revised Code. The moneys received from such joint or cooperative financing may be used for planning, undertaking, owning, constructing, operating, or contracting with respect to a housing project or projects located within the area of operation of any one or more of the authorities. An authority may by resolution prescribe and authorize any other authority or authorities, joining or cooperating with it, to act on its behalf with respect to any or all powers relative to the purpose of financing, as its agent or otherwise, in the name of the authority or authorities so joining or cooperating, or in its own name.

Any two or more metropolitan housing authorities created under sections 3735.27 to 3735.50 of the Revised Code may enter into a shared service agreement.

A metropolitan housing authority may, directly or through its

subsidiaries or instrumentalities, provide, consult, sell, license, transfer, or contract to provide to other metropolitan housing authorities, public housing authorities, or other organizations formed inside or outside of this state, or to government agencies, housing-related knowledge, technology, software, innovations, or expertise for any of the following:

- (A) The development or redevelopment of housing projects;
- (B) The performance of federal housing contracts or grants;
- (C) Any matter related to the efficient operation of housing organizations;
- (D) The management or operation of a metropolitan housing authority or redevelopment authority.

**Sec. 3735.40.** As used in sections 3735.27, 3735.31, and 3735.40 to 3735.50 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Federal government" includes the United States, the federal works administrator, or any other agency or instrumentality, corporate or otherwise, of the United States.

(B) "Slum" has the meaning defined in section 1.08 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Housing project" or "project" means any of the following works or undertakings:

(1) Demolish, clear, or remove buildings from any slum area. Such work or undertaking may embrace the adaptation of such area to public purposes, including parks or other recreational or community purposes.

(2) Provide decent, safe, and sanitary urban or rural dwellings, apartments, or other living accommodations for persons of low income.

(3) Provide for buildings, land, equipment, facilities, and other real or personal property for necessary, convenient, or desirable appurtenances, streets, sewers, water service, parks, site preparation, gardening, administrative, community, health, recreational, educational, welfare, commercial, residential, or other purposes.

(4) Accomplish a combination of the foregoing. "Housing project" also may be applied to the planning of the buildings and improvements, the acquisition of property, the demolition of existing structures, the construction, reconstruction, alteration, and repair of the improvements, and all other work in connection therewith.

(D) "Families of low income" ~~means~~ and "persons of low income" mean persons or families who lack the amount of income which is necessary, as determined by the metropolitan housing authority undertaking the housing project, to enable them, without financial assistance, to live in decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings, without overcrowding. The terms include persons or

families as defined by federal law or regulations who are eligible for a federally derived rent subsidy.

(E) "Families" means families consisting of two or more persons, a single person who has attained the age at which an individual may elect to receive an old age benefit under Title II of the "Social Security Act" or is under disability as defined in section 223 of that act, 49 Stat. 622 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 401, as amended, or the remaining member of a tenant family.

(F) "Families" also means a single person discharged by the head of a hospital pursuant to section 5122.21 of the Revised Code after March 10, 1964.

(G) "Mixed-income development" means a development that includes decent, safe, and sanitary urban or rural dwellings, apartments, or other living accommodations for persons or families of varying incomes.

(H) "Mixed-use development" means a development that is both residential and nonresidential in character.

**Sec. 3735.41.** Except as otherwise provided in section 3735.43 of the Revised Code, in the operation or management of housing projects a metropolitan housing authority shall observe the following with respect to rentals and tenant selection:

(A)(1) It shall not provide a federally derived rent subsidy to any tenant for any dwelling in a housing project if the persons who would occupy the dwelling have an aggregate annual net income that equals or exceeds the amount that the authority determines to be necessary to enable such persons to do both of the following:

- (a) Secure safe, sanitary, and uncongested dwelling accommodations within the area of operation of the authority;
- (b) Provide an adequate standard of living for themselves.

(2) As used in this division, "aggregate annual net income" means the aggregate annual income less the deductions and exemptions from that income authorized by law or regulations established by the United States department of housing and urban development.

(B) ~~¶ (1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, it may rent or lease the dwelling accommodations therein only at rentals within the financial reach of persons who lack the amount of income which it determines, pursuant to division (A) of this section, to be necessary in order to obtain safe, sanitary, and uncongested dwelling accommodations within the area of operation of the authority and to provide an adequate standard of living.~~

(2) It may rent or lease to nonresidential tenants and persons of varying incomes within a project, mixed-use development, or mixed-income development.

(C) It may use a federally derived rent subsidy to rent or lease to a tenant a dwelling consisting of the number of rooms, but no greater number, which it considers necessary to provide safe and sanitary accommodations to the proposed occupants thereof, without overcrowding.

Sections 3735.27 to 3735.50 of the Revised Code do not limit the power of an authority to vest in a bondholder the right, in the event of a default by such authority, to take possession of a housing project or cause the appointment of a receiver thereof or acquire title thereto through foreclosure proceedings, free from all the restrictions imposed by such sections."

In line 82857, after "3734.901," insert "3735.31, 3735.33, 3735.40, 3735.41,"

In line 28 of the title, delete "2923.12, 2923.20,"

In line 242, delete "2923.12, 2923.20,"

Delete lines 19883 through 20189

In line 82832, delete "2923.12, 2923.20,"

In line 125 of the title, after "5715.27," insert "5726.04,"

In line 313, after "5715.27," insert "5726.04,"

After line 71527, insert:

**"Sec. 5726.04.(A)** The tax levied on a financial institution under this chapter shall be the greater of the following:

(1) A minimum tax equal to one thousand dollars;

(2) The product of the total Ohio equity capital of the financial institution, as determined under this section, multiplied by eight mills for each dollar of the first two hundred million dollars of total Ohio equity capital, by four mills for each dollar of total Ohio equity capital greater than two hundred million and less than one billion three hundred million dollars, and by two and one-half mills for each dollar of total Ohio equity capital equal to or greater than one billion three hundred million dollars.

(B) If the reporting person for a financial institution files an FR Y-9 or call report, the total equity capital of the financial institution shall equal the total equity capital shown on the reporting person's FR Y-9 or call report as of the end of the taxable year. The total equity capital of all other financial institutions shall be reported as of the end of the taxable year in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

(C) For the purposes of this section, ~~"total:~~

(1) "Total Ohio equity capital" means the product of (a) the total equity capital of a financial institution as of the end of a taxable year to the extent that the total equity capital does not exceed fourteen per cent of the financial institution's total assets multiplied by (b) the Ohio apportionment



ratio calculated for the financial institution under section 5726.05 of the Revised Code, except as provided in section 5726.041 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Total assets" means:

(a) In the case of a financial institution described in division (H)(1) of section 5726.01 of the Revised Code, the total consolidated assets as shown on the reporting person's FR Y-9 as of the end of the taxable year;

(b) In the case of a financial institution described in division (H)(2) or (3) of section 5726.01 of the Revised Code, the total consolidated assets as shown on the reporting person's call report as of the end of the taxable year;

(c) In the case of all other financial institutions, the total consolidated assets of the financial institution as of the end of the taxable year in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The tax commissioner may audit a reporting person's total assets to confirm the financial institution's actual total consolidated assets and may make any adjustments necessary.

(D) All payments received from the tax levied under this chapter shall be credited to the general revenue fund.

(E)(1) As used in this division:

(a) "First target tax amount" means two hundred million dollars.

(b) "Second target tax amount" means one hundred six per cent of the first target tax amount or, if applicable, the first target tax amount as adjusted under division (E)(2) or (3) of this section.

(c) "Amount of taxes collected" means the amount of taxes received by the tax commissioner from the tax levied under this chapter for a tax year, plus the total amount of the tax credit authorized by section 5726.57 of the Revised Code claimed on tax year 2014 reports, less any amounts refunded to taxpayers for the same tax year.

(2) If, for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2014, the total amount of taxes collected from all taxpayers under this chapter is greater than one hundred ten per cent of the first target tax amount, the tax commissioner shall decrease each tax rate provided in division (A)(2) of this section by a percentage equal to the percentage by which the amount of taxes collected exceeded the first target tax amount.

(3) If, for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2014, the total amount of taxes collected from all taxpayers under this chapter is less than ninety per cent of the first target tax amount, the tax commissioner shall increase the tax rate for each dollar of total Ohio equity capital equal to or greater than one billion three hundred million dollars as provided in division (A)(2) of this section by a percentage equal to a fraction, the denominator of which is the aggregate sum of each dollar of each taxpayer's Ohio equity capital greater

than or equal to one billion three hundred million dollars, as reported by each taxpayer for tax year 2014, multiplied by the tax rate for each dollar of total Ohio equity capital greater than or equal to one billion three hundred million dollars provided under division (A)(2) of this section, and the numerator of which is the sum of the denominator and the difference obtained by subtracting the amount of taxes collected under this chapter in tax year 2014 from ninety per cent of the first target tax amount.

(4) If, for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2016, the total amount of taxes collected from all taxpayers under this chapter is greater than one hundred ten per cent of the second target tax amount, the tax commissioner shall decrease each tax rate in effect on January 1, 2016, by a percentage equal to the percentage by which the amount of taxes collected exceeded the second target tax amount.

(5) If, for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2016, the total amount of taxes collected from all taxpayers under this chapter is less than ninety per cent of the second target tax amount, the tax commissioner shall increase the tax rate for each dollar of total Ohio equity capital equal to or greater than one billion three hundred million dollars as provided in division (A)(2) of this section by a percentage equal to a fraction, the denominator of which is the aggregate sum of each dollar of each taxpayer's Ohio equity capital greater than or equal to one billion three hundred million dollars, as reported by each taxpayer for tax year 2016, multiplied by the tax rate for each dollar of total Ohio equity capital greater than or equal to one billion three hundred million dollars provided under division (A)(2) of this section, and the numerator of which is the sum of the denominator and the difference obtained by subtracting the amount of taxes collected under this chapter in tax year 2016 from ninety per cent of the second target tax amount.

(6) Tax rates adjusted pursuant to division (E)(2), (3), (4), or (5) of this section shall be rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one mill per dollar. The tax commissioner shall publish the new tax rates by journal entry and provide notice of the new tax rates to taxpayers. The new tax rates adjusted pursuant to division (E)(2) or (3) of this section shall apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015. The new tax rates adjusted pursuant to division (E)(4) or (5) of this section shall apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017. The commissioner may adopt rules to provide additional guidance for the application of this section."

In line 82904, after "5715.27," insert "5726.04,"

After line 97573, insert:

**"Section 757. \_\_.** The amendment by this act of section 5726.04 of the Revised Code applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020."

In line 10774, delete "sixteen" and insert "seventeen"

In line 10775, delete "sixteen" and insert "seventeen"

In line 84515, delete "\$54,500,000 \$54,500,000" and insert "\$55,250,000 \$55,250,000"

In line 84517, add \$750,000 to each fiscal year

In line 84554, add \$750,000 to each fiscal year

After line 91918c, insert:

"GRF 235598 Rural University Program \$500,000 \$500,000"

In line 91921, add \$500,000 to each fiscal year

In line 91946, add \$500,000 to each fiscal year

After line 93207, insert:

**"Section 381.376. RURAL UNIVERSITY PROGRAM**

The foregoing appropriation item 235598, Rural University Program, shall be used for the Rural University Program, a collaboration of Bowling Green State University, Kent State University, Miami University, and Ohio University that provides rural communities with economic development, public administration, and public health services. Each of the four participating universities shall receive \$125,000 in each fiscal year to support their respective programs."

In line 199 of the title, after the semicolon insert "to amend sections 921.06, 955.43, 3301.07, 3301.071, 3301.0711, 3301.16, 3301.162, 3301.164, 3301.52, 3301.541, 3302.07, 3302.41, 3310.01, 3312.01, 3312.04, 3312.05, 3312.09, 3313.41, 3313.48, 3313.481, 3313.482, 3313.536, 3313.539, 3313.5311, 3313.603, 3313.62, 3313.716, 3313.717, 3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7111, 3313.7112, 3313.7114, 3313.813, 3313.86, 3313.976, 3317.024, 3317.03, 3317.06, 3317.062, 3317.063, 3317.13, 3319.311, 3319.313, 3319.314, 3319.317, 3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.392, 3319.40, 3319.52, 3321.01, 3326.01, 3326.03, 3326.032, 3326.04, 3326.09, 3327.07, 3327.10, 3365.01, 3365.02, 3701.133, 3781.106, 3781.11, 4729.513, 4729.541, 5104.01, 5104.02, and 5139.18 and to enact section 3301.165 of the Revised Code;"

After line 82929, insert:

**"Section 130.** That sections 921.06, 955.43, 3301.07, 3301.071, 3301.0711, 3301.16, 3301.162, 3301.164, 3301.52, 3301.541, 3302.07, 3302.41, 3310.01, 3312.01, 3312.04, 3312.05, 3312.09, 3313.41, 3313.48, 3313.481, 3313.482, 3313.536, 3313.539, 3313.5311, 3313.603, 3313.62, 3313.716, 3313.717, 3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7111, 3313.7112, 3313.7114, 3313.813, 3313.86, 3313.976, 3317.024, 3317.03, 3317.06, 3317.062, 3317.063, 3317.13, 3319.311, 3319.313, 3319.314, 3319.317, 3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.392, 3319.40, 3319.52, 3321.01, 3326.01, 3326.03, 3326.032, 3326.04, 3326.09, 3327.07, 3327.10, 3365.01, 3365.02, 3701.133, 3781.106,

3781.11, 4729.513, 4729.541, 5104.01, 5104.02, and 5139.18 be amended and section 3301.165 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

**Sec. 921.06.** (A)(1) No individual shall do any of the following without having a commercial applicator license issued by the director of agriculture:

(a) Apply pesticides for a pesticide business without direct supervision;

(b) Apply pesticides as part of the individual's duties while acting as an employee of the United States government, a state, county, township, or municipal corporation, or a park district, port authority, or sanitary district created under Chapter 1545., 4582., or 6115. of the Revised Code, respectively;

(c) Apply restricted use pesticides. Division (A)(1)(c) of this section does not apply to a private applicator or an immediate family member or a subordinate employee of a private applicator who is acting under the direct supervision of that private applicator.

(d) If the individual is the owner of a business other than a pesticide business or an employee of such an owner, apply pesticides at any of the following publicly accessible sites that are located on the property:

(i) Food service operations that are licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code;

(ii) Retail food establishments that are licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code;

(iii) Golf courses;

(iv) Rental properties of more than four apartment units at one location;

(v) Hospitals or medical facilities as defined in section 3701.01 of the Revised Code;

(vi) Child day-care centers or school child day-care centers as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code;

(vii) Facilities owned or operated by a school district established under Chapter 3311. of the Revised Code, including an educational service center, a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, ~~or~~ a chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school that meets minimum standards established by the state board of education, or an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code;

(viii) State institutions of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, nonprofit institutions holding a certificate of authorization pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code, institutions holding a certificate of registration from the state board of career colleges and

schools and program authorization for an associate or bachelor's degree program issued under section 3332.05 of the Revised Code, and private institutions exempt from regulation under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code as prescribed in section 3333.046 of the Revised Code;

(ix) Food processing establishments as defined in section 3715.021 of the Revised Code;

(x) Any other site designated by rule.

(e) Conduct authorized diagnostic inspections.

(2) Divisions (A)(1)(a) to (d) of this section do not apply to an individual who is acting as a trained serviceperson under the direct supervision of a commercial applicator.

(3) Licenses shall be issued for a period of time established by rule and shall be renewed in accordance with deadlines established by rule. The fee for each such license shall be established by rule. If a license is not issued or renewed, the application fee shall be retained by the state as payment for the reasonable expense of processing the application. The director shall by rule classify by pesticide-use category licenses to be issued under this section. A single license may include more than one pesticide-use category. No individual shall be required to pay an additional license fee if the individual is licensed for more than one category.

The fee for each license or renewal does not apply to an applicant who is an employee of the department of agriculture whose job duties require licensure as a commercial applicator as a condition of employment.

(B) Application for a commercial applicator license shall be made on a form prescribed by the director. Each application for a license shall state the pesticide-use category or categories of license for which the applicant is applying and other information that the director determines essential to the administration of this chapter.

(C) If the director finds that the applicant is competent to apply pesticides and conduct diagnostic inspections and that the applicant has passed both the general examination and each applicable pesticide-use category examination as required under division (A) of section 921.12 of the Revised Code, the director shall issue a commercial applicator license limited to the pesticide-use category or categories for which the applicant is found to be competent. If the director rejects an application, the director may explain why the application was rejected, describe the additional requirements necessary for the applicant to obtain a license, and return the application. The applicant may resubmit the application without payment of any additional fee.

(D)(1) A person who is a commercial applicator shall be deemed to hold a private applicator's license for purposes of applying pesticides on agricultural commodities that are produced by the commercial applicator.

(2) A commercial applicator shall apply pesticides only in the pesticide-use category or categories in which the applicator is licensed under this chapter.

(E) All money collected under this section shall be credited to the pesticide, fertilizer, and lime program fund created in section 921.22 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 955.43.** (A) When either a blind, deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility impaired person or a trainer of an assistance dog is accompanied by an assistance dog, the person or the trainer, as applicable, is entitled to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, and privileges of all public conveyances, hotels, lodging places, all places of public accommodation, amusement, or resort, all institutions of education, and other places to which the general public is invited, and may take the dog into such conveyances and places, subject only to the conditions and limitations applicable to all persons not so accompanied, except that:

(1) The dog shall not occupy a seat in any public conveyance.

(2) The dog shall be upon a leash while using the facilities of a common carrier.

(3) Any dog in training to become an assistance dog shall be covered by a liability insurance policy provided by the nonprofit special agency engaged in such work protecting members of the public against personal injury or property damage caused by the dog.

(B) No person shall deprive a blind, deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility impaired person or a trainer of an assistance dog who is accompanied by an assistance dog of any of the advantages, facilities, or privileges provided in division (A) of this section, nor charge the person or trainer a fee or charge for the dog.

(C) As used in this section, "institutions of education" means:

(1) Any state university or college as defined in section 3345.32 of the Revised Code;

(2) Any private college or university that holds a certificate of authorization issued by the Ohio board of regents pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code;

(3) Any elementary or secondary school operated by a board of education;

(4) Any chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic elementary or secondary school; As used in this section, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(5) Any school issued a certificate of registration by the state board of

career colleges and schools.

**Sec. 3301.07.** The state board of education shall exercise under the acts of the general assembly general supervision of the system of public education in the state. In addition to the powers otherwise imposed on the state board under the provisions of law, the board shall have the powers described in this section.

(A) The state board shall exercise policy forming, planning, and evaluative functions for the public schools of the state except as otherwise provided by law.

(B)(1) The state board shall exercise leadership in the improvement of public education in this state, and administer the educational policies of this state relating to public schools, and relating to instruction and instructional material, building and equipment, transportation of pupils, administrative responsibilities of school officials and personnel, and finance and organization of school districts, educational service centers, and territory. Consultative and advisory services in such matters shall be provided by the board to school districts and educational service centers of this state.

(2) The state board also shall develop a standard of financial reporting which shall be used by each school district board of education and each governing board of an educational service center, each governing authority of a community school established under Chapter 3314., each governing body of a STEM school established under Chapter 3328., and each board of trustees of a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code to make its financial information and annual budgets for each school building under its control available to the public in a format understandable by the average citizen. The format shall show, both at the district and at the school building level, revenue by source; expenditures for salaries, wages, and benefits of employees, showing such amounts separately for classroom teachers, other employees required to hold licenses issued pursuant to sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code, and all other employees; expenditures other than for personnel, by category, including utilities, textbooks and other educational materials, equipment, permanent improvements, pupil transportation, extracurricular athletics, and other extracurricular activities; and per pupil expenditures. The format shall also include information on total revenue and expenditures, per pupil revenue, and expenditures for both classroom and nonclassroom purposes, as defined by the standards adopted under section 3302.20 of the Revised Code in the aggregate and for each subgroup of students, as defined by section 3317.40 of the Revised Code, that receives services provided for by state or federal funding.

(3) Each school district board, governing authority, governing body, or board of trustees, or its respective designee, shall annually report, to the

department of education, all financial information required by the standards for financial reporting, as prescribed by division (B)(2) of this section and adopted by the state board. The department shall make all reports submitted pursuant to this division available in such a way that allows for comparison between financial information included in these reports and financial information included in reports produced prior to July 1, 2013. The department shall post these reports in a prominent location on its web site and shall notify each school when reports are made available.

(C) The state board shall administer and supervise the allocation and distribution of all state and federal funds for public school education under the provisions of law, and may prescribe such systems of accounting as are necessary and proper to this function. It may require county auditors and treasurers, boards of education, educational service center governing boards, treasurers of such boards, teachers, and other school officers and employees, or other public officers or employees, to file with it such reports as it may prescribe relating to such funds, or to the management and condition of such funds.

(D)(1) Wherever in Titles IX, XXIII, XXIX, XXXIII, XXXVII, XLVII, and LI of the Revised Code a reference is made to standards prescribed under this section or division (D) of this section, that reference shall be construed to refer to the standards prescribed under division (D)(2) of this section, unless the context specifically indicates a different meaning or intent.

(2) The state board shall formulate and prescribe minimum standards to be applied to all elementary and secondary schools in this state for the purpose of providing children access to a general education of high quality according to the learning needs of each individual, including students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students, limited English proficient students, and students identified as gifted. Such standards shall provide adequately for: the licensing of teachers, administrators, and other professional personnel and their assignment according to training and qualifications; efficient and effective instructional materials and equipment, including library facilities; the proper organization, administration, and supervision of each school, including regulations for preparing all necessary records and reports and the preparation of a statement of policies and objectives for each school; the provision of safe buildings, grounds, health and sanitary facilities and services; admission of pupils, and such requirements for their promotion from grade to grade as will assure that they are capable and prepared for the level of study to which they are certified; requirements for graduation; and such other factors as the board finds necessary.

The state board shall base any standards governing the promotion of students or requirements for graduation on the ability of students, at any grade



level, to earn credits or advance upon demonstration of mastery of knowledge and skills through competency-based learning models. Credits of grade level advancement shall not require a minimum number of days or hours in a classroom.

The state board shall base any standards governing the assignment of staff on ensuring each school has a sufficient number of teachers to ensure a student has an appropriate level of interaction to meet each student's personal learning goals.

In the formulation and administration of such standards for nonpublic schools the board shall also consider the particular needs, methods and objectives of those schools, provided they do not conflict with the provision of a general education of a high quality and provided that regular procedures shall be followed for promotion from grade to grade of pupils who have met the educational requirements prescribed.

All chartered, nonchartered, and accredited nonpublic schools shall comply with the minimum education standards adopted by the state board under this division. However, the state board shall not prescribe additional operating standards for nonchartered or accredited nonpublic schools. As used in this section, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(3) In addition to the minimum standards required by division (D)(2) of this section, the state board may formulate and prescribe the following additional minimum operating standards for school districts:

(a) Standards for the effective and efficient organization, administration, and supervision of each school district with a commitment to high expectations for every student based on the learning needs of each individual, including students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students, limited English proficient students, and students identified as gifted, and commitment to closing the achievement gap without suppressing the achievement levels of higher achieving students so that all students achieve core knowledge and skills in accordance with the statewide academic standards adopted under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code;

(b) Standards for the establishment of business advisory councils under section 3313.82 of the Revised Code;

(c) Standards for school district buildings that may require the effective and efficient organization, administration, and supervision of each school district building with a commitment to high expectations for every student based on the learning needs of each individual, including students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students, limited English proficient students, and students identified as gifted, and commitment to closing the achievement gap without suppressing the achievement levels of higher achieving students so that all students achieve core knowledge and

skills in accordance with the statewide academic standards adopted under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code.

(E) The state board may require as part of the health curriculum information developed under section 2108.34 of the Revised Code promoting the donation of anatomical gifts pursuant to Chapter 2108. of the Revised Code and may provide the information to high schools, educational service centers, and joint vocational school district boards of education;

(F) The state board shall prepare and submit annually to the governor and the general assembly a report on the status, needs, and major problems of the public schools of the state, with recommendations for necessary legislative action and a ten-year projection of the state's public and nonpublic school enrollment, by year and by grade level.

(G) The state board shall prepare and submit to the director of budget and management the biennial budgetary requests of the state board of education, for its agencies and for the public schools of the state.

(H) The state board shall cooperate with federal, state, and local agencies concerned with the health and welfare of children and youth of the state.

(I) The state board shall require such reports from school districts and educational service centers, school officers, and employees as are necessary and desirable. The superintendents and treasurers of school districts and educational service centers shall certify as to the accuracy of all reports required by law or state board or state department of education rules to be submitted by the district or educational service center and which contain information necessary for calculation of state funding. Any superintendent who knowingly falsifies such report shall be subject to license revocation pursuant to section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

(J) In accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the state board shall adopt procedures, standards, and guidelines for the education of children with disabilities pursuant to Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, including procedures, standards, and guidelines governing programs and services operated by county boards of developmental disabilities pursuant to section 3323.09 of the Revised Code.

(K) For the purpose of encouraging the development of special programs of education for academically gifted children, the state board shall employ competent persons to analyze and publish data, promote research, advise and counsel with boards of education, and encourage the training of teachers in the special instruction of gifted children. The board may provide financial assistance out of any funds appropriated for this purpose to boards of education and educational service center governing boards for developing and conducting programs of education for academically gifted children.

(L) The state board shall require that all public schools emphasize and encourage, within existing units of study, the teaching of energy and resource conservation as recommended to each district board of education by leading business persons involved in energy production and conservation, beginning in the primary grades.

(M) The state board shall formulate and prescribe minimum standards requiring the use of phonics as a technique in the teaching of reading in grades kindergarten through three. In addition, the state board shall provide in-service training programs for teachers on the use of phonics as a technique in the teaching of reading in grades kindergarten through three.

(N) The state board may adopt rules necessary for carrying out any function imposed on it by law, and may provide rules as are necessary for its government and the government of its employees, and may delegate to the superintendent of public instruction the management and administration of any function imposed on it by law. It may provide for the appointment of board members to serve on temporary committees established by the board for such purposes as are necessary. Permanent or standing committees shall not be created.

(O) Upon application from the board of education of a school district, the superintendent of public instruction may issue a waiver exempting the district from compliance with the standards adopted under divisions (B)(2) and (D) of this section, as they relate to the operation of a school operated by the district. The state board shall adopt standards for the approval or disapproval of waivers under this division. The state superintendent shall consider every application for a waiver, and shall determine whether to grant or deny a waiver in accordance with the state board's standards. For each waiver granted, the state superintendent shall specify the period of time during which the waiver is in effect, which shall not exceed five years. A district board may apply to renew a waiver.

**Sec. 3301.071.** (A)(1) In the case of nontax-supported schools other than accredited nonpublic schools, as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, standards for teacher certification prescribed under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code shall provide for certification, without further educational requirements, of any administrator, supervisor, or teacher who has attended and received a bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by a national or regional association in the United States except that, at the discretion of the state board of education, this requirement may be met by having an equivalent degree from a foreign college or university of comparable standing. Standards for certification of any administrator, supervisor, or teacher of an accredited nonpublic school shall require compliance with the educational qualifications prescribed by the independent schools association of the central states. However, nothing in this section exempts an accredited nonpublic school from the requirement that each

applicant undergo a criminal records check under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code.

(2) In the case of nonchartered, nontax-supported schools, the standards for teacher certification prescribed under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code shall provide for certification, without further educational requirements, of any administrator, supervisor, or teacher who has attended and received a diploma from a "bible college" or "bible institute" described in division (E) of section 1713.02 of the Revised Code.

(3) A certificate issued under division (A)(3) of this section shall be valid only for teaching foreign language, music, religion, computer technology, or fine arts.

Notwithstanding division (A)(1) of this section, the standards for teacher certification prescribed under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code shall provide for certification of a person as a teacher upon receipt by the state board of an affidavit signed by the chief administrative officer of a chartered nonpublic school seeking to employ the person, stating that the person meets one of the following conditions:

(a) The person has specialized knowledge, skills, or expertise that qualifies the person to provide instruction.

(b) The person has provided to the chief administrative officer evidence of at least three years of teaching experience in a public or nonpublic school.

(c) The person has provided to the chief administrative officer evidence of completion of a teacher training program named in the affidavit.

(B) Each person applying for a certificate under this section for purposes of serving in a nonpublic school chartered by the state board under section 3301.16 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee in the amount established under division (A) of section 3319.51 of the Revised Code. Any fees received under this division shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the state board of education certification fund established under division (B) of section 3319.51 of the Revised Code.

(C) A person applying for or holding any certificate pursuant to this section for purposes of serving in a nonpublic school chartered by the state board is subject to sections 3123.41 to 3123.50 of the Revised Code and any applicable rules adopted under section 3123.63 of the Revised Code and sections 3319.31 and 3319.311 of the Revised Code.

(D) Divisions (B) and (C) of this section and sections 3319.291, 3319.31, and 3319.311 of the Revised Code do not apply to any administrators, supervisors, or teachers in nonchartered, nontax-supported schools.

**Sec. 3301.0711.** (A) The department of education shall:

(1) Annually furnish to, grade, and score all assessments required by divisions (A)(1) and (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code to be administered by city, local, exempted village, and joint vocational school districts, except that each district shall score any assessment administered pursuant to division (B)(10) of this section. Each assessment so furnished shall include the data verification code of the student to whom the assessment will be administered, as assigned pursuant to division (D)(2) of section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code. In furnishing the practice versions of Ohio graduation tests prescribed by division (D) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code, the department shall make the tests available on its web site for reproduction by districts. In awarding contracts for grading assessments, the department shall give preference to Ohio-based entities employing Ohio residents.

(2) Adopt rules for the ethical use of assessments and prescribing the manner in which the assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code shall be administered to students.

(B) Except as provided in divisions (C) and (J) of this section, the board of education of each city, local, and exempted village school district shall, in accordance with rules adopted under division (A) of this section:

(1) Administer the English language arts assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(a) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code twice annually to all students in the third grade who have not attained the score designated for that assessment under division (A)(2)(c) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code.

(2) Administer the mathematics assessment prescribed under division (A)(1)(a) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the third grade.

(3) Administer the assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(b) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the fourth grade.

(4) Administer the assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(c) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the fifth grade.

(5) Administer the assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(d) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the sixth grade.

(6) Administer the assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(e) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the seventh grade.

(7) Administer the assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(f) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students

in the eighth grade.

(8) Except as provided in division (B)(9) of this section, administer any assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code as follows:

(a) At least once annually to all tenth grade students and at least twice annually to all students in eleventh or twelfth grade who have not yet attained the score on that assessment designated under that division;

(b) To any person who has successfully completed the curriculum in any high school or the individualized education program developed for the person by any high school pursuant to section 3323.08 of the Revised Code but has not received a high school diploma and who requests to take such assessment, at any time such assessment is administered in the district.

(9) In lieu of the board of education of any city, local, or exempted village school district in which the student is also enrolled, the board of a joint vocational school district shall administer any assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least twice annually to any student enrolled in the joint vocational school district who has not yet attained the score on that assessment designated under that division. A board of a joint vocational school district may also administer such an assessment to any student described in division (B)(8)(b) of this section.

(10) If the district has a three-year average graduation rate of not more than seventy-five per cent, administer each assessment prescribed by division (D) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code in September to all ninth grade students who entered ninth grade prior to July 1, 2014.

Except as provided in section 3313.614 of the Revised Code for administration of an assessment to a person who has fulfilled the curriculum requirement for a high school diploma but has not passed one or more of the required assessments, the assessments prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code shall not be administered after the date specified in the rules adopted by the state board of education under division (D)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(11)(a) Except as provided in division (B)(11)(b) of this section, administer the assessments prescribed by division (B)(2) of section 3301.0710 and section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code in accordance with the timeline and plan for implementation of those assessments prescribed by rule of the state board adopted under division (D)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code;

(b) A student who has presented evidence to the district or school of having satisfied the condition prescribed by division (A)(1) of section 3313.618 of the Revised Code to qualify for a high school diploma prior to the date of the administration of the assessment prescribed under division (B)

(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code shall not be required to take that assessment. However, no board shall prohibit a student who is not required to take such assessment from taking the assessment.

(C)(1)(a) In the case of a student receiving special education services under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, the individualized education program developed for the student under that chapter shall specify the manner in which the student will participate in the assessments administered under this section, except that a student with significant cognitive disabilities to whom an alternate assessment is administered in accordance with division (C)(1) of this section and a student determined to have a disability that includes an intellectual disability as outlined in guidance issued by the department shall not be required to take the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code. The individualized education program may excuse the student from taking any particular assessment required to be administered under this section if it instead specifies an alternate assessment method approved by the department of education as conforming to requirements of federal law for receipt of federal funds for disadvantaged pupils. To the extent possible, the individualized education program shall not excuse the student from taking an assessment unless no reasonable accommodation can be made to enable the student to take the assessment. No board shall prohibit a student who is not required to take an assessment under division (C)(1) of this section from taking the assessment.

(b) Any alternate assessment approved by the department for a student under this division shall produce measurable results comparable to those produced by the assessment it replaces in order to allow for the student's results to be included in the data compiled for a school district or building under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

(c)(i) Any student enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school or an accredited nonpublic school who has been identified, based on an evaluation conducted in accordance with section 3323.03 of the Revised Code or section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 355, 29 U.S.C.A. 794, as amended, as a child with a disability shall be excused from taking any particular assessment required to be administered under this section if a plan developed for the student pursuant to rules adopted by the state board excuses the student from taking that assessment.

(ii) A student with significant cognitive disabilities to whom an alternate assessment is administered in accordance with division (C)(1) of this section and a student determined to have a disability that includes an intellectual disability as outlined in guidance issued by the department shall not be required to take the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(iii) In the case of any student who is enrolled in a chartered nonpublic

school and is so excused from taking an assessment under division (C)(1)(c) of this section, the ~~chartered nonpublic~~ school shall not prohibit the student from taking the assessment.

(2) A district board may, for medical reasons or other good cause, excuse a student from taking an assessment administered under this section on the date scheduled, but that assessment shall be administered to the excused student not later than nine days following the scheduled date. The district board shall annually report the number of students who have not taken one or more of the assessments required by this section to the state board not later than the thirtieth day of June.

(3) As used in this division, "limited English proficient student" has the same meaning as in 20 U.S.C. 7801.

No school district board shall excuse any limited English proficient student from taking any particular assessment required to be administered under this section, except as follows:

(a) Any limited English proficient student who has been enrolled in United States schools for less than two years and for whom no appropriate accommodations are available based on guidance issued by the department shall not be required to take the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(b) Any limited English proficient student who has been enrolled in United States schools for less than one full school year shall not be required to take any reading, writing, or English language arts assessment.

However, no board shall prohibit a limited English proficient student who is not required to take an assessment under division (C)(3) of this section from taking the assessment. A board may permit any limited English proficient student to take an assessment required to be administered under this section with appropriate accommodations, as determined by the department. For each limited English proficient student, each school district shall annually assess that student's progress in learning English, in accordance with procedures approved by the department.

(4)(a) The governing authority of a chartered nonpublic or an accredited nonpublic school may excuse a limited English proficient student from taking any assessment administered under this section.

(b) No governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school shall require a limited English proficient student who has been enrolled in United States schools for less than two years and for whom no appropriate accommodations are available based on guidance issued by the department to take the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(c) No governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school shall



prohibit a limited English proficient student from taking an assessment from which the student was excused under division (C)(4) of this section.

(D)(1) In the school year next succeeding the school year in which the assessments prescribed by division (A)(1) or (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or former division (A)(1), (A)(2), or (B) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to September 11, 2001, are administered to any student, the board of education of any school district in which the student is enrolled in that year shall provide to the student intervention services commensurate with the student's performance, including any intensive intervention required under section 3313.608 of the Revised Code, in any skill in which the student failed to demonstrate at least a score at the proficient level on the assessment.

(2) Following any administration of the assessments prescribed by division (D) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code to ninth grade students, each school district that has a three-year average graduation rate of not more than seventy-five per cent shall determine for each high school in the district whether the school shall be required to provide intervention services to any students who took the assessments. In determining which high schools shall provide intervention services based on the resources available, the district shall consider each school's graduation rate and scores on the practice assessments. The district also shall consider the scores received by ninth grade students on the English language arts and mathematics assessments prescribed under division (A)(1)(f) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code in the eighth grade in determining which high schools shall provide intervention services.

Each high school selected to provide intervention services under this division shall provide intervention services to any student whose results indicate that the student is failing to make satisfactory progress toward being able to attain scores at the proficient level on the Ohio graduation tests. Intervention services shall be provided in any skill in which a student demonstrates unsatisfactory progress and shall be commensurate with the student's performance. Schools shall provide the intervention services prior to the end of the school year, during the summer following the ninth grade, in the next succeeding school year, or at any combination of those times.

(E) Except as provided in section 3313.608 of the Revised Code and division (N) of this section, no school district board of education shall utilize any student's failure to attain a specified score on an assessment administered under this section as a factor in any decision to deny the student promotion to a higher grade level. However, a district board may choose not to promote to the next grade level any student who does not take an assessment administered under this section or make up an assessment as provided by division (C)(2) of this section and who is not exempt from the requirement to take the assessment under division (C)(3) of this section.

(F) No person shall be charged a fee for taking any assessment administered under this section.

(G)(1) Each school district board shall designate one location for the collection of assessments administered in the spring under division (B)(1) of this section and those administered under divisions (B)(2) to (7) of this section. Each district board shall submit the assessments to the entity with which the department contracts for the scoring of the assessments as follows:

(a) If the district's total enrollment in grades kindergarten through twelve during the first full school week of October was less than two thousand five hundred, not later than the Friday after all of the assessments have been administered;

(b) If the district's total enrollment in grades kindergarten through twelve during the first full school week of October was two thousand five hundred or more, but less than seven thousand, not later than the Monday after all of the assessments have been administered;

(c) If the district's total enrollment in grades kindergarten through twelve during the first full school week of October was seven thousand or more, not later than the Tuesday after all of the assessments have been administered.

However, any assessment that a student takes during the make-up period described in division (C)(2) of this section shall be submitted not later than the Friday following the day the student takes the assessment.

(2) The department or an entity with which the department contracts for the scoring of the assessment shall send to each school district board a list of the individual scores of all persons taking a state achievement assessment as follows:

(a) Except as provided in division (G)(2)(b) or (c) of this section, within forty-five days after the administration of the assessments prescribed by sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, but in no case shall the scores be returned later than the thirtieth day of June following the administration;

(b) In the case of the third-grade English language arts assessment, within forty-five days after the administration of that assessment, but in no case shall the scores be returned later than the fifteenth day of June following the administration;

(c) In the case of the writing component of an assessment or end-of-course examination in the area of English language arts, except for the third-grade English language arts assessment, the results may be sent after forty-five days of the administration of the writing component, but in no case shall the scores be returned later than the thirtieth day of June following the administration.

(3) For assessments administered under this section by a joint vocational school district, the department or entity shall also send to each city, local, or exempted village school district a list of the individual scores of any students of such city, local, or exempted village school district who are attending school in the joint vocational school district.

(4) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, a school district, other public school, ~~or chartered nonpublic school,~~ or accredited nonpublic school may administer the third-grade English language arts or mathematics assessment, or both, in a paper format in any school year for which the district board of education or school governing body adopts a resolution indicating that the district or school chooses to administer the assessment in a paper format. The board or governing body shall submit a copy of the resolution to the department of education not later than the first day of May prior to the school year for which it will apply. If the resolution is submitted, the district or school shall administer the assessment in a paper format to all students in the third grade, except that any student whose individualized education program or plan developed under section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 355, 29 U.S.C. 794, as amended, specifies that taking the assessment in an online format is an appropriate accommodation for the student may take the assessment in an online format.

(H) Individual scores on any assessments administered under this section shall be released by a district board only in accordance with section 3319.321 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under division (A) of this section. No district board or its employees shall utilize individual or aggregate results in any manner that conflicts with rules for the ethical use of assessments adopted pursuant to division (A) of this section.

(I) Except as provided in division (G) of this section, the department or an entity with which the department contracts for the scoring of the assessment shall not release any individual scores on any assessment administered under this section. The state board shall adopt rules to ensure the protection of student confidentiality at all times. The rules may require the use of the data verification codes assigned to students pursuant to division (D)(2) of section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code to protect the confidentiality of student scores.

(J) Notwithstanding division (D) of section 3311.52 of the Revised Code, this section does not apply to the board of education of any cooperative education school district except as provided under rules adopted pursuant to this division.

(1) In accordance with rules that the state board shall adopt, the board of education of any city, exempted village, or local school district with territory in a cooperative education school district established pursuant to divisions (A) to (C) of section 3311.52 of the Revised Code may enter into an

agreement with the board of education of the cooperative education school district for administering any assessment prescribed under this section to students of the city, exempted village, or local school district who are attending school in the cooperative education school district.

(2) In accordance with rules that the state board shall adopt, the board of education of any city, exempted village, or local school district with territory in a cooperative education school district established pursuant to section 3311.521 of the Revised Code shall enter into an agreement with the cooperative district that provides for the administration of any assessment prescribed under this section to both of the following:

(a) Students who are attending school in the cooperative district and who, if the cooperative district were not established, would be entitled to attend school in the city, local, or exempted village school district pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code;

(b) Persons described in division (B)(8)(b) of this section.

Any assessment of students pursuant to such an agreement shall be in lieu of any assessment of such students or persons pursuant to this section.

(K)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (K)(1) or (2) of this section, each chartered nonpublic school for which at least sixty-five per cent of its total enrollment is made up of students who are participating in state scholarship programs shall administer the elementary assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code. In accordance with procedures and deadlines prescribed by the department, the parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the school who is not participating in a state scholarship program may submit notice to the chief administrative officer of the school that the parent or guardian does not wish to have the student take the elementary assessments prescribed for the student's grade level under division (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code. If a parent or guardian submits an opt-out notice, the school shall not administer the assessments to that student. This option does not apply to any assessment required for a high school diploma under section 3313.612 of the Revised Code.

(2) A chartered nonpublic school may submit to the superintendent of public instruction a request for a waiver from administering the elementary assessments prescribed by division (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code. The state superintendent shall approve or disapprove a request for a waiver submitted under division (K)(2) of this section. No waiver shall be approved for any school year prior to the 2015-2016 school year.

To be eligible to submit a request for a waiver, a chartered nonpublic school shall meet the following conditions:

(a) At least ninety-five per cent of the students enrolled in the school are children with disabilities, as defined under section 3323.01 of the Revised

Code, or have received a diagnosis by a school district or from a physician, including a neuropsychiatrist or psychiatrist, or a psychologist who is authorized to practice in this or another state as having a condition that impairs academic performance, such as dyslexia, dyscalculia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or Asperger's syndrome.

(b) The school has solely served a student population described in division (K)(1)(a) of this section for at least ten years.

(c) The school provides to the department at least five years of records of internal testing conducted by the school that affords the department data required for accountability purposes, including diagnostic assessments and nationally standardized norm-referenced achievement assessments that measure reading and math skills.

(3) Any chartered nonpublic school that is not subject to division (K) (1) of this section may participate in the assessment program by administering any of the assessments prescribed by division (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code. The chief administrator of the school shall specify which assessments the school will administer. Such specification shall be made in writing to the superintendent of public instruction prior to the first day of August of any school year in which assessments are administered and shall include a pledge that the nonpublic school will administer the specified assessments in the same manner as public schools are required to do under this section and rules adopted by the department.

(4) The department of education shall furnish the assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code to each chartered nonpublic school that is subject to division (K)(1) of this section or participates under division (K)(3) of this section.

(L) If a chartered or accredited nonpublic school is educating students in grades nine through twelve, the following shall apply:

(1) Except as provided in division (L)(4) of this section, for a student who is enrolled in a ~~chartered-an accredited~~ nonpublic school ~~that is-accredited through the independent schools association of the central states-~~ and who is attending the school under a state scholarship program, the student shall either take all of the assessments prescribed by division (B) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code or take an alternative assessment approved by the department under section 3313.619 of the Revised Code. However, a student who is excused from taking an assessment under division (C) of this section or has presented evidence to the ~~chartered-accredited~~ nonpublic school of having satisfied the condition prescribed by division (A)(1) of section 3313.618 of the Revised Code to qualify for a high school diploma prior to the date of the administration of the assessment prescribed under division (B) (1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code shall not be required to take that assessment. No governing authority of a ~~chartered-an accredited~~ nonpublic

school shall prohibit a student who is not required to take such assessment from taking the assessment.

(2) For a student who is enrolled in a ~~chartered~~ an accredited nonpublic school ~~that is accredited through the independent schools association of the central states~~, and who is not attending the school under a state scholarship program, the student shall not be required to take any assessment prescribed under section 3301.0712 or 3313.619 of the Revised Code.

(3)(a) Except as provided in divisions (L)(3)(b) and (4) of this section, for a student who is enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school ~~that is not accredited through the independent schools association of the central states~~, regardless of whether the student is attending or is not attending the school under a state scholarship program, the student shall do one of the following:

(i) Take all of the assessments prescribed by division (B) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code;

(ii) Take only the assessment prescribed by division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, provided that the student's school publishes the results of that assessment for each graduating class. The published results of that assessment shall include the overall composite scores, mean scores, twenty-fifth percentile scores, and seventy-fifth percentile scores for each subject area of the assessment.

(iii) Take an alternative assessment approved by the department under section 3313.619 of the Revised Code.

(b) A student who is excused from taking an assessment under division (C) of this section or has presented evidence to the chartered nonpublic school of having satisfied the condition prescribed by division (A) (1) of section 3313.618 of the Revised Code to qualify for a high school diploma prior to the date of the administration of the assessment prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code shall not be required to take that assessment. No governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school shall prohibit a student who is not required to take such assessment from taking the assessment.

(4) The assessments prescribed by sections 3301.0712 and 3313.619 of the Revised Code shall not be administered to any student attending the school, if the school meets all of the following conditions:

(a) At least ninety-five per cent of the students enrolled in the school are children with disabilities, as defined under section 3323.01 of the Revised Code, or have received a diagnosis by a school district or from a physician, including a neuropsychologist or psychiatrist, or a psychologist who is authorized to practice in this or another state as having a condition that impairs academic performance, such as dyslexia, dyscalculia, attention deficit

hyperactivity disorder, or Asperger's syndrome.

(b) The school has solely served a student population described in division (L)(4)(a) of this section for at least ten years.

(c) The school makes available to the department at least five years of records of internal testing conducted by the school that affords the department data required for accountability purposes, including growth in student achievement in reading or mathematics, or both, as measured by nationally norm-referenced assessments that have developed appropriate standards for students.

Division (L)(4) of this section applies to any student attending such school regardless of whether the student receives special education or related services and regardless of whether the student is attending the school under a state scholarship program.

(M)(1) The superintendent of the state school for the blind and the superintendent of the state school for the deaf shall administer the assessments described by sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code. Each superintendent shall administer the assessments in the same manner as district boards are required to do under this section and rules adopted by the department of education and in conformity with division (C)(1)(a) of this section.

(2) The department of education shall furnish the assessments described by sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0712 of the Revised Code to each superintendent.

(N) Notwithstanding division (E) of this section, a school district may use a student's failure to attain a score in at least the proficient range on the mathematics assessment described by division (A)(1)(a) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or on an assessment described by division (A)(1)(b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code as a factor in retaining that student in the current grade level.

(O)(1) In the manner specified in divisions (O)(3), (4), (6), and (7) of this section, the assessments required by division (A)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code shall become public records pursuant to section 149.43 of the Revised Code on the thirty-first day of July following the school year that the assessments were administered.

(2) The department may field test proposed questions with samples of students to determine the validity, reliability, or appropriateness of questions for possible inclusion in a future year's assessment. The department also may use anchor questions on assessments to ensure that different versions of the same assessment are of comparable difficulty.

Field test questions and anchor questions shall not be considered in computing scores for individual students. Field test questions and anchor

questions may be included as part of the administration of any assessment required by division (A)(1) or (B) of section 3301.0710 and division (B) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

(3) Any field test question or anchor question administered under division (O)(2) of this section shall not be a public record. Such field test questions and anchor questions shall be redacted from any assessments which are released as a public record pursuant to division (O)(1) of this section.

(4) This division applies to the assessments prescribed by division (A) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code.

(a) The first administration of each assessment, as specified in former section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, shall be a public record.

(b) For subsequent administrations of each assessment prior to the 2011-2012 school year, not less than forty per cent of the questions on the assessment that are used to compute a student's score shall be a public record. The department shall determine which questions will be needed for reuse on a future assessment and those questions shall not be public records and shall be redacted from the assessment prior to its release as a public record. However, for each redacted question, the department shall inform each city, local, and exempted village school district of the statewide academic standard adopted by the state board under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and the corresponding benchmark to which the question relates. The preceding sentence does not apply to field test questions that are redacted under division (O)(3) of this section.

(c) The administrations of each assessment in the 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014 school years shall not be a public record.

(5) Each assessment prescribed by division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code shall not be a public record.

(6)(a) Except as provided in division (O)(6)(b) of this section, for the administrations in the 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017 school years, questions on the assessments prescribed under division (A) of section 3301.0710 and division (B)(2) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code and the corresponding preferred answers that are used to compute a student's score shall become a public record as follows:

(i) Forty per cent of the questions and preferred answers on the assessments on the thirty-first day of July following the administration of the assessment;

(ii) Twenty per cent of the questions and preferred answers on the assessment on the thirty-first day of July one year after the administration of the assessment;

(iii) The remaining forty per cent of the questions and preferred answers on the assessment on the thirty-first day of July two years after the



administration of the assessment.

The entire content of an assessment shall become a public record within three years of its administration.

The department shall make the questions that become a public record under this division readily accessible to the public on the department's web site. Questions on the spring administration of each assessment shall be released on an annual basis, in accordance with this division.

(b) No questions and corresponding preferred answers shall become a public record under division (O)(6) of this section after July 31, 2017.

(7) Division (O)(7) of this section applies to the assessments prescribed by division (A) of section 3301.0710 and division (B)(2) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code.

Beginning with the assessments administered in the spring of the 2017-2018 school year, not less than forty per cent of the questions on each assessment that are used to compute a student's score shall be a public record. The department shall determine which questions will be needed for reuse on a future assessment and those questions shall not be public records and shall be redacted from the assessment prior to its release as a public record. However, for each redacted question, the department shall inform each city, local, and exempted village school district of the corresponding statewide academic standard adopted by the state board under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and the corresponding benchmark to which the question relates. The department is not required to provide corresponding standards and benchmarks to field test questions that are redacted under division (O)(3) of this section.

(P) As used in this section:

(1) "Three-year average" means the average of the most recent consecutive three school years of data.

(2) "Dropout" means a student who withdraws from school before completing course requirements for graduation and who is not enrolled in an education program approved by the state board of education or an education program outside the state. "Dropout" does not include a student who has departed the country.

(3) "Graduation rate" means the ratio of students receiving a diploma to the number of students who entered ninth grade four years earlier. Students who transfer into the district are added to the calculation. Students who transfer out of the district for reasons other than dropout are subtracted from the calculation. If a student who was a dropout in any previous year returns to the same school district, that student shall be entered into the calculation as if the student had entered ninth grade four years before the graduation year of the graduating class that the student joins.

(4) "State scholarship programs" means the educational choice scholarship pilot program established under sections 3310.01 to 3310.17 of the Revised Code, the autism scholarship program established under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code, the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program established under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code, and the pilot project scholarship program established under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Other public school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314., a STEM school established under Chapter 3326., or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code.

(6) "Accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3301.16.** Pursuant to standards prescribed by the state board of education as provided in division (D) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code, the state board shall classify and charter school districts and individual schools within each district except that no charter shall be granted to a nonpublic school unless the school complies with divisions (K)(1) and (L) of section 3301.0711, as applicable, and sections 3301.164 and 3313.612 of the Revised Code.

In the course of considering the charter of a new school district created under section 3311.26 or 3311.38 of the Revised Code, the state board shall require the party proposing creation of the district to submit to the board a map, certified by the county auditor of the county in which the proposed new district is located, showing the boundaries of the proposed new district. In the case of a proposed new district located in more than one county, the map shall be certified by the county auditor of each county in which the proposed district is located.

The state board shall revoke the charter of any school district or school which fails to meet the standards for elementary and high schools as prescribed by the board. The state board shall also revoke the charter of any nonpublic school that does not comply with divisions (K)(1) and (L) of section 3301.0711, if applicable, and sections 3301.164 and 3313.612 of the Revised Code.

In the issuance and revocation of school district or school charters, the state board shall be governed by the provisions of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

No school district, or individual school operated by a school district, shall operate without a charter issued by the state board under this section.

In case a school district charter is revoked pursuant to this section, the state board may dissolve the school district and transfer its territory to one or

more adjacent districts. An equitable division of the funds, property, and indebtedness of the school district shall be made by the state board among the receiving districts. The board of education of a receiving district shall accept such territory pursuant to the order of the state board. Prior to dissolving the school district, the state board shall notify the appropriate educational service center governing board and all adjacent school district boards of education of its intention to do so. Boards so notified may make recommendations to the state board regarding the proposed dissolution and subsequent transfer of territory. Except as provided in section 3301.161 of the Revised Code, the transfer ordered by the state board shall become effective on the date specified by the state board, but the date shall be at least thirty days following the date of issuance of the order.

A high school is one of higher grade than an elementary school, in which instruction and training are given in accordance with sections 3301.07 and 3313.60 of the Revised Code and which also offers other subjects of study more advanced than those taught in the elementary schools and such other subjects as may be approved by the state board of education.

An elementary school is one in which instruction and training are given in accordance with sections 3301.07 and 3313.60 of the Revised Code and which offers such other subjects as may be approved by the state board of education. In districts wherein a junior high school is maintained, the elementary schools in that district may be considered to include only the work of the first six school years inclusive, plus the kindergarten year. This section shall not apply to accredited nonpublic schools described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3301.162.(A)** If the governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school or an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code intends to close the school, the governing authority shall notify all of the following of that intent prior to closing the school:

- (1) The department of education;
- (2) The school district that receives auxiliary services funding under division (E) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code on behalf of the students enrolled in the school;
- (3) The accrediting association that most recently accredited the school for purposes of chartering the school in accordance with the rules of the state board of education, if applicable;
- (4) If the school has been designated as a STEM school equivalent under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code, the STEM committee established under section 3326.02 of the Revised Code.

The notice shall include the school year and, if possible, the actual date the school will close.

(B) The chief administrator of each chartered nonpublic school and each accredited nonpublic school that closes shall deposit the school's records with either:

(1) The accrediting association that most recently accredited the school for purposes of chartering the school in accordance with the rules of the state board, if applicable;

(2) The school district that received auxiliary services funding under division (E) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code on behalf of the students enrolled in the school.

The school district that receives the records may charge for and receive a one-time reimbursement from auxiliary services funding under division (E) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code for costs the district incurred to store the records.

**Sec. 3301.164.** Each chartered nonpublic school shall publish on the school's web site both of the following:

(A) The number of students enrolled in the school by the last day of October of the current school year;

(B) The school's policy regarding background checks for teaching and nonteaching employees and for volunteers who have direct contact with students.

This section shall not apply to accredited nonpublic schools described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3301.165.** (A) The state board of education shall revoke the charter of any chartered nonpublic school that fails to do one of the following:

(1) Comply with the operating standards for a school established under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code;

(2) Maintain accreditation from an association, other than the independent schools association of the central states, whose standards have been approved by the state board;

(3) Maintain accreditation from the independent schools association of the central states. The department of education shall designate a nonpublic school that maintains eligibility for a charter under division (A)(3) of this section as an "accredited nonpublic school." The department shall accept an affirmation of accreditation only from either the independent schools association of the central states or an organization recognized by the department that represents the independent schools association of the central states.

(B) An accredited nonpublic school shall comply with the minimum education standards adopted by the state board under division (D)(2) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code. However, the state board shall not

prescribe additional operating standards for accredited nonpublic schools. Unless otherwise specifically required in the Revised Code, an accredited nonpublic school shall be exempt from any requirement to which a chartered nonpublic school is subject under Title XXXIII of the Revised Code.

(C) To ensure that an accredited nonpublic school or a school in the process of being accredited by the independent schools association of the central states is providing an education of high quality, the department may do both of the following:

(1) Send a representative to accompany an accrediting team from the independent schools association of the central states on any site visit to observe the activities and the report of the accrediting team;

(2) Request a copy of the report by the independent schools association of the central states that is issued as part of the accreditation cycle of a school.

(D) An accredited nonpublic school shall cooperate with the department in the department's execution of division (C) of this section. If an accredited nonpublic school fails to comply with this division, the department shall revoke the school's designation as an accredited nonpublic school, and the school shall be considered a chartered nonpublic school as long as it maintains eligibility for a charter under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section.

(E) Any accredited nonpublic school that fails to maintain a full accreditation from the independent schools association of the central states shall be considered a chartered nonpublic school, as long as it maintains eligibility for a charter under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section, and shall be required to comply with all laws applicable to chartered nonpublic schools.

(F) The department of education shall not create ratings or any type of report card for accredited nonpublic schools.

**Sec. 3301.52.** As used in sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Preschool program" means either of the following:

(1) A child care program for preschool children that is operated by a school district board of education or an eligible nonpublic school.

(2) A child care program for preschool children age three or older that is operated by a county board of developmental disabilities or a community school.

(B) "Preschool child" or "child" means a child who has not entered kindergarten and is not of compulsory school age.

(C) "Parent, guardian, or custodian" means the person or government agency that is or will be responsible for a child's school attendance under section 3321.01 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of a school district or the chief administrative officer of a community school or an eligible nonpublic school.

(E) "Director" means the director, head teacher, elementary principal, or site administrator who is the individual on site and responsible for supervision of a preschool program.

(F) "Preschool staff member" means a preschool employee whose primary responsibility is care, teaching, or supervision of preschool children.

(G) "Nonteaching employee" means a preschool program or school child program employee whose primary responsibilities are duties other than care, teaching, and supervision of preschool children or school children.

(H) "Eligible nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, a nonpublic school chartered as described in division (B)(8) of section 5104.02 of the Revised Code, or a nonpublic school chartered by the state board of education for any combination of grades one through twelve, regardless of whether it also offers kindergarten.

(I) "School child program" means a child care program for only school children that is operated by a school district board of education, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or eligible nonpublic school.

(J) "School child" means a child who is enrolled in or is eligible to be enrolled in a grade of kindergarten or above but is less than fifteen years old.

(K) "School child program staff member" means an employee whose primary responsibility is the care, teaching, or supervision of children in a school child program.

(L) "Child care" means administering to the needs of infants, toddlers, preschool children, and school children outside of school hours by persons other than their parents or guardians, custodians, or relatives by blood, marriage, or adoption for any part of the twenty-four-hour day in a place or residence other than a child's own home.

(M) "Child day-care center," "publicly funded child care," and "school-age child care center" have the same meanings as in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code.

(N) "Community school" means either of the following:

(1) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that is sponsored by an entity that is rated "exemplary" under section 3314.016 of the Revised Code.

(2) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that has received, on its most recent report card, either of the

following:

(a) If the school offers any of grade levels four through twelve, a grade of "C" or better for the overall value-added progress dimension under division (C)(1)(e) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code and for the performance index score under division (C)(1)(b) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code;

(b) If the school does not offer a grade level higher than three, a grade of "C" or better for making progress in improving literacy in grades kindergarten through three under division (C)(1)(g) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3301.541.** (A)(1) The director, head teacher, elementary principal, or site administrator of a preschool program shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check with respect to any applicant who has applied to the preschool program for employment as a person responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child. If the applicant does not present proof that the applicant has been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date upon which the criminal records check is requested or does not provide evidence that within that five-year period the superintendent has requested information about the applicant from the federal bureau of investigation in a criminal records check, the director, head teacher, or elementary principal shall request that the superintendent obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as a part of the criminal records check for the applicant. If the applicant presents proof that the applicant has been a resident of this state for that five-year period, the director, head teacher, or elementary principal may request that the superintendent include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check.

(2) Any director, head teacher, elementary principal, or site administrator required by division (A)(1) of this section to request a criminal records check shall provide to each applicant a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, provide to each applicant a standard impression sheet to obtain fingerprint impressions prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, obtain the completed form and impression sheet from each applicant, and forward the completed form and impression sheet to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation at the time the person requests a criminal records check pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section.

(3) Any applicant who receives pursuant to division (A)(2) of this section a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a copy of an impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section and who is requested to complete

the form and provide a set of fingerprint impressions shall complete the form or provide all the information necessary to complete the form and provide the impression sheet with the impressions of the applicant's fingerprints. If an applicant, upon request, fails to provide the information necessary to complete the form or fails to provide impressions of the applicant's fingerprints, the preschool program shall not employ that applicant for any position for which a criminal records check is required by division (A)(1) of this section.

(B)(1) Except as provided in rules adopted by the department of education in accordance with division (E) of this section, no preschool program shall employ a person as a person responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child if the person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 2919.23 of the Revised Code that would have been a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the violation occurred prior to that date, a violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug possession offense, or felonious sexual penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 of the Revised Code;

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses or violations described in division (B)(1)(a) of this section.

(2) A preschool program may employ an applicant conditionally until the criminal records check required by this section is completed and the preschool program receives the results of the criminal records check. If the results of the criminal records check indicate that, pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section, the applicant does not qualify for employment, the preschool program shall release the applicant from employment.

(C)(1) Each preschool program shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check conducted in accordance with that section upon the request pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section of the director, head teacher, elementary principal, or site administrator of the preschool program.

(2) A preschool program may charge an applicant a fee for the costs it incurs in obtaining a criminal records check under this section. A fee charged



under this division shall not exceed the amount of fees the preschool program pays under division (C)(1) of this section. If a fee is charged under this division, the preschool program shall notify the applicant at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment of the amount of the fee and that, unless the fee is paid, the applicant will not be considered for employment.

(D) The report of any criminal records check conducted by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code and pursuant to a request under division (A)(1) of this section is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be made available to any person other than the applicant who is the subject of the criminal records check or the applicant's representative, the preschool program requesting the criminal records check or its representative, and any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual in a case dealing with the denial of employment to the applicant.

(E) The department of education shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section, including rules specifying circumstances under which a preschool program may hire a person who has been convicted of an offense listed in division (B)(1) of this section but who meets standards in regard to rehabilitation set by the department.

(F) Any person required by division (A)(1) of this section to request a criminal records check shall inform each person, at the time of the person's initial application for employment, that the person is required to provide a set of impressions of the person's fingerprints and that a criminal records check is required to be conducted and satisfactorily completed in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code if the person comes under final consideration for appointment or employment as a precondition to employment for that position.

(G) As used in this section:

(1) "Applicant" means a person who is under final consideration for appointment or employment in a position with a preschool program as a person responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child, except that "applicant" does not include a person already employed by a board of education, community school, ~~or~~ chartered nonpublic school, or accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code in a position of care, custody, or control of a child who is under consideration for a different position with such board or school.

(2) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Minor drug possession offense" has the same meaning as in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code.

(H) If the board of education of a local school district adopts a resolution requesting the assistance of the educational service center in which the local district has territory in conducting criminal records checks of substitute teachers under this section, the appointing or hiring officer of such educational service center governing board shall serve for purposes of this section as the appointing or hiring officer of the local board in the case of hiring substitute teachers for employment in the local district.

**Sec. 3302.07.** (A) The board of education of any school district, the governing board of any educational service center, or the administrative authority of any chartered nonpublic school or any accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code may submit to the state board of education an application proposing an innovative education pilot program the implementation of which requires exemptions from specific statutory provisions or rules. If a district or service center board employs teachers under a collective bargaining agreement adopted pursuant to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, any application submitted under this division shall include the written consent of the teachers' employee representative designated under division (B) of section 4117.04 of the Revised Code. The exemptions requested in the application shall be limited to any requirement of Title XXXIII of the Revised Code or of any rule of the state board adopted pursuant to that title except that the application may not propose an exemption from any requirement of or rule adopted pursuant to Chapter 3307. or 3309., sections 3319.07 to 3319.21, or Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code. Furthermore, an exemption from any operating standard adopted under division (B)(2) or (D) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code shall be granted only pursuant to a waiver granted by the superintendent of public instruction under division (O) of that section.

(B) The state board of education shall accept any application submitted in accordance with division (A) of this section. The superintendent of public instruction shall approve or disapprove the application in accordance with standards for approval, which shall be adopted by the state board.

(C) The superintendent of public instruction shall exempt each district or service center board or chartered or accredited nonpublic school administrative authority with an application approved under division (B) of this section for a specified period from the statutory provisions or rules specified in the approved application. The period of exemption shall not exceed the period during which the pilot program proposed in the application is being implemented and a reasonable period to allow for evaluation of the effectiveness of the program.

**Sec. 3302.41.** As used in this section, "blended learning" has the same meaning as in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code.

(A) Any local, city, exempted village, or joint vocational school

district, community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code, ~~or~~ chartered nonpublic school, or accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code may operate all or part of a school using a blended learning model. If a school is operated using a blended learning model or is to cease operating using a blended learning model, the superintendent of the school or district or director of the school shall notify the department of education of that fact not later than the first day of July of the school year for which the change is effective. If any school district school, community school, or STEM school is already operated using a blended learning model ~~on the effective date of this section~~ September 24, 2012, the superintendent of the school or district may notify the department within ninety days ~~after the effective date of this section~~ by December 23, 2012, of that fact and request that the school be classified as a blended learning school.

(B) The state board of education shall revise any operating standards for school districts and chartered nonpublic schools adopted under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code to include standards for the operation of blended learning under this section. The blended learning operation standards shall provide for all of the following:

(1) Student-to-teacher ratios whereby no school or classroom is required to have more than one teacher for every one hundred twenty-five students in blended learning classrooms;

(2) The extent to which the school is or is not obligated to provide students with access to digital learning tools;

(3) The ability of all students, at any grade level, to earn credits or advance grade levels upon demonstrating mastery of knowledge or skills through competency-based learning models. Credits or grade level advancement shall not be based on a minimum number of days or hours in a classroom.

(4) An exemption from minimum school year or school day requirements in sections 3313.48 and 3313.481 of the Revised Code;

(5) Adequate provisions for: the licensing of teachers, administrators, and other professional personnel and their assignment according to training and qualifications; efficient and effective instructional materials and equipment, including library facilities; the proper organization, administration, and supervision of each school, including regulations for preparing all necessary records and reports and the preparation of a statement of policies and objectives for each school; buildings, grounds, and health and sanitary facilities and services; admission of pupils, and such requirements for their promotion from grade to grade as will ensure that they are capable and

prepared for the level of study to which they are certified; requirements for graduation; and such other factors as the board finds necessary.

(C) An internet- or computer-based community school, as defined in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code, is not a blended learning school authorized under this section. Nor does this section affect any provisions for the operation of and payments to an internet- or computer-based community school prescribed in Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3310.01.** As used in sections 3310.01 to 3310.17 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Chartered nonpublic school" ~~means a~~ includes both of the following:

(1) A nonpublic school that holds a valid charter issued by the state board of education under section 3301.16 of the Revised Code and meets the standards established for such schools in rules adopted by the state board;

(2) An accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(B) An "eligible student" is a student who satisfies the conditions specified in section 3310.03 or 3310.032 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Parent" has the same meaning as in section 3313.98 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Resident district" means the school district in which a student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(E) "School year" has the same meaning as in section 3313.62 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3312.01.**(A) The educational regional service system is hereby established. The system shall support state and regional education initiatives and efforts to improve school effectiveness and student achievement. Services, including special education and related services, shall be provided under the system to school districts, community schools established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, ~~and~~ chartered nonpublic schools, and accredited nonpublic schools described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

It is the intent of the general assembly that the educational regional service system reduce the unnecessary duplication of programs and services and provide for a more streamlined and efficient delivery of educational services without reducing the availability of the services needed by school districts and schools.

(B) The educational regional service system shall consist of the following:

(1) The advisory councils and subcommittees established under sections 3312.03 and 3312.05 of the Revised Code;

(2) A fiscal agent for each of the regions as configured under section 3312.02 of the Revised Code;

(3) Educational service centers, information technology centers established under section 3301.075 of the Revised Code, and other regional education service providers.

(C) Educational service centers shall provide the services that they are specifically required to provide by the Revised Code and may enter into agreements pursuant to section 3313.843, 3313.844, or 3313.845 of the Revised Code for the provision of other services, which may include any of the following:

(1) Assistance in improving student performance;

(2) Services to enable a school district or school to operate more efficiently or economically;

(3) Professional development for teachers or administrators;

(4) Assistance in the recruitment and retention of teachers and administrators;

(5) Any other educational, administrative, or operational services.

In addition to implementing state and regional education initiatives and school improvement efforts under the educational regional service system, educational service centers shall implement state or federally funded initiatives assigned to the service centers by the general assembly or the department of education.

Any educational service center selected to be a fiscal agent for its region pursuant to section 3312.07 of the Revised Code shall continue to operate as an educational service center for the part of the region that comprises its territory.

(D) Information technology centers may enter into agreements for the provision of services pursuant to section 3312.10 of the Revised Code.

(E) No school district, community school, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school shall be required to purchase services from an educational service center or information technology center in the region in which the district or school is located, except that a local school district shall receive any services required by the Revised Code to be provided by an educational service center to the local school districts in its territory from the educational service center in whose territory the district is located.

**Sec. 3312.04.** The advisory council of each region of the educational regional service system shall do all of the following:

(A) Identify regional needs and priorities for educational services to

inform the department of education in the development of the performance contracts entered into by the fiscal agent of the region under section 3312.08 of the Revised Code;

(B) Develop policies to coordinate the delivery of services to school districts, community schools, and chartered and accredited nonpublic schools in a manner that responds to regional needs and priorities. Such policies shall not supersede any requirement of a performance contract entered into by the fiscal agent of the region under section 3312.08 of the Revised Code.

(C) Make recommendations to the fiscal agent for the region regarding the expenditure of funds available to the region for implementation of state and regional education initiatives and school improvement efforts;

(D) Monitor implementation of state and regional education initiatives and school improvement efforts by educational service centers, information technology centers, and other regional service providers to ensure that the terms of the performance contracts entered into by the fiscal agent for the region under section 3312.08 of the Revised Code are being met;

(E) Establish an accountability system to evaluate the advisory council on its performance of the duties described in divisions (A) to (D) of this section.

**Sec. 3312.05.** (A) The advisory council of each region of the educational regional service system shall establish the following specialized subcommittees of the council:

(1) A school improvement subcommittee, which shall include one classroom teacher appointed jointly by the Ohio education association and the Ohio federation of teachers and representatives of community schools and education personnel with expertise in the area of school improvement;

(2) An education technology subcommittee, which shall include classroom teachers or curriculum coordinators, parents, elementary and secondary school principals, representatives of chartered or accredited nonpublic schools, representatives of information technology centers, representatives of business, and representatives of two-year and four-year institutions of higher education;

(3) A professional development subcommittee, which shall include classroom teachers, principals, school district superintendents, curriculum coordinators, representatives of chartered or accredited nonpublic schools, and representatives of two-year and four-year institutions of higher education;

(4) A special education subcommittee, which shall consist of one classroom teacher appointed jointly by the Ohio education association and the Ohio federation of teachers and the members of the governing board of the special education regional resource center in the region;

(5) An information technology center subcommittee, which shall

consist of one classroom teacher appointed jointly by the Ohio education association and the Ohio federation of teachers; the administrator, or the administrator's designee, of each information technology center providing services in the region; and two school district administrators appointed by each information technology center providing services in the region.

(B) The advisory council shall appoint persons who reside or practice their occupations in the region to serve on the subcommittees established under divisions (A)(1) to (3) of this section. If the advisory council is unable to appoint such a person to a subcommittee, the council shall appoint a similarly situated person from an adjacent region.

(C) An advisory council may establish additional subcommittees as needed to address topics of interest to the council. Members of any additional subcommittee shall be appointed by the advisory council and shall include a diverse range of classroom teachers and other education personnel with expertise in the topic addressed by the subcommittee and representatives of individuals or groups with an interest in the topic.

(D) Any member of an advisory council may participate in the deliberations of any subcommittee established by the council.

**Sec. 3312.09.**(A) Each performance contract entered into by the department of education and the fiscal agent of a region for implementation of a state or regional education initiative or school improvement effort shall include the following:

(1) An explanation of how the regional needs and priorities for educational services have been identified by the advisory council of the region, the advisory council's subcommittees, and the department;

(2) A definition of the services to be provided to school districts, community schools, and chartered and accredited nonpublic schools in the region, including any services provided pursuant to division (A) of section 3302.04 of the Revised Code;

(3) Expected outcomes from the provision of the services defined in the contract;

(4) The method the department will use to evaluate whether the expected outcomes have been achieved;

(5) A requirement that the fiscal agent develop and implement a corrective action plan if the results of the evaluation are unsatisfactory;

(6) Data reporting requirements;

(7) The aggregate fees to be charged by the fiscal agent and any entity with which it subcontracts to cover personnel and program costs associated with administering the contract, which fees shall be subject to controlling board approval if in excess of four per cent of the value of the contract.

(B) Upon completion of each evaluation described in a performance contract, the department shall post the results of that evaluation on its web site.

**Sec. 3313.41.** (A) Except as provided in divisions (C), (D), and (F) of this section and in sections 3313.412 and 3313.413 of the Revised Code, when a board of education decides to dispose of real or personal property that it owns in its corporate capacity and that exceeds in value ten thousand dollars, it shall sell the property at public auction, after giving at least thirty days' notice of the auction by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district, by publication as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, or by posting notices in five of the most public places in the school district in which the property, if it is real property, is situated, or, if it is personal property, in the school district of the board of education that owns the property. The board may offer real property for sale as an entire tract or in parcels.

(B) When the board of education has offered real or personal property for sale at public auction at least once pursuant to division (A) of this section, and the property has not been sold, the board may sell it at a private sale. Regardless of how it was offered at public auction, at a private sale, the board shall, as it considers best, sell real property as an entire tract or in parcels, and personal property in a single lot or in several lots.

(C) If a board of education decides to dispose of real or personal property that it owns in its corporate capacity and that exceeds in value ten thousand dollars, it may sell the property to the adjutant general; to any subdivision or taxing authority as respectively defined in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code, township park district, board of park commissioners established under Chapter 755. of the Revised Code, or park district established under Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code; to a wholly or partially tax-supported university, university branch, or college; to a nonprofit institution of higher education that has a certificate of authorization under Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code; to the governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school or an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code; or to the board of trustees of a school district library, upon such terms as are agreed upon. The sale of real or personal property to the board of trustees of a school district library is limited, in the case of real property, to a school district library within whose boundaries the real property is situated, or, in the case of personal property, to a school district library whose boundaries lie in whole or in part within the school district of the selling board of education.

(D) When a board of education decides to trade as a part or an entire consideration, an item of personal property on the purchase price of an item of similar personal property, it may trade the same upon such terms as are agreed upon by the parties to the trade.



(E) The president and the treasurer of the board of education shall execute and deliver deeds or other necessary instruments of conveyance to complete any sale or trade under this section.

(F) When a board of education has identified a parcel of real property that it determines is needed for school purposes, the board may, upon a majority vote of the members of the board, acquire that property by exchanging real property that the board owns in its corporate capacity for the identified real property or by using real property that the board owns in its corporate capacity as part or an entire consideration for the purchase price of the identified real property. Any exchange or acquisition made pursuant to this division shall be made by a conveyance executed by the president and the treasurer of the board.

(G) When a school district board of education has property that the board, by resolution, finds is not needed for school district use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use for which it was acquired, the board may donate that property in accordance with this division if the fair market value of the property is, in the opinion of the board, two thousand five hundred dollars or less.

The property may be donated to an eligible nonprofit organization that is located in this state and is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(a) and (c)(3). Before donating any property under this division, the board shall adopt a resolution expressing its intent to make unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use school district property available to these organizations. The resolution shall include guidelines and procedures the board considers to be necessary to implement the donation program and shall indicate whether the school district will conduct the donation program or the board will contract with a representative to conduct it. If a representative is known when the resolution is adopted, the resolution shall provide contact information such as the representative's name, address, and telephone number.

The resolution shall include within its procedures a requirement that any nonprofit organization desiring to obtain donated property under this division shall submit a written notice to the board or its representative. The written notice shall include evidence that the organization is a nonprofit organization that is located in this state and is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(a) and (c)(3); a description of the organization's primary purpose; a description of the type or types of property the organization needs; and the name, address, and telephone number of a person designated by the organization's governing board to receive donated property and to serve as its agent.

After adoption of the resolution, the board shall publish, in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, notice of its intent to donate unneeded,

obsolete, or unfit-for-use school district property to eligible nonprofit organizations. The notice shall include a summary of the information provided in the resolution and shall be published twice. The second notice shall be published not less than ten nor more than twenty days after the previous notice. A similar notice also shall be posted continually in the board's office. If the school district maintains a web site on the internet, the notice shall be posted continually at that web site.

The board or its representatives shall maintain a list of all nonprofit organizations that notify the board or its representative of their desire to obtain donated property under this division and that the board or its representative determines to be eligible, in accordance with the requirements set forth in this section and in the donation program's guidelines and procedures, to receive donated property.

The board or its representative also shall maintain a list of all school district property the board finds to be unneeded, obsolete, or unfit for use and to be available for donation under this division. The list shall be posted continually in a conspicuous location in the board's office, and, if the school district maintains a web site on the internet, the list shall be posted continually at that web site. An item of property on the list shall be donated to the eligible nonprofit organization that first declares to the board or its representative its desire to obtain the item unless the board previously has established, by resolution, a list of eligible nonprofit organizations that shall be given priority with respect to the item's donation. Priority may be given on the basis that the purposes of a nonprofit organization have a direct relationship to specific school district purposes of programs provided or administered by the board. A resolution giving priority to certain nonprofit organizations with respect to the donation of an item of property shall specify the reasons why the organizations are given that priority.

Members of the board shall consult with the Ohio ethics commission, and comply with Chapters 102. and 2921. of the Revised Code, with respect to any donation under this division to a nonprofit organization of which a board member, any member of a board member's family, or any business associate of a board member is a trustee, officer, board member, or employee.

**Sec. 3313.48.** (A) The board of education of each city, exempted village, local, and joint vocational school district shall provide for the free education of the youth of school age within the district under its jurisdiction, at such places as will be most convenient for the attendance of the largest number thereof. Each school so provided ~~and~~ each chartered nonpublic school, and each accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code shall be open for instruction with pupils in attendance, including scheduled classes, supervised activities, and approved education options but excluding lunch and breakfast periods and extracurricular activities, for not less than four hundred fifty-five hours in the case of pupils

in kindergarten unless such pupils are provided all-day kindergarten, as defined in section 3321.05 of the Revised Code, in which case the pupils shall be in attendance for nine hundred ten hours; nine hundred ten hours in the case of pupils in grades one through six; and one thousand one hours in the case of pupils in grades seven through twelve in each school year, which may include all of the following:

(1) Up to the equivalent of two school days per year during which pupils would otherwise be in attendance but are not required to attend for the purpose of individualized parent-teacher conferences and reporting periods;

(2) Up to the equivalent of two school days per year during which pupils would otherwise be in attendance but are not required to attend for professional meetings of teachers;

(3) Morning and afternoon recess periods of not more than fifteen minutes duration per period for pupils in grades kindergarten through six.

(B) Not later than thirty days prior to adopting a school calendar, the board of education of each city, exempted village, and local school district shall hold a public hearing on the school calendar, addressing topics that include, but are not limited to, the total number of hours in a school year, length of school day, and beginning and end dates of instruction.

(C) No school operated by a city, exempted village, local, or joint vocational school district shall reduce the number of hours in each school year that the school is scheduled to be open for instruction from the number of hours per year the school was open for instruction during the previous school year unless the reduction is approved by a resolution adopted by the district board of education. Any reduction so approved shall not result in fewer hours of instruction per school year than the applicable number of hours required under division (A) of this section.

(D) Prior to making any change in the hours or days in which a high school under its jurisdiction is open for instruction, the board of education of each city, exempted village, and local school district shall consider the compatibility of the proposed change with the scheduling needs of any joint vocational school district in which any of the high school's students are also enrolled. The board shall consider the impact of the proposed change on student access to the instructional programs offered by the joint vocational school district, incentives for students to participate in career-technical education, transportation, and the timing of graduation. The board shall provide the joint vocational school district board with advance notice of the proposed change and the two boards shall enter into a written agreement prescribing reasonable accommodations to meet the scheduling needs of the joint vocational school district prior to implementation of the change.

(E) Prior to making any change in the hours or days in which a school under its jurisdiction is open for instruction, the board of education of each

city, exempted village, and local school district shall consider the compatibility of the proposed change with the scheduling needs of any community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code to which the district is required to transport students under sections 3314.09 and 3327.01 of the Revised Code. The board shall consider the impact of the proposed change on student access to the instructional programs offered by the community school, transportation, and the timing of graduation. The board shall provide the sponsor, governing authority, and operator of the community school with advance notice of the proposed change, and the board and the governing authority, or operator if such authority is delegated to the operator, shall enter into a written agreement prescribing reasonable accommodations to meet the scheduling needs of the community school prior to implementation of the change.

(F) Prior to making any change in the hours or days in which the schools under its jurisdiction are open for instruction, the board of education of each city, exempted village, and local school district shall consult with the chartered and accredited nonpublic schools to which the district is required to transport students under section 3327.01 of the Revised Code and shall consider the effect of the proposed change on the schedule for transportation of those students to their nonpublic schools. The governing authority of a chartered or an accredited nonpublic school shall consult with each school district board of education that transports students to the chartered nonpublic school under section 3327.01 of the Revised Code prior to making any change in the hours or days in which the nonpublic school is open for instruction.

(G) The state board of education shall not adopt or enforce any rule or standard that imposes on chartered or accredited nonpublic schools the procedural requirements imposed on school districts by divisions (B), (C), (D), and (E) of this section.

**Sec. 3313.481.** Wherever in Title XXXIII of the Revised Code the term "school day" is used, unless otherwise specified, that term shall be construed to mean the time during a calendar day that a school is open for instruction pursuant to the schedule adopted by the board of education of the school district or the governing authority of the chartered or accredited nonpublic school in accordance with section 3313.48 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3313.482.(A)(1)** Prior to the first day of August of each school year, the board of education of any school district ~~or~~, the governing authority of any chartered nonpublic school, or the governing authority of an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code may adopt a plan to require students to access and complete classroom lessons posted on the district's or nonpublic school's web portal or web site in order to make up hours in that school year on which it is necessary to close schools for disease epidemic, hazardous weather conditions, law enforcement emergencies, inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to

the school's operation, damage to a school building, or other temporary circumstances due to utility failure rendering the school building unfit for school use.

Prior to the first day of August of each school year, the governing authority of any community school established under Chapter 3314. that is not an internet- or computer-based community school, as defined in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code, may adopt a plan to require students to access and complete classroom lessons posted on the school's web portal or web site in order to make up hours in that school year on which it is necessary to close the school for any of the reasons specified in division (H)(4) of section 3314.08 of the Revised Code so that the school is in compliance with the minimum number of hours required under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code.

A plan adopted by a school district board, chartered nonpublic school governing authority, accredited nonpublic school governing authority, or community school governing authority shall provide for making up any number of hours, up to a maximum of the number of hours that are the equivalent of three school days.

(2) Each plan adopted under this section by a school district board of education shall include the written consent of the teachers' employee representative designated under division (B) of section 4117.04 of the Revised Code.

(3) Each plan adopted under this section shall provide for the following:

(a) Not later than the first day of November of the school year, each classroom teacher shall develop a sufficient number of lessons for each course taught by the teacher that school year to cover the number of make-up hours specified in the plan. The teacher shall designate the order in which the lessons are to be posted on the district's, community school's, or nonpublic school's web portal or web site in the event of a school closure. Teachers may be granted up to one professional development day to create lesson plans for those lessons.

(b) To the extent possible and necessary, a classroom teacher shall update or replace, based on current instructional progress, one or more of the lesson plans developed under division (A)(3)(a) of this section before they are posted on the web portal or web site under division (A)(3)(c) of this section or distributed under division (B) of this section.

(c) As soon as practicable after a school closure, a district or school employee responsible for web portal or web site operations shall make the designated lessons available to students on the district's, community school's, or nonpublic school's portal or site. A lesson shall be posted for each course that was scheduled to meet on the day or hours of the closure.

(d) Each student enrolled in a course for which a lesson is posted on the portal or site shall be granted a two-week period from the date of posting to complete the lesson. The student's classroom teacher shall grade the lesson in the same manner as other lessons. The student may receive an incomplete or failing grade if the lesson is not completed on time.

(e) If a student does not have access to a computer at the student's residence and the plan does not include blizzard bags under division (B) of this section, the student shall be permitted to work on the posted lessons at school after the student's school reopens. If the lessons were posted prior to the reopening, the student shall be granted a two-week period from the date of the reopening, rather than from the date of posting as otherwise required under division (A)(3)(d) of this section, to complete the lessons. The district board or community school or nonpublic school governing authority may provide the student access to a computer before, during, or after the regularly scheduled school day or may provide a substantially similar paper lesson in order to complete the lessons.

(B)(1) In addition to posting classroom lessons online under division (A) of this section, the board of education of any school district or governing authority of any community, accredited, or chartered nonpublic school may include in the plan distribution of "blizzard bags," which are paper copies of the lessons posted online.

(2) If a school opts to use blizzard bags, teachers shall prepare paper copies in conjunction with the lessons to be posted online and update the paper copies whenever the teacher updates the online lesson plans.

(3) The board of education of any school district or governing authority of any community, accredited, or chartered nonpublic school that opts to use blizzard bags shall specify in the plan the method of distribution of blizzard bag lessons, which may include, but not be limited to, requiring distribution by a specific deadline or requiring distribution prior to anticipated school closure as directed by the superintendent of a school district or the principal, director, chief administrative officer, or the equivalent, of a school.

(4) Students shall turn in completed lessons in accordance with division (A)(3)(d) of this section.

(C)(1) No school district that implements a plan in accordance with this section shall be considered to have failed to comply with division (B) of section 3317.01 of the Revised Code with respect to the number of make-up hours specified in the plan.

(2) No community school that implements a plan in accordance with this section shall be considered to have failed to comply with the minimum number of hours required under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code with respect to the number of make-up hours specified in the plan.

**Sec. 3313.536.** (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Administrator" means the superintendent, principal, chief administrative officer, or other person having supervisory authority of any of the following:

(a) A city, exempted village, local, or joint vocational school district;

(b) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, as required through reference in division (A)(11)(d) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code;

(c) A STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, as required through reference in section 3326.11 of the Revised Code;

(d) A college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code;

(e) A district or school operating a career-technical education program approved by the department of education under section 3317.161 of the Revised Code;

(f) A chartered nonpublic school;

(g) An accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code;

(h) An educational service center;

~~(h)~~(i) A preschool program or school-age child care program licensed by the department of education;

~~(i)~~(j) Any other facility that primarily provides educational services to children subject to regulation by the department of education.

(2) "Emergency management test" means a regularly scheduled drill, exercise, or activity designed to assess and evaluate an emergency management plan under this section.

(3) "Building" means any school, school building, facility, program, or center.

(B)(1) Each administrator shall develop and adopt a comprehensive emergency management plan, in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education pursuant to division (F) of this section, for each building under the administrator's control. The administrator shall examine the environmental conditions and operations of each building to determine potential hazards to student and staff safety and shall propose operating changes to promote the prevention of potentially dangerous problems and circumstances. In developing the plan for each building, the administrator shall involve community law enforcement and safety officials, parents of students who are assigned to the building, and teachers and nonteaching employees who are assigned to the building. The administrator shall incorporate remediation strategies into the plan for any building where

documented safety problems have occurred.

(2) Each administrator shall also incorporate into the emergency management plan adopted under division (B)(1) of this section all of the following:

(a) A protocol for addressing serious threats to the safety of property, students, employees, or administrators;

(b) A protocol for responding to any emergency events that occur and compromise the safety of property, students, employees, or administrators. This protocol shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(i) A floor plan that is unique to each floor of the building;

(ii) A site plan that includes all building property and surrounding property;

(iii) An emergency contact information sheet.

(3) Each protocol described in divisions (B)(2)(a) and (b) of this section shall include procedures determined to be appropriate by the administrator for responding to threats and emergency events, respectively, including such things as notification of appropriate law enforcement personnel, calling upon specified emergency response personnel for assistance, and informing parents of affected students.

Prior to the opening day of each school year, the administrator shall inform each student or child enrolled in the school and the student's or child's parent of the parental notification procedures included in the protocol.

(4) Each administrator shall keep a copy of the emergency management plan adopted pursuant to this section in a secure place.

(C)(1) The administrator shall submit to the department of education, in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education pursuant to division (F) of this section, an electronic copy of the emergency management plan prescribed by division (B) of this section not less than once every three years, whenever a major modification to the building requires changes in the procedures outlined in the plan, and whenever information on the emergency contact information sheet changes.

(2) The administrator also shall file a copy of the plan with each law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the school building and, upon request, to any of the following:

(a) The fire department that serves the political subdivision in which the building is located;

(b) The emergency medical service organization that serves the political subdivision in which the building is located;

(c) The county emergency management agency for the county in which the building is located.



(3) Upon receipt of an emergency management plan, the department of education shall submit the information in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education pursuant to division (F) of this section, to both of the following:

(a) The attorney general, who shall post that information on the Ohio law enforcement gateway or its successor;

(b) The director of public safety, who shall post the information on the contact and information management system.

(4) Any department or entity to which copies of an emergency management plan are filed under this section shall keep the copies in a secure place.

(D)(1) Not later than the first day of July of each year, each administrator shall review the emergency management plan and certify to the department of education that the plan is current and accurate.

(2) Anytime that an administrator updates the emergency management plan pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, the administrator shall file copies, not later than the tenth day after the revision is adopted and in accordance with rules adopted by the state board pursuant to division (F) of this section, to the department of education and to any entity with which the administrator filed a copy under division (C)(2) of this section.

(E) Each administrator shall do both of the following:

(1) Prepare and conduct at least one annual emergency management test, as defined in division (A)(2) of this section, in accordance with rules adopted by the state board pursuant to division (F) of this section;

(2) Grant access to each building under the control of the administrator to law enforcement personnel and to entities described in division (C)(2) of this section, to enable the personnel and entities to hold training sessions for responding to threats and emergency events affecting the building, provided that the access occurs outside of student instructional hours and the administrator, or the administrator's designee, is present in the building during the training sessions.

(F) The state board of education, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules regarding emergency management plans under this section, including the content of the plans and procedures for filing the plans. The rules shall specify that plans and information required under division (B) of this section be submitted on standardized forms developed by the department of education for such purpose. The rules shall also specify the requirements and procedures for emergency management tests conducted pursuant to division (E)(1) of this section. Failure to comply with the rules may result in discipline pursuant to section 3319.31 of the Revised Code or any other action against the administrator as prescribed by rule.

(G) Division (B) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code applies to any administrator who is subject to the requirements of this section and is not exempt under division (H) of this section and who is an applicant for a license or holds a license from the state board pursuant to section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.

(H) The superintendent of public instruction may exempt any administrator from the requirements of this section, if the superintendent determines that the requirements do not otherwise apply to a building or buildings under the control of that administrator.

(I) Copies of the emergency management plan and information required under division (B) of this section are security records and are not public records pursuant to section 149.433 of the Revised Code. In addition, the information posted to the contact and information management system, pursuant to division (C)(3)(b) of this section, is exempt from public disclosure or release in accordance with sections 149.43, 149.433, and 5502.03 of the Revised Code.

Notwithstanding section 149.433 of the Revised Code, a floor plan filed with the attorney general pursuant to this section is not a public record to the extent it is a record kept by the attorney general.

**Sec. 3313.539.**(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Licensing agency" has the same meaning as in section 4745.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Licensed health care professional" means an individual, other than a physician, who is authorized under Title XLVII of the Revised Code to practice a health care profession.

(3) "Physician" means a person authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

(B) No school district board of education or governing authority of a chartered nonpublic, accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, or nonchartered nonpublic school shall permit a student to practice for or compete in interscholastic athletics until the student has submitted, to a school official designated by the board or governing authority, a form signed by the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student stating that the student and the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student have received the concussion and head injury information sheet required by section 3707.52 of the Revised Code. A completed form shall be submitted each school year, as defined in section 3313.62 of the Revised Code, for each sport or other category of interscholastic athletics for or in which the student practices or competes.

(C)(1) No school district board of education or governing authority of a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school shall permit an individual to coach interscholastic athletics unless the individual holds a pupil-activity program permit issued under section 3319.303 of the Revised Code for coaching interscholastic athletics.

(2) No school district board of education or governing authority of a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school shall permit an individual to referee interscholastic athletics unless the individual holds a pupil-activity program permit issued under section 3319.303 of the Revised Code for coaching interscholastic athletics or presents evidence that the individual has successfully completed, within the previous three years, a training program in recognizing the symptoms of concussions and head injuries to which the department of health has provided a link on its internet web site under section 3707.52 of the Revised Code or a training program authorized and required by an organization that regulates interscholastic athletic competition and conducts interscholastic athletic events.

(D) If a student practicing for or competing in an interscholastic athletic event exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with having sustained a concussion or head injury while participating in the practice or competition, the student shall be removed from the practice or competition by either of the following:

(1) The individual who is serving as the student's coach during that practice or competition;

(2) An individual who is serving as a referee during that practice or competition.

(E)(1) If a student is removed from practice or competition under division (D) of this section, the coach or referee who removed the student shall not allow the student, on the same day the student is removed, to return to that practice or competition or to participate in any other practice or competition for which the coach or referee is responsible. Thereafter, the coach or referee shall not allow the student to return to that practice or competition or to participate in any other practice or competition for which the coach or referee is responsible until both of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) The student's condition is assessed by any of the following who has complied with the requirements in division (E)(4) of this section:

(i) A physician;

(ii) A licensed health care professional the school district board of education or governing authority of the chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school, pursuant to division (E)(2) of this section, authorizes to assess a student who has been removed from practice or competition under

division (D) of this section;

(iii) A licensed health care professional who meets the minimum education requirements established by rules adopted under section 3707.521 of the Revised Code by the professional's licensing agency.

(b) The student receives written clearance that it is safe for the student to return to practice or competition from the physician or licensed health care professional who assessed the student's condition.

(2) A school district board of education or governing authority of a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school may authorize a licensed health care professional to make an assessment or grant a clearance for purposes of division (E)(1) of this section only if the professional is acting in accordance with one of the following, as applicable to the professional's authority to practice in this state:

- (a) In consultation with a physician;
- (b) Pursuant to the referral of a physician;
- (c) In collaboration with a physician;
- (d) Under the supervision of a physician.

(3) A physician or licensed health care professional who makes an assessment or grants a clearance for purposes of division (E)(1) of this section may be a volunteer.

(4) Beginning one year after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ September 17, 2015, all physicians and licensed health care professionals who conduct assessments and clearances under division (E)(1) of this section must meet the minimum education requirements established by rules adopted under section 3707.521 of the Revised Code by their respective licensing agencies.

(F) A school district board of education or governing authority of a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school that is subject to the rules of an interscholastic conference or an organization that regulates interscholastic athletic competition and conducts interscholastic athletic events shall be considered to be in compliance with divisions (B), (D), and (E) of this section, as long as the requirements of those rules are substantially similar to the requirements of divisions (B), (D), and (E) of this section.

(G)(1) A school district, member of a school district board of education, or school district employee or volunteer, including a coach or referee, is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from providing services or performing duties under this section, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that a school district, member of a school district board of education,

or school district employee or volunteer, including a coach or referee, may be entitled to under Chapter 2744. or any other provision of the Revised Code or under the common law of this state.

(2) A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school or any officer, director, employee, or volunteer of the school, including a coach or referee, is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from providing services or performing duties under this section, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

**Sec. 3313.5311.** (A) As used in this section and in section 3313.5312 of the Revised Code, "extracurricular activity" has the same meaning as in section 3313.537 of the Revised Code.

(B) If the nonpublic school in which the student is enrolled does not offer the extracurricular activity, a student enrolled in a chartered nonpublic school, accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, or nonchartered nonpublic school shall be afforded, by the superintendent of the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code, the opportunity to participate in that extracurricular activity at the district school to which the student otherwise would be assigned during that school year. If more than one school operated by the school district serves the student's grade level, as determined by the district superintendent based on the student's age and academic performance, the student shall be afforded the opportunity to participate in that extracurricular activity at the school to which the student would be assigned by the superintendent under section 3319.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) The superintendent of any school district may afford any student enrolled in a nonpublic school, and who is not entitled to attend school in the district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code, the opportunity to participate in an extracurricular activity offered by a school of the district, if the nonpublic school in which the student is enrolled does not offer the extracurricular activity and either of the following apply:

(1) The extracurricular activity is not interscholastic athletics or interscholastic contests or competition in music, drama, or forensics.

(2) The extracurricular activity is in an interscholastic athletic or interscholastic contest or competition in music, drama, or forensics. In order to participate under division (C)(2) of this section, the student shall seek to participate at either the school district in which the student's nonpublic school is located or the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code, so long as the chosen district offers the extracurricular activity.

If the student seeks to participate under division (C)(2) of this section

at the school district in which the student's nonpublic school is located, both of the following shall apply:

(a) The superintendent of the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school shall certify that the student has not participated in any extracurricular activity that is in an interscholastic athletic or interscholastic contest or competition in music, drama, or forensics at that school district during that school year. If the student has participated in such an extracurricular activity at that school district during the school year, the student shall be ineligible to participate at the school district in which the student's nonpublic school is located for that school year.

(b) The superintendent of the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school and the superintendent of the school district in which the student is seeking to participate shall mutually agree, in writing, to allow the student to participate in the extracurricular activity at the school district in which the student's nonpublic school is located.

(D) In order to participate in an extracurricular activity under this section, the student shall be of the appropriate age and grade level, as determined by the superintendent of the district, for the school that offers the extracurricular activity, and shall fulfill the same academic, nonacademic, and financial requirements as any other participant.

(E) No school district shall impose additional rules on a student to participate under this section that do not apply to other students participating in the same extracurricular activity. No district shall impose additional fees for a student to participate under this section that exceed any fees charged to other students participating in the same extracurricular activity.

(F) No school district, interscholastic conference, or organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or events shall require a student who is eligible to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities under this section to meet eligibility requirements that conflict with this section.

**Sec. 3313.603.** (A) As used in this section:

(1) "One unit" means a minimum of one hundred twenty hours of course instruction, except that for a laboratory course, "one unit" means a minimum of one hundred fifty hours of course instruction.

(2) "One-half unit" means a minimum of sixty hours of course instruction, except that for physical education courses, "one-half unit" means a minimum of one hundred twenty hours of course instruction.

(B) Beginning September 15, 2001, except as required in division (C) of this section and division (C) of section 3313.614 of the Revised Code, the requirements for graduation from every high school shall include twenty units earned in grades nine through twelve and shall be distributed as follows:

(1) English language arts, four units;

- (2) Health, one-half unit;
- (3) Mathematics, three units;
- (4) Physical education, one-half unit;
- (5) Science, two units until September 15, 2003, and three units thereafter, which at all times shall include both of the following:
  - (a) Biological sciences, one unit;
  - (b) Physical sciences, one unit.
- (6) History and government, one unit, which shall comply with division (M) of this section and shall include both of the following:
  - (a) American history, one-half unit;
  - (b) American government, one-half unit.
- (7) Social studies, two units.

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2017, the two units of instruction prescribed by division (B)(7) of this section shall include at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of world history and civilizations.

(8) Elective units, seven units until September 15, 2003, and six units thereafter.

Each student's electives shall include at least one unit, or two half units, chosen from among the areas of business/technology, fine arts, and/or foreign language.

(C) Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2010, except as provided in divisions (D) to (F) of this section, the requirements for graduation from every public and chartered nonpublic high school shall include twenty units that are designed to prepare students for the workforce and college. The units shall be distributed as follows:

- (1) English language arts, four units;
- (2) Health, one-half unit, which shall include instruction in nutrition and the benefits of nutritious foods and physical activity for overall health;
- (3) Mathematics, four units, which shall include one unit of algebra II or the equivalent of algebra II, or one unit of advanced computer science as described in the standards adopted pursuant to division (A)(4) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code. However, students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2015, and who are pursuing a career-technical instructional track shall not be required to take algebra II or advanced computer science, and instead may complete a career-based pathway mathematics course approved by the department of education as an alternative.

For students who choose to take advanced computer science in lieu of algebra II under division (C)(3) of this section, the school shall communicate to those students that some institutions of higher education may require algebra II for the purpose of college admission. Also, the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of each student who chooses to take advanced computer science in lieu of algebra II shall sign and submit to the school a document containing a statement acknowledging that not taking algebra II may have an adverse effect on college admission decisions.

(4) Physical education, one-half unit;

(5) Science, three units with inquiry-based laboratory experience that engages students in asking valid scientific questions and gathering and analyzing information, which shall include the following, or their equivalent:

(a) Physical sciences, one unit;

(b) Life sciences, one unit;

(c) Advanced study in one or more of the following sciences, one unit:

(i) Chemistry, physics, or other physical science;

(ii) Advanced biology or other life science;

(iii) Astronomy, physical geology, or other earth or space science;

(iv) Computer science.

No student shall substitute a computer science course for a life sciences or biology course under division (C)(5) of this section.

(6) History and government, one unit, which shall comply with division (M) of this section and shall include both of the following:

(a) American history, one-half unit;

(b) American government, one-half unit.

(7) Social studies, two units.

Each school shall integrate the study of economics and financial literacy, as expressed in the social studies academic content standards adopted by the state board of education under division (A)(1) of section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and the academic content standards for financial literacy and entrepreneurship adopted under division (A)(2) of that section, into one or more existing social studies credits required under division (C)(7) of this section, or into the content of another class, so that every high school student receives instruction in those concepts. In developing the curriculum required by this paragraph, schools shall use available public-private partnerships and resources and materials that exist in business, industry, and through the centers for economics education at institutions of higher education in the state.

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or



after July 1, 2017, the two units of instruction prescribed by division (C)(7) of this section shall include at least one-half unit of instruction in the study of world history and civilizations.

(8) Five units consisting of one or any combination of foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, technology which may include computer science, agricultural education, a junior reserve officer training corps (JROTC) program approved by the congress of the United States under title 10 of the United States Code, or English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies courses not otherwise required under division (C) of this section.

Ohioans must be prepared to apply increased knowledge and skills in the workplace and to adapt their knowledge and skills quickly to meet the rapidly changing conditions of the twenty-first century. National studies indicate that all high school graduates need the same academic foundation, regardless of the opportunities they pursue after graduation. The goal of Ohio's system of elementary and secondary education is to prepare all students for and seamlessly connect all students to success in life beyond high school graduation, regardless of whether the next step is entering the workforce, beginning an apprenticeship, engaging in post-secondary training, serving in the military, or pursuing a college degree.

The requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section are the standard expectation for all students entering ninth grade for the first time at a public or chartered nonpublic high school on or after July 1, 2010. A student may satisfy this expectation through a variety of methods, including, but not limited to, integrated, applied, career-technical, and traditional coursework.

Stronger coordination between high schools and institutions of higher education is necessary to prepare students for more challenging academic endeavors and to lessen the need for academic remediation in college, thereby reducing the costs of higher education for Ohio's students, families, and the state. The state board and the chancellor of higher education shall develop policies to ensure that only in rare instances will students who complete the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section require academic remediation after high school.

School districts, community schools, and chartered nonpublic schools shall integrate technology into learning experiences across the curriculum in order to maximize efficiency, enhance learning, and prepare students for success in the technology-driven twenty-first century. Districts and schools shall use distance and web-based course delivery as a method of providing or augmenting all instruction required under this division, including laboratory experience in science. Districts and schools shall utilize technology access and electronic learning opportunities provided by the broadcast educational

media commission, chancellor, the Ohio learning network, education technology centers, public television stations, and other public and private providers.

(D) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, a student who enters ninth grade on or after July 1, 2010, and before July 1, 2016, may qualify for graduation from a public or chartered nonpublic high school even though the student has not completed the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) During the student's third year of attending high school, as determined by the school, the student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian sign and file with the school a written statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's consent to the student's graduating without completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section and acknowledging that one consequence of not completing those requirements is ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio without further coursework.

(2) The student and parent, guardian, or custodian fulfill any procedural requirements the school stipulates to ensure the student's and parent's, guardian's, or custodian's informed consent and to facilitate orderly filing of statements under division (D)(1) of this section. Annually, each district or school shall notify the department of the number of students who choose to qualify for graduation under division (D) of this section and the number of students who complete the student's success plan and graduate from high school.

(3) The student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian and a representative of the student's high school jointly develop a student success plan for the student in the manner described in division (C)(1) of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code that specifies the student matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business and industry-recognized credential, or entering an apprenticeship.

(4) The student's high school provides counseling and support for the student related to the plan developed under division (D)(3) of this section during the remainder of the student's high school experience.

(5)(a) Except as provided in division (D)(5)(b) of this section, the student successfully completes, at a minimum, the curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section.

(b) Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2014, a student shall be required to complete successfully, at the minimum, the curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section, except as follows:

(i) Mathematics, four units, one unit which shall be one of the following:

(I) Probability and statistics;

(II) Computer science;

(III) Applied mathematics or quantitative reasoning;

(IV) Any other course approved by the department using standards established by the superintendent not later than October 1, 2014.

(ii) Elective units, five units;

(iii) Science, three units as prescribed by division (B) of this section which shall include inquiry-based laboratory experience that engages students in asking valid scientific questions and gathering and analyzing information.

The department, in collaboration with the chancellor, shall analyze student performance data to determine if there are mitigating factors that warrant extending the exception permitted by division (D) of this section to high school classes beyond those entering ninth grade before July 1, 2016. The department shall submit its findings and any recommendations not later than December 1, 2015, to the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, the president and minority leader of the senate, the chairpersons and ranking minority members of the standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate that consider education legislation, the state board of education, and the superintendent of public instruction.

(E) Each school district and chartered nonpublic school retains the authority to require an even more challenging minimum curriculum for high school graduation than specified in division (B) or (C) of this section. A school district board of education, through the adoption of a resolution, or the governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school may stipulate any of the following:

(1) A minimum high school curriculum that requires more than twenty units of academic credit to graduate;

(2) An exception to the district's or school's minimum high school curriculum that is comparable to the exception provided in division (D) of this section but with additional requirements, which may include a requirement that the student successfully complete more than the minimum curriculum prescribed in division (B) of this section;

(3) That no exception comparable to that provided in division (D) of this section is available.

(F) A student enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program, which program has received a waiver from the department, may qualify for graduation from high school by successfully completing a competency-based instructional program administered by the dropout prevention and recovery

program in lieu of completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section. The department shall grant a waiver to a dropout prevention and recovery program, within sixty days after the program applies for the waiver, if the program meets all of the following conditions:

(1) The program serves only students not younger than sixteen years of age and not older than twenty-one years of age.

(2) The program enrolls students who, at the time of their initial enrollment, either, or both, are at least one grade level behind their cohort age groups or experience crises that significantly interfere with their academic progress such that they are prevented from continuing their traditional programs.

(3) The program requires students to attain at least the applicable score designated for each of the assessments prescribed under division (B)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code or, to the extent prescribed by rule of the state board under division (D)(5) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code, division (B)(2) of that section.

(4) The program develops a student success plan for the student in the manner described in division (C)(1) of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code that specifies the student's matriculating to a two-year degree program, acquiring a business and industry-recognized credential, or entering an apprenticeship.

(5) The program provides counseling and support for the student related to the plan developed under division (F)(4) of this section during the remainder of the student's high school experience.

(6) The program requires the student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian to sign and file, in accordance with procedural requirements stipulated by the program, a written statement asserting the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's consent to the student's graduating without completing the requirements for graduation prescribed in division (C) of this section and acknowledging that one consequence of not completing those requirements is ineligibility to enroll in most state universities in Ohio without further coursework.

(7) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department an instructional plan that demonstrates how the academic content standards adopted by the state board under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code will be taught and assessed.

(8) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the department a policy on career advising that satisfies the requirements of section 3313.6020 of the Revised Code, with an emphasis on how every student will receive career advising.

(9) Prior to receiving the waiver, the program has submitted to the

department a written agreement outlining the future cooperation between the program and any combination of local job training, postsecondary education, nonprofit, and health and social service organizations to provide services for students in the program and their families.

Divisions (F)(8) and (9) of this section apply only to waivers granted on or after July 1, 2015.

If the department does not act either to grant the waiver or to reject the program application for the waiver within sixty days as required under this section, the waiver shall be considered to be granted.

(G) Every high school may permit students below the ninth grade to take advanced work. If a high school so permits, it shall award high school credit for successful completion of the advanced work and shall count such advanced work toward the graduation requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section if the advanced work was both:

(1) Taught by a person who possesses a license or certificate issued under section 3301.071, 3319.22, or 3319.222 of the Revised Code that is valid for teaching high school;

(2) Designated by the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district, the board of the cooperative education school district, or the governing authority of the chartered nonpublic school as meeting the high school curriculum requirements.

Each high school shall record on the student's high school transcript all high school credit awarded under division (G) of this section. In addition, if the student completed a seventh- or eighth-grade fine arts course described in division (K) of this section and the course qualified for high school credit under that division, the high school shall record that course on the student's high school transcript.

(H) The department shall make its individual academic career plan available through its Ohio career information system web site for districts and schools to use as a tool for communicating with and providing guidance to students and families in selecting high school courses.

(I) A school district or chartered nonpublic school may integrate academic content in a subject area for which the state board has adopted standards under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code into a course in a different subject area, including a career-technical education course, in accordance with guidance for integrated coursework developed by the department. Upon successful completion of an integrated course, a student may receive credit for both subject areas that were integrated into the course. Units earned for subject area content delivered through integrated academic and career-technical instruction are eligible to meet the graduation requirements of division (B) or (C) of this section.

For purposes of meeting graduation requirements, if an end-of-course examination has been prescribed under section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code for the subject area delivered through integrated instruction, the school district or school may administer the related subject area examinations upon the student's completion of the integrated course.

Nothing in division (I) of this section shall be construed to excuse any school district, chartered nonpublic school, or student from any requirement in the Revised Code related to curriculum, assessments, or the awarding of a high school diploma.

(J)(1) The state board, in consultation with the chancellor, shall adopt a statewide plan implementing methods for students to earn units of high school credit based on a demonstration of subject area competency, instead of or in combination with completing hours of classroom instruction. The state board shall adopt the plan not later than March 31, 2009, and commence phasing in the plan during the 2009-2010 school year. The plan shall include a standard method for recording demonstrated proficiency on high school transcripts. Each school district and community school shall comply with the state board's plan adopted under this division and award units of high school credit in accordance with the plan. The state board may adopt existing methods for earning high school credit based on a demonstration of subject area competency as necessary prior to the 2009-2010 school year.

(2) Not later than December 31, 2015, the state board shall update the statewide plan adopted pursuant to division (J)(1) of this section to also include methods for students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on a demonstration of subject area competency, instead of or in combination with completing hours of classroom instruction. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, each school district and community school also shall comply with the updated plan adopted pursuant to this division and permit students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on subject area competency in accordance with the plan.

(3) Not later than December 31, 2017, the department shall develop a framework for school districts and community schools to use in granting units of high school credit to students who demonstrate subject area competency through work-based learning experiences, internships, or cooperative education. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, each district and community school shall comply with the framework. Each district and community school also shall review any policy it has adopted regarding the demonstration of subject area competency to identify ways to incorporate work-based learning experiences, internships, and cooperative education into the policy in order to increase student engagement and opportunities to earn units of high school credit.

(K) This division does not apply to students who qualify for graduation from high school under division (D) or (F) of this section, or to students pursuing a career-technical instructional track as determined by the school district board of education or the chartered nonpublic school's governing authority. Nevertheless, the general assembly encourages such students to consider enrolling in a fine arts course as an elective.

Beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2010, each student enrolled in a public or chartered nonpublic high school shall complete two semesters or the equivalent of fine arts to graduate from high school. The coursework may be completed in any of grades seven to twelve. Each student who completes a fine arts course in grade seven or eight may elect to count that course toward the five units of electives required for graduation under division (C)(8) of this section, if the course satisfied the requirements of division (G) of this section. In that case, the high school shall award the student high school credit for the course and count the course toward the five units required under division (C)(8) of this section. If the course in grade seven or eight did not satisfy the requirements of division (G) of this section, the high school shall not award the student high school credit for the course but shall count the course toward the two semesters or the equivalent of fine arts required by this division.

(L) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, the board of education of each school district and the governing authority of each chartered nonpublic school may adopt a policy to excuse from the high school physical education requirement each student who, during high school, has participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading for at least two full seasons or in the junior reserve officer training corps for at least two full school years. If the board or authority adopts such a policy, the board or authority shall not require the student to complete any physical education course as a condition to graduate. However, the student shall be required to complete one-half unit, consisting of at least sixty hours of instruction, in another course of study. In the case of a student who has participated in the junior reserve officer training corps for at least two full school years, credit received for that participation may be used to satisfy the requirement to complete one-half unit in another course of study.

(M) It is important that high school students learn and understand United States history and the governments of both the United States and the state of Ohio. Therefore, beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2012, the study of American history and American government required by divisions (B)(6) and (C)(6) of this section shall include the study of all of the following documents:

- (1) The Declaration of Independence;
- (2) The Northwest Ordinance;

(3) The Constitution of the United States with emphasis on the Bill of Rights;

(4) The Ohio Constitution.

The study of each of the documents prescribed in divisions (M)(1) to (4) of this section shall include study of that document in its original context.

The study of American history and government required by divisions (B)(6) and (C)(6) of this section shall include the historical evidence of the role of documents such as the Federalist Papers and the Anti-Federalist Papers to firmly establish the historical background leading to the establishment of the provisions of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

(N) A student may apply one unit of instruction in computer science to satisfy one unit of mathematics or one unit of science under division (C) of this section as the student chooses, regardless of the field of certification of the teacher who teaches the course, so long as that teacher meets the licensure requirements prescribed by section 3319.236 of the Revised Code and, prior to teaching the course, completes a professional development program determined to be appropriate by the district board.

If a student applies more than one computer science course to satisfy curriculum requirements under that division, the courses shall be sequential and progressively more difficult or cover different subject areas within computer science.

(O) This section shall not apply to accredited nonpublic schools described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3313.62.** The school year shall begin on the first day of July of each calendar year and close on the thirtieth day of June of the succeeding calendar year. A school week shall consist of five days. A chartered nonpublic school or an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code may be open for instruction with pupils in attendance on any day of the week, including Saturday or Sunday.

**Sec. 3313.716.** (A) Notwithstanding section 3313.713 of the Revised Code or any policy adopted under that section, a student of a school operated by a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district ~~or~~, a student of a chartered nonpublic school, or a student of an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code may possess and use a metered dose inhaler or a dry powder inhaler to alleviate asthmatic symptoms, or before exercise to prevent the onset of asthmatic symptoms, if both of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) The student has the written approval of the student's physician and, if the student is a minor, the written approval of the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student. The physician's written approval shall include at least all of the following information:



- (a) The student's name and address;
- (b) The names and dose of the medication contained in the inhaler;
- (c) The date the administration of the medication is to begin;
- (d) The date, if known, that the administration of the medication is to cease;
- (e) Written instructions that outline procedures school personnel should follow in the event that the asthma medication does not produce the expected relief from the student's asthma attack;
- (f) Any severe adverse reactions that may occur to the child using the inhaler and that should be reported to the physician;
- (g) Any severe adverse reactions that may occur to another child, for whom the inhaler is not prescribed, should such a child receive a dose of the medication;
- (h) At least one emergency telephone number for contacting the physician in an emergency;
- (i) At least one emergency telephone number for contacting the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student in an emergency;
- (j) Any other special instructions from the physician.

(2) The school principal and, if a school nurse is assigned to the student's school building, the school nurse has received copies of the written approvals required by division (A)(1) of this section.

If these conditions are satisfied, the student may possess and use the inhaler at school or at any activity, event, or program sponsored by or in which the student's school is a participant.

(B)(1) A school district, member of a school district board of education, or school district employee is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from a district employee's prohibiting a student from using an inhaler because of the employee's good faith belief that the conditions of divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section had not been satisfied. A school district, member of a school district board of education, or school district employee is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from a district employee's permitting a student to use an inhaler because of the employee's good faith belief that the conditions of divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section had been satisfied. Furthermore, when a school district is required by this section to permit a student to possess and use an inhaler because the conditions of divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section have been satisfied, the school district, any member of the school district board of education, or any school district employee is not liable in

damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from the use of the inhaler by a student for whom it was not prescribed.

This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that a school district, member of a school district board of education, or school district employee may be entitled to under Chapter 2744. or any other provision of the Revised Code or under the common law of this state.

(2) A chartered or an accredited nonpublic school or any officer, director, or employee of the school is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from a school employee's prohibiting a student from using an inhaler because of the employee's good faith belief that the conditions of divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section had not been satisfied. A chartered or an accredited nonpublic school or any officer, director, or employee of the school is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from a school employee's permitting a student to use an inhaler because of the employee's good faith belief that the conditions of divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section had been satisfied. Furthermore, when a chartered or an accredited nonpublic school is required by this section to permit a student to possess and use an inhaler because the conditions of divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section have been satisfied, the chartered or accredited nonpublic school or any officer, director, or employee of the school is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from the use of the inhaler by a student for whom it was not prescribed.

**Sec. 3313.717.** (A) As used in this section, "automated external defibrillator" means a specialized defibrillator that is approved for use as a medical device by the United States food and drug administration for performing automated external defibrillation, as defined in section 2305.235 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) The board of education of each school district may require the placement of an automated external defibrillator in each school under the control of the board. Not later than July 1, 2018, pursuant to section 3313.6023 of the Revised Code, all persons employed by a school district shall receive training in the use of an automated external defibrillator in accordance with that section, except for substitutes, adult education instructors who are scheduled to work the full-time equivalent of less than one hundred twenty days per school year, or persons who are employed on an as-needed, seasonal, or intermittent basis, so long as the persons are not employed to coach or supervise interscholastic athletics.

(2) The administrative authority of each chartered nonpublic school and the administrative authority of each accredited nonpublic school

described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code may require the placement of an automated external defibrillator in each school under the control of the authority. If an authority requires the placement of an automated external defibrillator as provided in this section, the authority also shall require that a sufficient number of the staff persons assigned to each school under the control of the authority successfully complete an appropriate training course in the use of an automated external defibrillator as described in section 3701.85 of the Revised Code.

(C) In regard to the use of an automated external defibrillator that is placed in a school as specified in this section, and except in the case of willful or wanton misconduct or when there is no good faith attempt to activate an emergency medical services system in accordance with section 3701.85 of the Revised Code, no person shall be held liable in civil damages for injury, death, or loss to person or property, or held criminally liable, for performing automated external defibrillation in good faith, regardless of whether the person has obtained appropriate training on how to perform automated external defibrillation or successfully completed a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

**Sec. 3313.718.** (A) As used in this section, "prescriber" has the same meaning as in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Notwithstanding section 3313.713 of the Revised Code or any policy adopted under that section, a student of a school operated by a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district ~~or~~ a student of a chartered nonpublic school, or a student of an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code may possess and use an epinephrine autoinjector to treat anaphylaxis, if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) The student has the written approval of the prescriber of the autoinjector and, if the student is a minor, the written approval of the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student. The prescriber's written approval shall include at least all of the following information:

- (a) The student's name and address;
- (b) The names and dose of the medication contained in the autoinjector;
- (c) The date the administration of the medication is to begin;
- (d) The date, if known, that the administration of the medication is to cease;
- (e) Acknowledgment that the prescriber has determined that the student is capable of possessing and using the autoinjector appropriately and has provided the student with training in the proper use of the autoinjector;

(f) Circumstances in which the autoinjector should be used;

(g) Written instructions that outline procedures school employees should follow in the event that the student is unable to administer the anaphylaxis medication or the medication does not produce the expected relief from the student's anaphylaxis;

(h) Any severe adverse reactions that may occur to the child using the autoinjector that should be reported to the prescriber;

(i) Any severe adverse reactions that may occur to another child, for whom the autoinjector is not prescribed, should such a child receive a dose of the medication;

(j) At least one emergency telephone number for contacting the prescriber in an emergency;

(k) At least one emergency telephone number for contacting the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student in an emergency;

(l) Any other special instructions from the prescriber.

(2) The school principal and, if a school nurse is assigned to the student's school building, the school nurse has received copies of the written approvals required by division (B)(1) of this section.

(3) The school principal or, if a school nurse is assigned to the student's school building, the school nurse has received a backup dose of the anaphylaxis medication from the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student or, if the student is not a minor, from the student.

If these conditions are satisfied, the student may possess and use the autoinjector at school or at any activity, event, or program sponsored by or in which the student's school is a participant.

(C) Whenever a student uses an autoinjector at school or at any activity, event, or program sponsored by or in which the student's school is a participant or whenever a school employee administers anaphylaxis medication to a student that was possessed by the student pursuant to the written approvals described in division (B)(1) of this section, a school employee shall immediately request assistance from an emergency medical service provider.

(D)(1) A school district, member of a school district board of education, or school district employee is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from a district employee's prohibiting a student from using an autoinjector because of the employee's good faith belief that the conditions of division (B) of this section had not been satisfied. A school district, member of a school district board of education, or school district employee is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from a district

employee's permitting a student to use an autoinjector because of the employee's good faith belief that the conditions of division (B) of this section had been satisfied. Furthermore, when a school district is required by this section to permit a student to possess and use an autoinjector because the conditions of division (B) of this section have been satisfied, the school district, any member of the school district board of education, or any school district employee is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from the use of the autoinjector by a student for whom it was not prescribed.

This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that a school district, member of a school district board of education, or school district employee may be entitled to under Chapter 2744. or any other provision of the Revised Code or under the common law of this state.

(2) A chartered or an accredited nonpublic school or any officer, director, or employee of the school is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from a school employee's prohibiting a student from using an autoinjector because of the employee's good faith belief that the conditions of division (B) of this section had not been satisfied. A chartered or an accredited nonpublic school or any officer, director, or employee of the school is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from a school employee's permitting a student to use an autoinjector because of the employee's good faith belief that the conditions of division (B) of this section had been satisfied. Furthermore, when a chartered or an accredited nonpublic school is required by this section to permit a student to possess and use an autoinjector because the conditions of division (B) of this section have been satisfied, the chartered or accredited nonpublic school or any officer, director, or employee of the school is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from the use of the autoinjector by a student for whom it was not prescribed.

**Sec. 3313.719.** The board of education of each city, local, exempted village, and joint vocational school district ~~and~~ the governing authority of each chartered nonpublic school, and the governing authority of each accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code shall establish a written policy with respect to protecting students with peanut or other food allergies. The policy shall be developed in consultation with parents, school nurses and other school employees, school volunteers, students, and community members.

**Sec. 3313.7111.** (A) With the approval of its governing authority, a chartered nonpublic school, accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, or nonchartered nonpublic school may procure epinephrine autoinjectors in the manner prescribed by section 3313.7110 of the Revised Code. A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school

that elects to do so shall comply with all provisions of that section as if it were a school district.

(B)(1) The following are not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an act or omission associated with procuring, maintaining, accessing, or using an epinephrine autoinjector under this section, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct:

- (a) A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school;
- (b) A member of a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school governing authority;
- (c) An employee or contractor of the school;
- (d) A licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs who personally furnishes or prescribes epinephrine autoinjectors, provides a consultation, or issues a protocol pursuant to this section.

(2) This division does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school or governing authority, member of a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school governing authority, chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school employee or contractor, or licensed health professional may be entitled to under any other provision of the Revised Code or the common law of this state.

(C) A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school may accept donations of epinephrine autoinjectors from a wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs or a manufacturer of dangerous drugs, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code, and may accept donations of money from any person to purchase epinephrine autoinjectors.

(D) A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school that elects to procure epinephrine autoinjectors under this section shall report to the department of education each procurement and occurrence in which an epinephrine autoinjector is used from the school's supply of epinephrine autoinjectors.

**Sec. 3313.7112.** (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Board of education" means a board of education of a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district.

(2) "Governing authority" means a governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school or an accredited nonpublic school operating under section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Licensed health care professional" means any of the following:

(a) A physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery;

(b) A registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, or licensed practical nurse licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code;

(c) A physician assistant licensed under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code.

(4) "Local health department" means a department operated by a board of health of a city or general health district or the authority having the duties of a board of health as described in section 3709.05 of the Revised Code.

(5) "School employee" or "employee" means either of the following:

(a) A person employed by a board of education or governing authority;

(b) A licensed health care professional employed by or under contract with a local health department who is assigned to a school in a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district ~~or~~, a chartered nonpublic school, or an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Treating practitioner" means any of the following who has primary responsibility for treating a student's diabetes and has been identified as such by the student's parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student or, if the student is at least eighteen years of age, by the student:

(a) A physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery;

(b) An advanced practice registered nurse who holds a current, valid license to practice nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code and is designated as a clinical nurse specialist or certified nurse practitioner in accordance with section 4723.42 of the Revised Code;

(c) A physician assistant who holds a license issued under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code, holds a valid prescriber number issued by the state medical board, and has been granted physician-delegated prescriptive authority.

(7) "504 plan" means a plan based on an evaluation conducted in accordance with section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 29 U.S.C. 794, as amended.

(B)(1) Each board of education or governing authority shall ensure that each student enrolled in the school district or chartered nonpublic school who has diabetes receives appropriate and needed diabetes care in accordance with an order signed by the student's treating practitioner. The diabetes care to be provided includes any of the following:

(a) Checking and recording blood glucose levels and ketone levels or

assisting the student with checking and recording these levels;

(b) Responding to blood glucose levels that are outside of the student's target range;

(c) In the case of severe hypoglycemia, administering glucagon and other emergency treatments as prescribed;

(d) Administering insulin or assisting the student in self-administering insulin through the insulin delivery system the student uses;

(e) Providing oral diabetes medications;

(f) Understanding recommended schedules and food intake for meals and snacks in order to calculate medication dosages pursuant to the order of the student's treating practitioner;

(g) Following the treating practitioner's instructions regarding meals, snacks, and physical activity;

(h) Administering diabetes medication, as long as the conditions prescribed in division (C) of this section are satisfied.

(2) Not later than fourteen days after receipt of an order signed by the treating practitioner of a student with diabetes, the board of education or governing authority shall inform the student's parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student that the student may be entitled to a 504 plan regarding the student's diabetes. The department of education shall develop a 504 plan information sheet for use by a board of education or governing authority when informing a student's parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student that the student may be entitled to a 504 plan regarding the student's diabetes.

(C) Notwithstanding division (B) of section 3313.713 of the Revised Code or any other provision of the Revised Code, diabetes medication may be administered under this section by a school nurse or, in the absence of a school nurse, a school employee who is trained in diabetes care under division (E) of this section. Medication administration may be provided under this section only when the conditions prescribed in division (C) of section 3313.713 of the Revised Code are satisfied.

Notwithstanding division (D) of section 3313.713 of the Revised Code, medication that is to be administered under this section may be kept in an easily accessible location.

(D)(1) The department of education shall adopt nationally recognized guidelines, as determined by the department, for the training of school employees in diabetes care for students. In doing so, the department shall consult with the department of health, the American diabetes association, and the Ohio school nurses association. The department may consult with any other organizations as determined appropriate by the department.



(2) The guidelines shall address all of the following issues:

- (a) Recognizing the symptoms of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia;
- (b) The appropriate treatment for a student who exhibits the symptoms of hypoglycemia or hyperglycemia;
- (c) Recognizing situations that require the provision of emergency medical assistance to a student;
- (d) Understanding the appropriate treatment for a student, based on an order issued by the student's treating practitioner, if the student's blood glucose level is not within the target range indicated by the order;
- (e) Understanding the instructions in an order issued by a student's treating practitioner concerning necessary medications;
- (f) Performing blood glucose and ketone tests for a student in accordance with an order issued by the student's treating practitioner and recording the results of those tests;
- (g) Administering insulin, glucagon, or other medication to a student in accordance with an order issued by the student's treating practitioner and recording the results of the administration;
- (h) Understanding the relationship between the diet recommended in an order issued by a student's treating practitioner and actions that may be taken if the recommended diet is not followed.

(E)(1) To ensure that a student with diabetes receives the diabetes care specified in division (B) of this section, a board of education or governing authority may provide training that complies with the guidelines developed under division (D) of this section to a school employee at each school attended by a student with diabetes. With respect to any training provided, all of the following apply:

- (a) The training shall be coordinated by a school nurse or, if the school does not employ a school nurse, a licensed health care professional with expertise in diabetes who is approved by the school to provide the training.
- (b) The training shall take place prior to the beginning of each school year or, as needed, not later than fourteen days after receipt by the board of education or governing authority of an order signed by the treating practitioner of a student with diabetes.
- (c) On completion of the training, the board of education or governing authority, in a manner it determines, shall determine whether each employee trained is competent to provide diabetes care.
- (d) The school nurse or approved licensed health care professional with expertise in diabetes care shall promptly provide all necessary follow-up training and supervision to an employee who receives training.

(2) The principal of a school attended by a student with diabetes or

another school official authorized to act on behalf of the principal may distribute a written notice to each employee containing all of the following:

(a) A statement that the school is required to provide diabetes care to a student with diabetes and is seeking employees who are willing to be trained to provide that care;

(b) A description of the tasks to be performed;

(c) A statement that participation is voluntary and that the school district or governing authority will not take action against an employee who does not agree to provide diabetes care;

(d) A statement that training will be provided by a licensed health care professional to an employee who agrees to provide care;

(e) A statement that a trained employee is immune from liability under division (J) of this section;

(f) The name of the individual who should be contacted if an employee is interested in providing diabetes care.

(3) No employee of a board of education or governing authority shall be subject to a penalty or disciplinary action under school or district policies for refusing to volunteer to be trained in diabetes care.

(4) No board or governing authority shall discourage employees from agreeing to provide diabetes care under this section.

(F) A board of education or governing authority may provide training in the recognition of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia and actions to take in response to emergency situations involving these conditions to both of the following:

(1) A school employee who has primary responsibility for supervising a student with diabetes during some portion of the school day;

(2) A bus driver employed by a school district ~~or~~ chartered nonpublic school, or accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, who is responsible for the transportation of a student with diabetes.

(G) A student with diabetes shall be permitted to attend the school the student would otherwise attend if the student did not have diabetes and the diabetes care specified in division (B) of this section shall be provided at the school. A board of education or governing authority shall not restrict a student who has diabetes from attending the school on the basis that the student has diabetes, that the school does not have a full-time school nurse, or that the school does not have an employee trained in diabetes care. The school shall not require or pressure a parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of a student to provide diabetes care for the student with diabetes at school or school-related activities.

(H)(1) Notwithstanding section 3313.713 of the Revised Code or any policy adopted under that section and except as provided in division (H)(2) of this section, on written request of the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of a student and authorization by the student's treating practitioner, a student with diabetes shall be permitted during regular school hours and school-sponsored activities to attend to the care and management of the student's diabetes in accordance with the order issued by the student's treating practitioner if the student's treating practitioner determines that the student is capable of performing diabetes care tasks. The student shall be permitted to perform diabetes care tasks in a classroom, in any area of the school or school grounds, and at any school-related activity, and to possess on the student's self at all times all necessary supplies and equipment to perform these tasks. If the student or the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student so requests, the student shall have access to a private area for performing diabetes care tasks.

(2) If the student performs any diabetes care tasks or uses medical equipment for purposes other than the student's own care, the board of education or governing authority may revoke the student's permission to attend to the care and management of the student's diabetes.

(I)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, a licensed health care professional shall be permitted to provide training to a school employee under division (E) of this section or to supervise the employee in performing diabetes care tasks.

(2) Nothing in this section diminishes the rights of eligible students or the obligations of school districts or governing authorities under the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act," 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq., section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act," 29 U.S.C. 794, or the "Americans with Disabilities Act," 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.

(J)(1) A school or school district, a member of a board or governing authority, or a district or school employee is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from providing care or performing duties under this section unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that a school or school district, member of a board of education or governing authority, or district or school employee may be entitled to under Chapter 2744. or any other provision of the Revised Code or under the common law of this state.

(2) A school employee shall not be subject to disciplinary action under school or district policies for providing care or performing duties under this section.

(3) A school nurse or other licensed health care professional shall be

immune from disciplinary action by the board of nursing or any other regulatory board for providing care or performing duties under this section if the care provided or duties performed are consistent with applicable professional standards.

(K)(1) Not later than the last day of December of each year, a board of education or governing authority shall report to the department of education both of the following:

(a) The number of students with diabetes enrolled in the school district ~~or~~, chartered nonpublic school, or accredited nonpublic school during the previous school year;

(b) The number of errors associated with the administration of diabetes medication to students with diabetes during the previous school year.

(2) Not later than the last day of March of each year, the department shall issue a report summarizing the information received by the department under division (K)(1) of this section for the previous school year. The department shall make the report available on its internet web site.

**Sec. 3313.7114.**(A) As used in this section, "inhaler" has the same meaning as in section 3313.7113 of the Revised Code.

(B) With the approval of its governing authority, a chartered nonpublic school, accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, or nonchartered nonpublic school may procure inhalers in the manner prescribed by section 3313.7113 of the Revised Code. A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school that elects to do so shall comply with all provisions of that section as if it were a school district.

(C) A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school, a member of a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school governing authority, or an employee or contractor of the school is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an act or omission associated with procuring, maintaining, accessing, or using an inhaler under this section, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

(D) A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school may accept donations of inhalers from a wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs or a manufacturer of dangerous drugs, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code, and may accept donations of money from any person to purchase inhalers.

(E) A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school that elects to procure inhalers under this section shall report to the department of education each procurement and occurrence in which an inhaler is used from the school's supply of inhalers.

**Sec. 3313.813.** (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Outdoor education center" means a public or nonprofit private entity that provides to pupils enrolled in any public or accredited or chartered nonpublic elementary or secondary school an outdoor educational curriculum that the school considers to be part of its educational program.

(2) "Outside-school-hours care center" has the meaning established in 7 C.F.R. 226.2.

(3) "Accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(B) The state board of education shall establish standards for a school lunch program, school breakfast program, child and adult care food program, special food service program for children, summer food service program for children, special milk program for children, food service equipment assistance program, and commodity distribution program established under the "National School Lunch Act," 60 Stat. 230 (1946), 42 U.S.C. 1751, as amended, and the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966," 80 Stat. 885, 42 U.S.C. 1771, as amended. Any board of education of a school district, nonprofit private school, outdoor education center, child care institution, outside-school-hours care center, or summer camp desiring to participate in such a program or required to participate under this section shall, if eligible to participate under the "National School Lunch Act," as amended, or the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966," as amended, make application to the state board of education for assistance. The board shall administer the allocation and distribution of all state and federal funds for these programs.

(C) The state board of education shall require the board of education of each school district to establish and maintain a school breakfast, lunch, and summer food service program pursuant to the "National School Lunch Act" and the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966," as described in divisions (C)(1) to (4) of this section.

(1) The state board shall require the board of education in each school district to establish a breakfast program in every school where at least one-fifth of the pupils in the school are eligible under federal requirements for free breakfasts and to establish a lunch program in every school where at least one-fifth of the pupils are eligible for free lunches. The board of education required to establish a breakfast program under this division may make a charge in accordance with federal requirements for each reduced price breakfast or paid breakfast to cover the cost incurred in providing that meal.

(2) The state board shall require the board of education in each school district to establish a breakfast program in every school in which the parents of at least one-half of the children enrolled in the school have requested that the breakfast program be established. The board of education required to establish a program under this division may make a charge in accordance with federal requirements for each meal to cover all or part of the costs incurred in

establishing such a program.

(3) The state board shall require the board of education in each school district to establish one of the following for summer intervention services described in division (D) of section 3301.0711 or provided under section 3313.608 of the Revised Code, and any other summer intervention program required by law:

(a) An extension of the school breakfast program pursuant to the "National School Lunch Act" and the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966";

(b) An extension of the school lunch program pursuant to those acts;

(c) A summer food service program pursuant to those acts.

(4)(a) If the board of education of a school district determines that, for financial reasons, it cannot comply with division (C)(1) or (3) of this section, the district board may choose not to comply with either or both divisions, except as provided in divisions (C)(4)(b) and (c) of this section. The district board publicly shall communicate to the residents of the district, in the manner it determines appropriate, its decision not to comply.

(b) If a district board chooses not to comply with division (C)(1) of this section, the state board nevertheless shall require the district board to establish a breakfast program in every school where at least one-third of the pupils in the school are eligible under federal requirements for free breakfasts and to establish a lunch program in every school where at least one-third of the pupils are eligible for free lunches. The district board may make a charge in accordance with federal requirements for each reduced price breakfast or paid breakfast to cover the cost incurred in providing that meal.

(c) If the board of education of a school district chooses not to comply with division (C)(3) of this section, the state board nevertheless shall require the district board to permit an approved summer food service program sponsor to use school facilities located in a school building attendance area where at least one-half of the pupils are eligible for free lunches.

The department of education shall post in a prominent location on the department's web site a list of approved summer food service program sponsors that may use school facilities under this division.

Subject to the provisions of sections 3313.75 and 3313.77 of the Revised Code, a school district may charge the summer food service program sponsor a reasonable fee for the use of school facilities that may include the actual cost of custodial services, charges for the use of school equipment, and a prorated share of the utility costs as determined by the district board. A school district shall require the summer food service program sponsor to indemnify and hold harmless the district from any potential liability resulting from the operation of the summer food service program under this division. For this purpose, the district shall either add the summer food service program

sponsor, as an additional insured party, to the district's existing liability insurance policy or require the summer food service program sponsor to submit evidence of a separate liability insurance policy, for an amount approved by the district board. The summer food service program sponsor shall be responsible for any costs incurred in obtaining coverage under either option.

(d) If a school district cannot for good cause comply with the requirements of division (C)(2) or (4)(b) or (c) of this section at the time the state board determines that a district is subject to these requirements, the state board shall grant a reasonable extension of time. Good cause for an extension of time shall include, but need not be limited to, economic impossibility of compliance with the requirements at the time the state board determines that a district is subject to them.

(D)(1) The state board shall accept the application of any outdoor education center in the state making application for participation in a program pursuant to division (B) of this section.

(2) For purposes of participation in any program pursuant to this section, the board shall certify any outdoor education center making application as an educational unit that is part of the educational system of the state, if the center:

(a) Meets the definition of an outdoor education center;

(b) Provides its outdoor education curriculum to pupils on an overnight basis so that pupils are in residence at the center for more than twenty-four consecutive hours;

(c) Operates under public or nonprofit private ownership in a single building or complex of buildings.

(3) The board shall approve any outdoor education center certified under this division for participation in the program for which the center is making application on the same basis as any other applicant for that program.

(E) Any school district board of education or chartered or accredited nonpublic school that participates in a breakfast program pursuant to this section may offer breakfast to pupils in their classrooms during the school day.

(F) Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, in each fiscal year in which the general assembly appropriates funds for purposes of this division, the board of education of each school district and each chartered and accredited nonpublic school that participates in a breakfast program pursuant to this section shall provide a breakfast free of charge to each pupil who is eligible under federal requirements for a reduced price breakfast.

**Sec. 3313.86.** The board of education of each city, exempted village, local, and joint vocational school district ~~and~~ the governing authority of each

chartered nonpublic school, and the governing authority of each accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code periodically shall review its policies and procedures to ensure the safety of students, employees, and other persons using a school building from any known hazards in the building or on building grounds that, in the judgment of the board or governing authority, pose an immediate risk to health or safety. The board or governing authority shall further ensure that its policies and procedures comply with all federal laws and regulations regarding health and safety applicable to school buildings.

**Sec. 3313.976.** (A) No private school may receive scholarship payments from parents pursuant to section 3313.979 of the Revised Code until the chief administrator of the private school registers the school with the superintendent of public instruction. The state superintendent shall register any school that meets the following requirements:

(1) The school either:

(a) Offers any of grades kindergarten through twelve and is located within the boundaries of the pilot project school district;

(b) Offers any of grades nine through twelve and is located within the boundaries of a city, local, or exempted village school district that is both:

(i) Located in a municipal corporation with a population of fifteen thousand or more;

(ii) Located within five miles of the border of the pilot project school district.

(2) The school indicates in writing its commitment to follow all requirements for a state-sponsored scholarship program specified under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code, including, but not limited to, the requirements for admitting students pursuant to section 3313.977 of the Revised Code;

(3) The school ~~meets~~ either:

(a) Meets all state minimum standards for chartered nonpublic schools in effect on July 1, 1992, except that the state superintendent at the superintendent's discretion may register nonchartered nonpublic schools meeting the other requirements of this division; or

(b) Is an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(4) The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, or ethnic background;

(5) The school enrolls a minimum of ten students per class or a sum of at least twenty-five students in all the classes offered;

(6) The school does not advocate or foster unlawful behavior or teach



hatred of any person or group on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, or religion;

(7) The school does not provide false or misleading information about the school to parents, students, or the general public;

(8) For students in grades kindergarten through eight with family incomes at or below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, as defined in section 5104.46 of the Revised Code, the school agrees not to charge any tuition in excess of the scholarship amount established pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 3313.978 of the Revised Code, excluding any increase described in division (C)(2) of that section.

(9) For students in grades kindergarten through eight with family incomes above two hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines, whose scholarship amounts are less than the actual tuition charge of the school, the school agrees not to charge any tuition in excess of the difference between the actual tuition charge of the school and the scholarship amount established pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 3313.978 of the Revised Code, excluding any increase described in division (C)(2) of that section. The school shall permit such tuition, at the discretion of the parent, to be satisfied by the family's provision of in-kind contributions or services.

(10) The school agrees not to charge any tuition to families of students in grades nine through twelve receiving a scholarship in excess of the actual tuition charge of the school less the scholarship amount established pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 3313.978 of the Revised Code, excluding any increase described in division (C)(2) of that section.

(11) Except as provided in divisions (K)(1) and (L) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code, it annually administers the applicable assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710, 3301.0712, or 3313.619 of the Revised Code to each scholarship student enrolled in the school in accordance with section 3301.0711 or 3301.0712 of the Revised Code and reports to the department of education the results of each such assessment administered to each scholarship student.

(B) The state superintendent shall revoke the registration of any school if, after a hearing, the superintendent determines that the school is in violation of any of the provisions of division (A) of this section.

(C) Any public school located in a school district adjacent to the pilot project district may receive scholarship payments on behalf of parents pursuant to section 3313.979 of the Revised Code if the superintendent of the district in which such public school is located notifies the state superintendent prior to the first day of March that the district intends to admit students from the pilot project district for the ensuing school year pursuant to section 3327.06 of the Revised Code.

(D) Any parent wishing to purchase tutorial assistance from any person or governmental entity pursuant to the pilot project program under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code shall apply to the state superintendent. The state superintendent shall approve providers who appear to possess the capability of furnishing the instructional services they are offering to provide.

**Sec. 3317.024.** The following shall be distributed monthly, quarterly, or annually as may be determined by the state board of education:

(A) An amount for each island school district and each joint state school district for the operation of each high school and each elementary school maintained within such district and for capital improvements for such schools. Such amounts shall be determined on the basis of standards adopted by the state board of education. However, for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, an island district shall receive the lesser of its actual cost of operation, as certified to the department of education, or ninety-three per cent of the amount the district received in state operating funding for fiscal year 2011. If an island district received no funding for fiscal year 2011, it shall receive no funding for either of fiscal year 2012 or 2013.

(B) An amount for each school district required to pay tuition for a child in an institution maintained by the department of youth services pursuant to section 3317.082 of the Revised Code, provided the child was not included in the calculation of the district's formula ADM, as that term is defined in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code, for the preceding school year.

(C) An amount for the approved cost of transporting eligible pupils with disabilities attending a special education program approved by the department of education whom it is impossible or impractical to transport by regular school bus in the course of regular route transportation provided by the school district or educational service center. No district or service center is eligible to receive a payment under this division for the cost of transporting any pupil whom it transports by regular school bus and who is included in the district's transportation ADM. The state board of education shall establish standards and guidelines for use by the department of education in determining the approved cost of such transportation for each district or service center.

(D) An amount to each school district, including each cooperative education school district, pursuant to section 3313.81 of the Revised Code to assist in providing free lunches to needy children. The amounts shall be determined on the basis of rules adopted by the state board of education.

(E)(1) An amount for auxiliary services to each school district, for each pupil attending a chartered or an accredited nonpublic elementary or high school within the district that is either of the following:

(a) A school affiliated with a religious order, sect, church, or

denomination or has a curriculum or mission that contains religious content, religious courses, devotional exercises, religious training, or any other religious activity;

(b) A school not described in division (E)(1)(a) of this section that has not elected to receive funds under division (E)(2) of this section.

(2) An amount for auxiliary services paid directly to each chartered or an accredited nonpublic school that has elected to receive funds under division (E)(2) of this section for each pupil attending the school. To elect to receive funds under division (E)(2) of this section, a school, by the first day of April of each odd-numbered year, shall notify the department and the school district in which the school is located of the election and shall submit to the department an affidavit certifying that the school is not affiliated with a religious order, sect, church, or denomination and does not have a curriculum or mission that contains religious content, religious courses, devotional exercises, religious training, or any other religious activity. The election shall take effect the following first day of July, unless the department determines that the school meets the criteria in division (E)(1)(a) of this section. The school subsequently may rescind its election, but it may do so only in an odd-numbered year by notifying the department and the school district in which the school is located of the rescission not later than the first day of April of that year. Beginning the following first day of July after the rescission, the school shall receive funds under division (E)(1) of this section.

The amount paid under divisions (E)(1) and (2) of this section shall equal the total amount appropriated for the implementation of sections 3317.06 and 3317.062 of the Revised Code divided by the average daily membership in grades kindergarten through twelve in chartered or accredited nonpublic elementary and high schools within the state as determined as of the last day of October of each school year.

For purposes of this section, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(F) An amount for each county board of developmental disabilities, distributed on the basis of standards adopted by the state board of education, for the approved cost of transportation required for children attending special education programs operated by the county board under section 3323.09 of the Revised Code;

(G) An amount to each institution defined under section 3317.082 of the Revised Code providing elementary or secondary education to children other than children receiving special education under section 3323.091 of the Revised Code. This amount for any institution in any fiscal year shall equal the total of all tuition amounts required to be paid to the institution under division (A)(1) of section 3317.082 of the Revised Code.

The state board of education or any other board of education or governing board may provide for any resident of a district or educational service center territory any educational service for which funds are made available to the board by the United States under the authority of public law, whether such funds come directly or indirectly from the United States or any agency or department thereof or through the state or any agency, department, or political subdivision thereof.

**Sec. 3317.03.** (A) The superintendent of each city, local, and exempted village school district shall report to the state board of education as of the last day of October, March, and June of each year the enrollment of students receiving services from schools under the superintendent's supervision, and the numbers of other students entitled to attend school in the district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code the superintendent is required to report under this section, so that the department of education can calculate the district's formula ADM, total ADM, category one through five career-technical education ADM, category one through three limited English proficient ADM, category one through six special education ADM, preschool scholarship ADM, transportation ADM, and, for purposes of provisions of law outside of Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code, average daily membership.

(1) The enrollment reported by the superintendent during the reporting period shall consist of the number of students in grades kindergarten through twelve receiving any educational services from the district, except that the following categories of students shall not be included in the determination:

(a) Students enrolled in adult education classes;

(b) Adjacent or other district students enrolled in the district under an open enrollment policy pursuant to section 3313.98 of the Revised Code;

(c) Students receiving services in the district pursuant to a compact, cooperative education agreement, or a contract, but who are entitled to attend school in another district pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code;

(d) Students for whom tuition is payable pursuant to sections 3317.081 and 3323.141 of the Revised Code;

(e) Students receiving services in the district through a scholarship awarded under either section 3310.41 or sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code.

When reporting students under division (A)(1) of this section, the superintendent also shall report the district where each student is entitled to attend school pursuant to sections 3313.64 and 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(2) The department of education shall compile a list of all students reported to be enrolled in a district under division (A)(1) of this section and of

the students entitled to attend school in the district pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code on an FTE basis but receiving educational services in grades kindergarten through twelve from one or more of the following entities:

(a) A community school pursuant to Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in such community school;

(b) An alternative school pursuant to sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code as described in division (I)(2)(a) or (b) of this section;

(c) A college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code, except when the student is enrolled in the college while also enrolled in a community school pursuant to Chapter 3314., a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326., or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code;

(d) An adjacent or other school district under an open enrollment policy adopted pursuant to section 3313.98 of the Revised Code;

(e) An educational service center or cooperative education district;

(f) Another school district under a cooperative education agreement, compact, or contract;

(g) A chartered or an accredited nonpublic school with a scholarship paid under section 3310.08 of the Revised Code, if the students qualified for the scholarship under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code;.

As used in this division and in division (B)(3)(f) of this section, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(h) An alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under either section 3310.41 or sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code.

As used in this section, "alternative public provider" and "registered private provider" have the same meanings as in section 3310.41 or 3310.51 of the Revised Code, as applicable.

(i) A science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in the school;

(j) A college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in the school.

(3) The department also shall compile a list of the students entitled to attend school in the district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised

Code who are enrolled in a joint vocational school district or under a career-technical education compact, excluding any students so entitled to attend school in the district who are enrolled in another school district through an open enrollment policy as reported under division (A)(2)(d) of this section and then enroll in a joint vocational school district or under a career-technical education compact.

The department shall provide each city, local, and exempted village school district with an opportunity to review the list of students compiled under divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this section to ensure that the students reported accurately reflect the enrollment of students in the district.

(B) To enable the department of education to obtain the data needed to complete the calculation of payments pursuant to this chapter, each superintendent shall certify from the reports provided by the department under division (A) of this section all of the following:

(1) The total student enrollment in regular learning day classes included in the report under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section for each of the individual grades kindergarten through twelve in schools under the superintendent's supervision;

(2) The unduplicated count of the number of preschool children with disabilities enrolled in the district for whom the district is eligible to receive funding under section 3317.0213 of the Revised Code adjusted for the portion of the year each child is so enrolled, in accordance with the disability categories prescribed in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(3) The number of children entitled to attend school in the district pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code who are:

(a) Participating in a pilot project scholarship program established under sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code as described in division (I)(2)(a) or (b) of this section;

(b) Enrolled in a college under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code, except when the student is enrolled in the college while also enrolled in a community school pursuant to Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326., or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code;

(c) Enrolled in an adjacent or other school district under section 3313.98 of the Revised Code;

(d) Enrolled in a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that is not an internet- or computer-based community school as defined in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in such community school;

(e) Enrolled in an internet- or computer-based community school, as defined in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in the school;

(f) Enrolled in a chartered or an accredited nonpublic school with a scholarship paid under section 3310.08 of the Revised Code and who qualified for the scholarship under section 3310.03 of the Revised Code;

(g) Enrolled in kindergarten through grade twelve in an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code;

(h) Enrolled as a preschool child with a disability in an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under section 3310.41 of the Revised Code;

(i) Participating in a program operated by a county board of developmental disabilities or a state institution;

(j) Enrolled in a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in the school;

(k) Enrolled in a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code, including any participation in a college pursuant to Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code while enrolled in the school;

(l) Enrolled in an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code.

(4) The total enrollment of pupils in joint vocational schools;

(5) The combined enrollment of children with disabilities reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for the category one disability described in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, including children attending a special education program operated by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code;

(6) The combined enrollment of children with disabilities reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for category two disabilities described in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, including children attending a special education program operated by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code;

(7) The combined enrollment of children with disabilities reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for category three disabilities described in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, including children attending a special education program operated by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code;

(8) The combined enrollment of children with disabilities reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for category four disabilities described in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, including children attending a special education program operated by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code;

(9) The combined enrollment of children with disabilities reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for the category five disabilities described in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, including children attending a special education program operated by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code;

(10) The combined enrollment of children with disabilities reported under division (A)(1) or (2) and under division (B)(3)(h) of this section receiving special education services for category six disabilities described in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, including children attending a special education program operated by an alternative public provider or a registered private provider with a scholarship awarded under either section 3310.41 or sections 3310.51 to 3310.64 of the Revised Code;

(11) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section on a full-time equivalency basis in category one career-technical education programs or classes, described in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, operated by the school district or by another district that is a member of the district's career-technical planning district, other than a joint vocational school district, or by an educational service center, notwithstanding division (G) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code and division (C)(3) of this section;

(12) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section on a full-time equivalency basis in category two career-technical education programs or services, described in division (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, operated by the school district or another school district that is a member of the district's career-technical planning district, other than a joint vocational school district, or by an educational service center,



notwithstanding division (G) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code and division (C)(3) of this section;

(13) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section on a full-time equivalency basis in category three career-technical education programs or services, described in division (C) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, operated by the school district or another school district that is a member of the district's career-technical planning district, other than a joint vocational school district, or by an educational service center, notwithstanding division (G) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code and division (C)(3) of this section;

(14) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section on a full-time equivalency basis in category four career-technical education programs or services, described in division (D) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, operated by the school district or another school district that is a member of the district's career-technical planning district, other than a joint vocational school district, or by an educational service center, notwithstanding division (G) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code and division (C)(3) of this section;

(15) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section on a full-time equivalency basis in category five career-technical education programs or services, described in division (E) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, operated by the school district or another school district that is a member of the district's career-technical planning district, other than a joint vocational school district, or by an educational service center, notwithstanding division (G) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code and division (C)(3) of this section;

(16) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section who are limited English proficient students described in division (A) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code, excluding any student reported under division (B)(3)(e) of this section as enrolled in an internet- or computer-based community school;

(17) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section who are limited English proficient students described in division (B) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code, excluding any student reported under division (B)(3)(e) of this section as enrolled in an internet- or computer-based community school;

(18) The enrollment of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section who are limited English proficient students described in division (C) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code, excluding any student reported under division (B)(3)(e) of this section as enrolled in an internet- or computer-based community school;

(19) The average number of children transported during the reporting

period by the school district on board-owned or contractor-owned and -operated buses, reported in accordance with rules adopted by the department of education;

(20)(a) The number of children, other than preschool children with disabilities, the district placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in fiscal year 1998. Division (B)(20)(a) of this section does not apply after fiscal year 2013.

(b) The number of children with disabilities, other than preschool children with disabilities, placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for the category one disability described in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(c) The number of children with disabilities, other than preschool children with disabilities, placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for category two disabilities described in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(d) The number of children with disabilities, other than preschool children with disabilities, placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for category three disabilities described in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(e) The number of children with disabilities, other than preschool children with disabilities, placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for category four disabilities described in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(f) The number of children with disabilities, other than preschool children with disabilities, placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for the category five disabilities described in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(g) The number of children with disabilities, other than preschool children with disabilities, placed with a county board of developmental disabilities in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for category six disabilities described in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(21) The enrollment of students who are economically disadvantaged, as defined by the department, excluding any student reported under division (B)(3)(e) of this section as enrolled in an internet- or computer-based community school. A student shall not be categorically excluded from the

number reported under division (B)(21) of this section based on anything other than family income.

(C)(1) The state board of education shall adopt rules necessary for implementing divisions (A), (B), and (D) of this section.

(2) A student enrolled in a community school established under Chapter 3314., a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326., or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code shall be counted in the formula ADM and, if applicable, the category one, two, three, four, five, or six special education ADM of the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code for the same proportion of the school year that the student is counted in the enrollment of the community school, the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school, or the college-preparatory boarding school for purposes of section 3314.08, 3326.33, or 3328.24 of the Revised Code. Notwithstanding the enrollment of students certified pursuant to division (B)(3)(d), (e), (j), or (k) of this section, the department may adjust the formula ADM of a school district to account for students entitled to attend school in the district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code who are enrolled in a community school, a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school, or a college-preparatory boarding school for only a portion of the school year.

(3) No child shall be counted as more than a total of one child in the sum of the enrollment of students of a school district under division (A), divisions (B)(1) to (22), or division (D) of this section, except as follows:

(a) A child with a disability described in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code may be counted both in formula ADM and in category one, two, three, four, five, or six special education ADM and, if applicable, in category one, two, three, four, or five career-technical education ADM. As provided in division (G) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code, such a child shall be counted in category one, two, three, four, five, or six special education ADM in the same proportion that the child is counted in formula ADM.

(b) A child enrolled in career-technical education programs or classes described in section 3317.014 of the Revised Code may be counted both in formula ADM and category one, two, three, four, or five career-technical education ADM and, if applicable, in category one, two, three, four, five, or six special education ADM. Such a child shall be counted in category one, two, three, four, or five career-technical education ADM in the same proportion as the percentage of time that the child spends in the career-technical education programs or classes.

(4) Based on the information reported under this section, the

department of education shall determine the total student count, as defined in section 3301.011 of the Revised Code, for each school district.

(D)(1) The superintendent of each joint vocational school district shall report and certify to the superintendent of public instruction as of the last day of October, March, and June of each year the enrollment of students receiving services from schools under the superintendent's supervision so that the department can calculate the district's formula ADM, total ADM, category one through five career-technical education ADM, category one through three limited English proficient ADM, category one through six special education ADM, and for purposes of provisions of law outside of Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code, average daily membership.

The enrollment reported and certified by the superintendent, except as otherwise provided in this division, shall consist of the ~~the~~ number of students in grades six through twelve receiving any educational services from the district, except that the following categories of students shall not be included in the determination:

(a) Students enrolled in adult education classes;

(b) Adjacent or other district joint vocational students enrolled in the district under an open enrollment policy pursuant to section 3313.98 of the Revised Code;

(c) Students receiving services in the district pursuant to a compact, cooperative education agreement, or a contract, but who are entitled to attend school in a city, local, or exempted village school district whose territory is not part of the territory of the joint vocational district;

(d) Students for whom tuition is payable pursuant to sections 3317.081 and 3323.141 of the Revised Code.

(2) To enable the department of education to obtain the data needed to complete the calculation of payments pursuant to this chapter, each superintendent shall certify from the report provided under division (D)(1) of this section the enrollment for each of the following categories of students:

(a) Students enrolled in each individual grade included in the joint vocational district schools;

(b) Children with disabilities receiving special education services for the category one disability described in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(c) Children with disabilities receiving special education services for the category two disabilities described in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(d) Children with disabilities receiving special education services for category three disabilities described in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(e) Children with disabilities receiving special education services for category four disabilities described in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(f) Children with disabilities receiving special education services for the category five disabilities described in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(g) Children with disabilities receiving special education services for category six disabilities described in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(h) Students receiving category one career-technical education services, described in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(i) Students receiving category two career-technical education services, described in division (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(j) Students receiving category three career-technical education services, described in division (C) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(k) Students receiving category four career-technical education services, described in division (D) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(l) Students receiving category five career-technical education services, described in division (E) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(m) Limited English proficient students described in division (A) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code;

(n) Limited English proficient students described in division (B) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code;

(o) Limited English proficient students described in division (C) of section 3317.016 of the Revised Code;

(p) Students who are economically disadvantaged, as defined by the department. A student shall not be categorically excluded from the number reported under division (D)(2)(p) of this section based on anything other than family income.

The superintendent of each joint vocational school district shall also indicate the city, local, or exempted village school district in which each joint vocational district pupil is entitled to attend school pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(E) In each school of each city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, and cooperative education school district there shall be maintained a record of school enrollment, which record shall accurately show, for each day the school is in session, the actual enrollment in regular day classes. For the purpose of determining the enrollment of students, the enrollment figure of any school shall not include any pupils except those pupils described by division (A) of this section. The record of enrollment for each school shall be

maintained in such manner that no pupil shall be counted as enrolled prior to the actual date of entry in the school and also in such manner that where for any cause a pupil permanently withdraws from the school that pupil shall not be counted as enrolled from and after the date of such withdrawal. There shall not be included in the enrollment of any school any of the following:

(1) Any pupil who has graduated from the twelfth grade of a public or nonpublic high school;

(2) Any pupil who is not a resident of the state;

(3) Any pupil who was enrolled in the schools of the district during the previous school year when assessments were administered under section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code but did not take one or more of the assessments required by that section and was not excused pursuant to division (C)(1) or (3) of that section;

(4) Any pupil who has attained the age of twenty-two years, except for veterans of the armed services whose attendance was interrupted before completing the recognized twelve-year course of the public schools by reason of induction or enlistment in the armed forces and who apply for reenrollment in the public school system of their residence not later than four years after termination of war or their honorable discharge;

(5) Any pupil who has a certificate of high school equivalance as defined in section 5107.40 of the Revised Code.

If, however, any veteran described by division (E)(4) of this section elects to enroll in special courses organized for veterans for whom tuition is paid under the provisions of federal laws, or otherwise, that veteran shall not be included in the enrollment of students determined under this section.

Notwithstanding division (E)(3) of this section, the enrollment of any school may include a pupil who did not take an assessment required by section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code if the superintendent of public instruction grants a waiver from the requirement to take the assessment to the specific pupil and a parent is not paying tuition for the pupil pursuant to section 3313.6410 of the Revised Code. The superintendent may grant such a waiver only for good cause in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education.

The formula ADM, total ADM, category one through five career-technical education ADM, category one through three limited English proficient ADM, category one through six special education ADM, preschool scholarship ADM, transportation ADM, and, for purposes of provisions of law outside of Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code, average daily membership of any school district shall be determined in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education.

(F)(1) If a student attending a community school under Chapter 3314.,

a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326., or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code is not included in the formula ADM calculated for the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code, the department of education shall adjust the formula ADM of that school district to include the student in accordance with division (C)(2) of this section, and shall recalculate the school district's payments under this chapter for the entire fiscal year on the basis of that adjusted formula ADM.

(2) If a student awarded an educational choice scholarship is not included in the formula ADM of the school district from which the department deducts funds for the scholarship under section 3310.08 of the Revised Code, the department shall adjust the formula ADM of that school district to include the student to the extent necessary to account for the deduction, and shall recalculate the school district's payments under this chapter for the entire fiscal year on the basis of that adjusted formula ADM.

(3) If a student awarded a scholarship under the Jon Peterson special needs scholarship program is not included in the formula ADM of the school district from which the department deducts funds for the scholarship under section 3310.55 of the Revised Code, the department shall adjust the formula ADM of that school district to include the student to the extent necessary to account for the deduction, and shall recalculate the school district's payments under this chapter for the entire fiscal year on the basis of that adjusted formula ADM.

(G)(1)(a) The superintendent of an institution operating a special education program pursuant to section 3323.091 of the Revised Code shall, for the programs under such superintendent's supervision, certify to the state board of education, in the manner prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction, both of the following:

(i) The unduplicated count of the number of all children with disabilities other than preschool children with disabilities receiving services at the institution for each category of disability described in divisions (A) to (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code adjusted for the portion of the year each child is so enrolled;

(ii) The unduplicated count of the number of all preschool children with disabilities in classes or programs for whom the district is eligible to receive funding under section 3317.0213 of the Revised Code adjusted for the portion of the year each child is so enrolled, reported according to the categories prescribed in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(b) The superintendent of an institution with career-technical education units approved under section 3317.05 of the Revised Code shall, for the units under the superintendent's supervision, certify to the state board of

education the enrollment in those units, in the manner prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction.

(2) The superintendent of each county board of developmental disabilities that maintains special education classes under section 3317.20 of the Revised Code or provides services to preschool children with disabilities pursuant to an agreement between the county board and the appropriate school district shall do both of the following:

(a) Certify to the state board, in the manner prescribed by the board, the enrollment in classes under section 3317.20 of the Revised Code for each school district that has placed children in the classes;

(b) Certify to the state board, in the manner prescribed by the board, the unduplicated count of the number of all preschool children with disabilities enrolled in classes for which the ~~DD~~ board is eligible to receive funding under section 3317.0213 of the Revised Code adjusted for the portion of the year each child is so enrolled, reported according to the categories prescribed in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, and the number of those classes.

(H) Except as provided in division (I) of this section, when any city, local, or exempted village school district provides instruction for a nonresident pupil whose attendance is unauthorized attendance as defined in section 3327.06 of the Revised Code, that pupil's enrollment shall not be included in that district's enrollment figure used in calculating the district's payments under this chapter. The reporting official shall report separately the enrollment of all pupils whose attendance in the district is unauthorized attendance, and the enrollment of each such pupil shall be credited to the school district in which the pupil is entitled to attend school under division (B) of section 3313.64 or section 3313.65 of the Revised Code as determined by the department of education.

(I)(1) A city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district admitting a scholarship student of a pilot project district pursuant to division (C) of section 3313.976 of the Revised Code may count such student in its enrollment.

(2) In any year for which funds are appropriated for pilot project scholarship programs, a school district implementing a state-sponsored pilot project scholarship program that year pursuant to sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code may count in its enrollment:

(a) All children residing in the district and utilizing a scholarship to attend kindergarten in any alternative school, as defined in section 3313.974 of the Revised Code;

(b) All children who were enrolled in the district in the preceding year who are utilizing a scholarship to attend an alternative school.



(J) The superintendent of each cooperative education school district shall certify to the superintendent of public instruction, in a manner prescribed by the state board of education, the applicable enrollments for all students in the cooperative education district, also indicating the city, local, or exempted village district where each pupil is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(K) If the superintendent of public instruction determines that a component of the enrollment certified or reported by a district superintendent, or other reporting entity, is not correct, the superintendent of public instruction may order that the formula ADM used for the purposes of payments under any section of Title XXXIII of the Revised Code be adjusted in the amount of the error.

**Sec. 3317.06.** Moneys paid to school districts under division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code shall be used for the following independent and fully severable purposes on behalf of students enrolled in chartered and accredited nonpublic schools:

(A) To purchase such secular textbooks or digital texts as have been approved by the superintendent of public instruction for use in public schools in the state and to loan such textbooks or digital texts to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code or to their parents and to hire clerical personnel to administer such lending program. Such loans shall be based upon individual requests submitted by such nonpublic school pupils or parents. Such requests shall be submitted to the school district in which the nonpublic school is located. Such individual requests for the loan of textbooks or digital texts shall, for administrative convenience, be submitted by the nonpublic school pupil or the pupil's parent to the nonpublic school, which shall prepare and submit collective summaries of the individual requests to the school district. As used in this section:

(1) "Textbook" means any book or book substitute that a pupil uses as a consumable or nonconsumable text, text substitute, or text supplement in a particular class or program in the school the pupil regularly attends.

(2) "Digital text" means a consumable book or book substitute that a student accesses through the use of a computer or other electronic medium or that is available through an internet-based provider of course content, or any other material that contributes to the learning process through electronic means.

(B) To provide speech and hearing diagnostic services to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code. Such service shall be provided in the nonpublic school attended by the pupil receiving the service.

(C) To provide physician, nursing, dental, and optometric services to

pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E) (1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code. Such services shall be provided in the school attended by the nonpublic school pupil receiving the service.

(D) To provide diagnostic psychological services to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code. Such services shall be provided in the school attended by the pupil receiving the service.

(E) To provide therapeutic psychological and speech and hearing services to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code. Such services shall be provided in the public school, in nonpublic schools, in public centers, or in mobile units located on or off of the nonpublic premises. If such services are provided in the public school or in public centers, transportation to and from such facilities shall be provided by the school district in which the nonpublic school is located.

(F) To provide guidance, counseling, and social work services to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E) (1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code. Such services shall be provided in the public school, in nonpublic schools, in public centers, or in mobile units located on or off of the nonpublic premises. If such services are provided in the public school or in public centers, transportation to and from such facilities shall be provided by the school district in which the nonpublic school is located.

(G) To provide remedial services to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code. Such services shall be provided in the public school, in nonpublic schools, in public centers, or in mobile units located on or off of the nonpublic premises. If such services are provided in the public school or in public centers, transportation to and from such facilities shall be provided by the school district in which the nonpublic school is located.

(H) To supply for use by pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code such standardized tests and scoring services as are in use in the public schools of the state;

(I) To provide programs for children who attend nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code and are children with disabilities as defined in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code or gifted children. Such programs shall be provided in the public school, in nonpublic schools, in public centers, or in mobile units located on or off of the nonpublic premises. If such programs are provided in the public school or in public centers, transportation to and from such facilities shall be provided by the school district in which the nonpublic

school is located.

(J) To hire clerical personnel to assist in the administration of programs pursuant to divisions (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), and (I) of this section and to hire supervisory personnel to supervise the providing of services and textbooks pursuant to this section.

(K) To purchase or lease any secular, neutral, and nonideological computer application software designed to assist students in performing a single task or multiple related tasks, device management software, learning management software, site-licensing, digital video on demand (DVD), wide area connectivity and related technology as it relates to internet access, mathematics or science equipment and materials, instructional materials, and school library materials that are in general use in the public schools of the state and loan such items to pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code or to their parents, and to hire clerical personnel to administer the lending program. Only such items that are incapable of diversion to religious use and that are susceptible of loan to individual pupils and are furnished for the use of individual pupils shall be purchased and loaned under this division. As used in this section, "instructional materials" means prepared learning materials that are secular, neutral, and nonideological in character and are of benefit to the instruction of school children. "Instructional materials" includes media content that a student may access through the use of a computer or electronic device.

Mobile applications that are secular, neutral, and nonideological in character and that are purchased for less than twenty dollars for instructional use shall be considered to be consumable and shall be distributed to students without the expectation that the applications must be returned.

(L) To purchase or lease instructional equipment, including computer hardware and related equipment in general use in the public schools of the state, for use by pupils attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code and to loan such items to pupils attending such nonpublic schools within the district or to their parents, and to hire clerical personnel to administer the lending program. "Computer hardware and related equipment" includes desktop computers and workstations; laptop computers, computer tablets, and other mobile handheld devices; their operating systems and accessories; and any equipment designed to make accessible the environment of a classroom to a student, who is physically unable to attend classroom activities due to hospitalization or other circumstances, by allowing real-time interaction with other students both one-on-one and in group discussion.

(M) To purchase mobile units to be used for the provision of services pursuant to divisions (E), (F), (G), and (I) of this section and to pay for

necessary repairs and operating costs associated with these units.

(N) To reimburse costs the district incurred to store the records of a chartered or accredited nonpublic school that closes. Reimbursements under this division shall be made one time only for each chartered or accredited nonpublic school described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code that closes.

(O) To purchase life-saving medical or other emergency equipment for placement in nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code or to maintain such equipment.

(P) To procure and pay for security services from a county sheriff or a township or municipal police force or from a person certified through the Ohio peace officer training commission, in accordance with section 109.78 of the Revised Code, as a special police, security guard, or as a privately employed person serving in a police capacity for nonpublic schools in the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code.

(Q) To provide language and academic support services and other accommodations for English language learners attending nonpublic schools within the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code.

Clerical and supervisory personnel hired pursuant to division (J) of this section shall perform their services in the public schools, in nonpublic schools, public centers, or mobile units where the services are provided to the nonpublic school pupil, except that such personnel may accompany pupils to and from the service sites when necessary to ensure the safety of the children receiving the services.

All services provided pursuant to this section may be provided under contract with educational service centers, the department of health, city or general health districts, or private agencies whose personnel are properly licensed by an appropriate state board or agency.

Transportation of pupils provided pursuant to divisions (E), (F), (G), and (I) of this section shall be provided by the school district from its general funds and not from moneys paid to it under division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code unless a special transportation request is submitted by the parent of the child receiving service pursuant to such divisions. If such an application is presented to the school district, it may pay for the transportation from moneys paid to it under division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code.

No school district shall provide health or remedial services to nonpublic school pupils as authorized by this section unless such services are available to pupils attending the public schools within the district.

Materials, equipment, computer hardware or software, textbooks,

digital texts, and health and remedial services provided for the benefit of nonpublic school pupils pursuant to this section and the admission of pupils to such nonpublic schools shall be provided without distinction as to race, creed, color, or national origin of such pupils or of their teachers.

No school district shall provide services, materials, or equipment that contain religious content for use in religious courses, devotional exercises, religious training, or any other religious activity.

As used in this section, "parent" includes a person standing in loco parentis to a child.

As used in this section, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

Notwithstanding section 3317.01 of the Revised Code, payments shall be made under this section to any city, local, or exempted village school district within which is located one or more nonpublic elementary or high schools described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code and any payments made to school districts under division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code for purposes of this section may be disbursed without submission to and approval of the controlling board.

The allocation of payments for materials, equipment, textbooks, digital texts, health services, and remedial services to city, local, and exempted village school districts shall be on the basis of the state board of education's estimated annual average daily membership in nonpublic elementary and high schools located in the district described in division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code.

Payments made to city, local, and exempted village school districts under this section shall be equal to specific appropriations made for the purpose. All interest earned by a school district on such payments shall be used by the district for the same purposes and in the same manner as the payments may be used.

The department of education shall adopt guidelines and procedures under which such programs and services shall be provided, under which districts shall be reimbursed for administrative costs incurred in providing such programs and services, and under which any unexpended balance of the amounts appropriated by the general assembly to implement this section may be transferred to the auxiliary services personnel unemployment compensation fund established pursuant to section 4141.47 of the Revised Code. The department shall also adopt guidelines and procedures limiting the purchase and loan of the items described in division (K) of this section to items that are in general use in the public schools of the state, that are incapable of diversion to religious use, and that are susceptible to individual use rather than classroom use. Within thirty days after the end of each

biennium, each board of education shall remit to the department all moneys paid to it under division (E)(1) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code and any interest earned on those moneys that are not required to pay expenses incurred under this section during the biennium for which the money was appropriated and during which the interest was earned. If a board of education subsequently determines that the remittal of moneys leaves the board with insufficient money to pay all valid expenses incurred under this section during the biennium for which the remitted money was appropriated, the board may apply to the department of education for a refund of money, not to exceed the amount of the insufficiency. If the department determines the expenses were lawfully incurred and would have been lawful expenditures of the refunded money, it shall certify its determination and the amount of the refund to be made to the director of job and family services who shall make a refund as provided in section 4141.47 of the Revised Code.

Each school district shall label materials, equipment, computer hardware or software, textbooks, and digital texts purchased or leased for loan to a nonpublic school under this section, acknowledging that they were purchased or leased with state funds under this section. However, a district need not label materials, equipment, computer hardware or software, textbooks, or digital texts that the district determines are consumable in nature or have a value of less than two hundred dollars.

**Sec. 3317.062.** (A) Moneys paid to chartered and accredited nonpublic schools under division (E)(2) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code shall be used for one or more of the following purposes:

(1) To purchase secular textbooks or digital texts, as defined in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of section 3317.06 of the Revised Code, as have been approved by the superintendent of public instruction for use in public schools in the state;

(2) To provide the services described in divisions (B), (C), (D), and (Q) of section 3317.06 of the Revised Code;

(3) To provide the services described in divisions (E), (F), (G), and (I) of section 3317.06 of the Revised Code. If such services are provided in public schools or in public centers, transportation to and from such facilities shall be provided by the nonpublic school.

(4) To supply for use by pupils attending the school such standardized tests and scoring services as are in use in the public schools of the state;

(5) To hire clerical personnel to assist in the administration of divisions (A)(2), (3), and (4) of this section and to hire supervisory personnel to supervise the providing of services and textbooks pursuant to this section. These personnel shall perform their services in the public schools, in nonpublic schools, public centers, or mobile units where the services are provided to the nonpublic school pupil, except that such personnel may

accompany pupils to and from the service sites when necessary to ensure the safety of the children receiving the services. All services provided pursuant to this section may be provided under contract with school districts, educational service centers, the department of health, city or general health districts, or private agencies whose personnel are properly licensed by an appropriate state board or agency.

(6) To purchase any of the materials described in division (K) of section 3317.06 of the Revised Code;

(7) To purchase any of the equipment described in division (L) of section 3317.06 of the Revised Code;

(8) To purchase mobile units to be used for the provision of services pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section and to pay for necessary repairs and operating costs associated with these units;

(9) To purchase the equipment described in division (O) of section 3317.06 of the Revised Code;

(10) To procure and pay for security services described in division (P) of section 3317.06 of the Revised Code.

(B) Materials, equipment, computer hardware and software, textbooks, digital texts, and health and remedial services provided pursuant to this section and the admission of pupils to nonpublic schools shall be provided without distinction as to race, creed, color, or national origin of such pupils or of their teachers.

(C) Any interest earned by a chartered nonpublic school on moneys paid to it under division (E)(2) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code shall be used by the school for the same purposes and in the same manner as the payments may be used under this section.

(D) The department of education shall adopt guidelines and procedures regarding both of the following:

(1) The expenditure of moneys under this section;

(2) The audit of nonpublic schools receiving funds under this section to ensure the appropriate use of funds.

(E) The department shall adopt a rule specifying the party that owns any property purchased by a chartered nonpublic school with moneys paid under division (E)(2) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code. The rule shall include procedures for disposal of the property by the designated owner when appropriate.

(F) Within thirty days after the end of each biennium, each chartered nonpublic school shall remit to the department all moneys paid to it under division (E)(2) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code and any interest earned on those moneys that are not required to pay expenses incurred under

this section during the biennium for which the moneys were appropriated and during which the interest was earned. If a school subsequently determines that the remittal of moneys leaves the school with insufficient money to pay all valid expenses incurred under this section during the biennium for which the remitted moneys were appropriated, the school may apply to the department for a refund of money, not to exceed the amount of the insufficiency. If the department determines the expenses were lawfully incurred and would have been lawful expenditures of the refunded money, the department shall make a refund in the necessary amount.

(G) As used in this section, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3317.063.** The superintendent of public instruction, in accordance with rules adopted by the department of education, shall annually reimburse each chartered nonpublic school and each accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code for the actual mandated service administrative and clerical costs incurred by such school during the preceding school year in preparing, maintaining, and filing reports, forms, and records, and in providing such other administrative and clerical services that are not an integral part of the teaching process as may be required by state law or rule or by requirements duly promulgated by city, exempted village, or local school districts. The mandated service costs reimbursed pursuant to this section shall include, but are not limited to, the preparation, filing and maintenance of forms, reports, or records and other clerical and administrative services relating to state chartering or approval of the nonpublic school, pupil attendance, pupil health and health testing, transportation of pupils, federally funded education programs, pupil appraisal, pupil progress, educator licensure, unemployment and workers' compensation, transfer of pupils, and such other education related data which are now or hereafter shall be required of such nonpublic school by state law or rule, or by requirements of the state department of education, other state agencies, or city, exempted village, or local school districts.

The reimbursement required by this section shall be for school years beginning on or after July 1, 1981.

Each nonpublic school which seeks reimbursement pursuant to this section shall submit to the superintendent of public instruction an application together with such additional reports and documents as the department of education may require. Such application, reports, and documents shall contain such information as the department of education may prescribe in order to carry out the purposes of this section. No payment shall be made until the superintendent of public instruction has approved such application.

Each nonpublic school which applies for reimbursement pursuant to



this section shall maintain a separate account or system of accounts for the expenses incurred in rendering the required services for which reimbursement is sought. Such accounts shall contain such information as is required by the department of education and shall be maintained in accordance with rules adopted by the department of education.

Reimbursement payments to a nonpublic school pursuant to this section shall not exceed an amount for each school year equal to three hundred sixty dollars per pupil enrolled in that nonpublic school.

The superintendent of public instruction may, from time to time, examine any and all accounts and records of a nonpublic school which have been maintained pursuant to this section in support of an application for reimbursement, for the purpose of determining the costs to such school of rendering the services for which reimbursement is sought. If after such audit it is determined that any school has received funds in excess of the actual cost of providing such services, said school shall immediately reimburse the state in such excess amount.

Any payments made to chartered or accredited nonpublic schools under this section may be disbursed without submission to and approval of the controlling board.

**Sec. 3317.13. (A)** As used in this section and section 3317.14 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Years of service" includes the following:

(a) All years of teaching service in the same school district or educational service center, regardless of training level, with each year consisting of at least one hundred twenty days under a teacher's contract;

(b) All years of teaching service in a chartered; or an accredited nonpublic school located in Ohio as a teacher licensed pursuant to section 3319.22 of the Revised Code or in another public school, regardless of training level, with each year consisting of at least one hundred twenty days under a teacher's contract; For purposes of this division, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(c) All years of teaching service in a chartered school or institution or a school or institution that subsequently became chartered or a chartered special education program or a special education program that subsequently became chartered operated by the state or by a subdivision or other local governmental unit of this state as a teacher licensed pursuant to section 3319.22 of the Revised Code, regardless of training level, with each year consisting of at least one hundred twenty days; and

(d) All years of active military service in the armed forces of the United States, as defined in section 3307.75 of the Revised Code, to a

maximum of five years. For purposes of this calculation, a partial year of active military service of eight continuous months or more in the armed forces shall be counted as a full year.

(2) "Teacher" means all teachers employed by the board of education of any school district, including any cooperative education or joint vocational school district and all teachers employed by any educational service center governing board.

(B) No teacher shall be paid a salary less than that provided in the schedule set forth in division (C) of this section. In calculating the minimum salary any teacher shall be paid pursuant to this section, years of service shall include the sum of all years of the teacher's teaching service included in divisions (A)(1)(a), (b), (c), and (d) of this section; except that any school district or educational service center employing a teacher new to the district or educational service center shall grant such teacher a total of not more than ten years of service pursuant to divisions (A)(1)(b), (c), and (d) of this section.

Upon written complaint to the superintendent of public instruction that the board of education of a district or the governing board of an educational service center governing board has failed or refused to annually adopt a salary schedule or to pay salaries in accordance with the salary schedule set forth in division (C) of this section, the superintendent of public instruction shall cause to be made an immediate investigation of such complaint. If the superintendent finds that the conditions complained of exist, the superintendent shall order the board to correct such conditions within ten days from the date of the finding. No moneys shall be distributed to the district or educational service center under this chapter until the superintendent has satisfactory evidence of the board of education's full compliance with such order.

Each teacher shall be fully credited with placement in the appropriate academic training level column in the district's or educational service center's salary schedule with years of service properly credited pursuant to this section or section 3317.14 of the Revised Code. No rule shall be adopted or exercised by any board of education or educational service center governing board which restricts the placement or the crediting of annual salary increments for any teacher according to the appropriate academic training level column.

(C) Minimum salaries exclusive of retirement and sick leave for teachers shall be as follows:

	Teachers		Teachers with	Teachers
Years	with Less	Teachers with	Five Years of	with
of	than	a Bachelor's	Training, but	a Master's
Service	Bachelor's	Degree	no Master's	Degree or
	Degree		Degree	Higher

	Per Cent*	Dollar Amount	Per Cent*	Dollar Amount	Per Cent*	Dollar Amount	Per Cent*	Dollar Amount
0	86.5	\$17,300	100.0	\$20,000	103.8	\$20,760	109.5	\$21,900
1	90.0	18,000	103.8	20,760	108.1	21,620	114.3	22,860
2	93.5	18,700	107.6	21,520	112.4	22,480	119.1	23,820
3	97.0	19,400	111.4	22,280	116.7	23,340	123.9	24,780
4	100.5	20,100	115.2	23,040	121.0	24,200	128.7	25,740
5	104.0	20,800	119.0	23,800	125.3	25,060	133.5	26,700
6	104.0	20,800	122.8	24,560	129.6	25,920	138.3	27,660
7	104.0	20,800	126.6	25,320	133.9	26,780	143.1	28,620
8	104.0	20,800	130.4	26,080	138.2	27,640	147.9	29,580
9	104.0	20,800	134.2	26,840	142.5	28,500	152.7	30,540
10	104.0	20,800	138.0	27,600	146.8	29,360	157.5	31,500
11	104.0	20,800	141.8	28,360	151.1	30,220	162.3	32,460

\* Percentages represent the percentage which each salary is of the base amount.

For purposes of determining the minimum salary at any level of training and service, the base of one hundred per cent shall be the base amount. The percentages used in this section show the relationships between the minimum salaries required by this section and the base amount and shall not be construed as requiring any school district or educational service center to adopt a schedule containing salaries in excess of the amounts set forth in this section for corresponding levels of training and experience.

As used in this division:

(1) "Base amount" means twenty thousand dollars.

(2) "Five years of training" means at least one hundred fifty semester hours, or the equivalent, and a bachelor's degree from a recognized college or university.

(D) For purposes of this section, all credited training shall be from a recognized college or university.

**Sec. 3319.311.** (A)(1) The state board of education, or the superintendent of public instruction on behalf of the board, may investigate any information received about a person that reasonably appears to be a basis for action under section 3319.31 of the Revised Code, including information received pursuant to section 3314.40, 3319.291, 3319.313, 3326.24, 3328.19, 5126.253, or 5153.176 of the Revised Code. Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, the board shall contract with the office of the Ohio

attorney general to conduct any investigation of that nature. The board shall pay for the costs of the contract only from moneys in the state board of education licensure fund established under section 3319.51 of the Revised Code. Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, all information received pursuant to section 3314.40, 3319.291, 3319.313, 3326.24, 3328.19, 5126.253, or 5153.176 of the Revised Code, and all information obtained during an investigation is confidential and is not a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code. If an investigation is conducted under this division regarding information received about a person and no action is taken against the person under this section or section 3319.31 of the Revised Code within two years of the completion of the investigation, all records of the investigation shall be expunged.

(2) In the case of a person about whom the board has learned of a plea of guilty to, finding of guilt by a jury or court of, or a conviction of an offense listed in division (C) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code, or substantially comparable conduct occurring in a jurisdiction outside this state, the board or the superintendent of public instruction need not conduct any further investigation and shall take the action required by division (C) or (F) of that section. Except as provided in division (G) of this section, all information obtained by the board or the superintendent of public instruction pertaining to the action is a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(B) The superintendent of public instruction shall review the results of each investigation of a person conducted under division (A)(1) of this section and shall determine, on behalf of the state board, whether the results warrant initiating action under division (B) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code. The superintendent shall advise the board of such determination at a meeting of the board. Within fourteen days of the next meeting of the board, any member of the board may ask that the question of initiating action under section 3319.31 of the Revised Code be placed on the board's agenda for that next meeting. Prior to initiating that action against any person, the person's name and any other personally identifiable information shall remain confidential.

(C) The board shall take no action against a person under division (B) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code without providing the person with written notice of the charges and with an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(D) For purposes of an investigation under division (A)(1) of this section or a hearing under division (C) of this section or under division (E)(2) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code, the board, or the superintendent on behalf of the board, may administer oaths, order the taking of depositions, issue subpoenas, and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, accounts, papers, records, documents, and testimony. The issuance of subpoenas under this division may be by certified mail or personal delivery

to the person.

(E) The superintendent, on behalf of the board, may enter into a consent agreement with a person against whom action is being taken under division (B) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code. The board may adopt rules governing the superintendent's action under this division.

(F) No surrender of a license shall be effective until the board takes action to accept the surrender unless the surrender is pursuant to a consent agreement entered into under division (E) of this section.

(G) The name of any person who is not required to report information under section 3314.40, 3319.313, 3326.24, 3328.19, 5126.253, or 5153.176 of the Revised Code, but who in good faith provides information to the state board or superintendent of public instruction about alleged misconduct committed by a person who holds a license or has applied for issuance or renewal of a license, shall be confidential and shall not be released. Any such person shall be immune from any civil liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed for injury, death, or loss to person or property as a result of the provision of that information.

(H)(1) No person shall knowingly make a false report to the superintendent of public instruction or the state board of education alleging misconduct by an employee of a public ~~or school~~, chartered nonpublic school, or accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code or an employee of the operator of a community school established under Chapter 3314. or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code.

(2)(a) In any civil action brought against a person in which it is alleged and proved that the person violated division (H)(1) of this section, the court shall award the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees and costs that the prevailing party incurred in the civil action or as a result of the false report that was the basis of the violation.

(b) If a person is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of division (H)(1) of this section, if the subject of the false report that was the basis of the violation was charged with any violation of a law or ordinance as a result of the false report, and if the subject of the false report is found not to be guilty of the charges brought against the subject as a result of the false report or those charges are dismissed, the court that sentences the person for the violation of division (H)(1) of this section, as part of the sentence, shall order the person to pay restitution to the subject of the false report, in an amount equal to reasonable attorney's fees and costs that the subject of the false report incurred as a result of or in relation to the charges.

**Sec. 3319.313.(A)** As used in this section:

(1) "Conduct unbecoming to the teaching profession" shall be as

described in rules adopted by the state board of education.

(2) "Intervention in lieu of conviction" means intervention in lieu of conviction under section 2951.041 of the Revised Code.

(3) "License" has the same meaning as in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Pre-trial diversion program" means a pre-trial diversion program under section 2935.36 of the Revised Code or a similar diversion program under rules of a court.

(5) "Accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(B) The superintendent of each school district and each educational service center or the president of the district or service center board, if division (C)(1) of this section applies, and the chief administrator of each chartered or accredited nonpublic school or the president or chairperson of the governing authority of the nonpublic school, if division (C)(2) of this section applies, shall promptly submit to the superintendent of public instruction the information prescribed in division (D) of this section when any of the following conditions applies to an employee of the district, service center, or nonpublic school who holds a license issued by the state board of education:

(1) The superintendent, chief administrator, president, or chairperson knows that the employee has pleaded guilty to, has been found guilty by a jury or court of, has been convicted of, has been found to be eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for, or has agreed to participate in a pre-trial diversion program for an offense described in division (B)(2) or (C) of section 3319.31 or division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code;

(2) The district board of education, service center governing board, or nonpublic school chief administrator or governing authority has initiated termination or nonrenewal proceedings against, has terminated, or has not renewed the contract of the employee because the board of education, governing board, or chief administrator has reasonably determined that the employee has committed an act that is unbecoming to the teaching profession or an offense described in division (B)(2) or (C) of section 3319.31 or division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code;

(3) The employee has resigned under threat of termination or nonrenewal as described in division (B)(2) of this section;

(4) The employee has resigned because of or in the course of an investigation by the board of education, governing board, or chief administrator regarding whether the employee has committed an act that is unbecoming to the teaching profession or an offense described in division (B)(2) or (C) of section 3319.31 or division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) If the employee to whom any of the conditions prescribed in divisions (B)(1) to (4) of this section applies is the superintendent or treasurer of a school district or educational service center, the president of the board of education of the school district or of the governing board of the educational service center shall make the report required under this section.

(2) If the employee to whom any of the conditions prescribed in divisions (B)(1) to (4) of this section applies is the chief administrator of a chartered or an accredited nonpublic school, the president or chairperson of the governing authority of the chartered or accredited nonpublic school shall make the report required under this section.

(D) If a report is required under this section, the superintendent, chief administrator, president, or chairperson shall submit to the superintendent of public instruction the name and social security number of the employee about whom the information is required and a factual statement regarding any of the conditions prescribed in divisions (B)(1) to (4) of this section that applies to the employee.

(E) A determination made by the board of education, governing board, chief administrator, or governing authority as described in division (B)(2) of this section or a termination, nonrenewal, resignation, or other separation described in divisions (B)(2) to (4) of this section does not create a presumption of the commission or lack of the commission by the employee of an act unbecoming to the teaching profession or an offense described in division (B)(2) or (C) of section 3319.31 or division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code.

(F) No individual required to submit a report under division (B) of this section shall knowingly fail to comply with that division.

(G) An individual who provides information to the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with this section in good faith shall be immune from any civil liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed for injury, death, or loss to person or property as a result of the provision of that information.

**Sec. 3319.314.** The board of education of each school district, the governing board of each educational service center, ~~and~~ the chief administrator of each chartered nonpublic school, and the chief administrator of each accredited nonpublic school operating under section 3301.165 of the Revised Code shall require that the reports of any investigation by the district board of education, service center governing board, or nonpublic school chief administrator of an employee regarding whether the employee has committed an act or offense for which the district or service center superintendent or board president or nonpublic school chief administrator or governing authority president or chairperson is required to make a report to the superintendent of public instruction under section 3319.313 of the Revised

Code be kept in the employee's personnel file. If, after an investigation under division (A) of section 3319.311 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of public instruction determines that the results of that investigation do not warrant initiating action under section 3319.31 of the Revised Code, the board of education, governing board, or chief administrator shall require the reports of the board's or chief administrator's investigation to be moved from the employee's personnel file to a separate public file.

**Sec. 3319.317.** (A) As used in this section, "license" has the same meaning as in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

(B) No employee of a school district or educational service center shall do either of the following:

(1) Knowingly make a false report to the district or service center superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, alleging misconduct by another employee of the district or service center;

(2) Knowingly cause the district or service center superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, to make a false report of the alleged misconduct to the superintendent of public instruction or the state board of education.

(C) Any employee of a school district or educational service center who in good faith reports to the district or service center superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, information about alleged misconduct committed by another employee of the district or service center shall be immune from any civil liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed for injury, death, or loss to person or property as a result of the reporting of that information.

If the alleged misconduct involves a person who holds a license but the district or service center superintendent is not required to submit a report to the superintendent of public instruction under section 3319.313 of the Revised Code and the district or service center superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, in good faith reports the alleged misconduct to the superintendent of public instruction or the state board, the district or service center superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, shall be immune from any civil liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed for injury, death, or loss to person or property as a result of the reporting of that information.

(D) No employee of a chartered nonpublic school or accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code shall do either of the following:

(1) Knowingly make a false report to the chief administrator of the school, or the chief administrator's designee, alleging misconduct by another employee of the school;

(2) Knowingly cause the chief administrator, or the chief



administrator's designee, to make a false report of the alleged misconduct to the superintendent of public instruction or the state board.

(E) Any employee of a chartered nonpublic school or accredited nonpublic school who in good faith reports to the chief administrator of the school, or the chief administrator's designee, information about alleged misconduct committed by another employee of the school shall be immune from any civil liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed for injury, death, or loss to person or property as a result of the reporting of that information.

If the alleged misconduct involves a person who holds a license but the chief administrator is not required to submit a report to the superintendent of public instruction under section 3319.313 of the Revised Code and the chief administrator, or the chief administrator's designee, in good faith reports the alleged misconduct to the superintendent of public instruction or the state board, the chief administrator, or the chief administrator's designee, shall be immune from any civil liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed for injury, death, or loss to person or property as a result of the reporting of that information.

(F)(1) In any civil action brought against a person in which it is alleged and proved that the person violated division (B) or (D) of this section, the court shall award the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees and costs that the prevailing party incurred in the civil action or as a result of the false report that was the basis of the violation.

(2) If a person is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of division (B) or (D) of this section, if the subject of the false report that was the basis of the violation was charged with any violation of a law or ordinance as a result of the false report, and if the subject of the false report is found not to be guilty of the charges brought against the subject as a result of the false report or those charges are dismissed, the court that sentences the person for the violation of division (B) or (D) of this section, as part of the sentence, shall order the person to pay restitution to the subject of the false report, in an amount equal to reasonable attorney's fees and costs that the subject of the false report incurred as a result of or in relation to the charges.

**Sec. 3319.39.** (A)(1) Except as provided in division (F)(2)(b) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code, the appointing or hiring officer of the board of education of a school district, the governing board of an educational service center, or of a chartered or accredited nonpublic school shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check with respect to any applicant who has applied to the school district, educational service center, or school for employment in any position. The appointing or hiring officer shall request that the superintendent include information from the federal bureau of

investigation in the criminal records check, unless all of the following apply to the applicant:

(a) The applicant is applying to be an instructor of adult education.

(b) The duties of the position for which the applicant is applying do not involve routine interaction with a child or regular responsibility for the care, custody, or control of a child or, if the duties do involve such interaction or responsibility, during any period of time in which the applicant, if hired, has such interaction or responsibility, another employee of the school district, educational service center, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school will be present in the same room with the child or, if outdoors, will be within a thirty-yard radius of the child or have visual contact with the child.

(c) The applicant presents proof that the applicant has been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date upon which the criminal records check is requested or provides evidence that within that five-year period the superintendent has requested information about the applicant from the federal bureau of investigation in a criminal records check.

(2) A person required by division (A)(1) of this section to request a criminal records check shall provide to each applicant a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, provide to each applicant a standard impression sheet to obtain fingerprint impressions prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, obtain the completed form and impression sheet from each applicant, and forward the completed form and impression sheet to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation at the time the person requests a criminal records check pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section.

(3) An applicant who receives pursuant to division (A)(2) of this section a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a copy of an impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section and who is requested to complete the form and provide a set of fingerprint impressions shall complete the form or provide all the information necessary to complete the form and shall provide the impression sheet with the impressions of the applicant's fingerprints. If an applicant, upon request, fails to provide the information necessary to complete the form or fails to provide impressions of the applicant's fingerprints, the board of education of a school district, governing board of an educational service center, or governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school shall not employ that applicant for any position.

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, an applicant who meets the conditions prescribed in divisions (A)(1)(a) and (b) of this section and who, within the two-year period prior to the date of application, was the subject of a criminal records check under this section

prior to being hired for short-term employment with the school district, educational service center, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school to which application is being made shall not be required to undergo a criminal records check prior to the applicant's rehiring by that district, service center, or school.

(B)(1) Except as provided in rules adopted by the department of education in accordance with division (E) of this section and as provided in division (B)(3) of this section, no board of education of a school district, no governing board of an educational service center, and no governing authority of a chartered or accredited nonpublic school shall employ a person if the person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the following:

(a) A violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.04, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.23, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2919.12, 2919.22, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, a violation of section 2919.23 of the Revised Code that would have been a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996, had the violation been committed prior to that date, a violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug possession offense, or felonious sexual penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 of the Revised Code;

(b) A violation of an existing or former law of this state, another state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses or violations described in division (B)(1)(a) of this section.

(2) A board, governing board of an educational service center, or a governing authority of a chartered or accredited nonpublic school may employ an applicant conditionally until the criminal records check required by this section is completed and the board or governing authority receives the results of the criminal records check. If the results of the criminal records check indicate that, pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section, the applicant does not qualify for employment, the board or governing authority shall release the applicant from employment.

(3) No board and no governing authority of a chartered or accredited nonpublic school shall employ a teacher who previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the offenses listed in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) Each board and each governing authority of a chartered or

accredited nonpublic school shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check conducted in accordance with that section upon the request pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section of the appointing or hiring officer of the board or governing authority.

(2) A board and the governing authority of a chartered or accredited nonpublic school may charge an applicant a fee for the costs it incurs in obtaining a criminal records check under this section. A fee charged under this division shall not exceed the amount of fees the board or governing authority pays under division (C)(1) of this section. If a fee is charged under this division, the board or governing authority shall notify the applicant at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment of the amount of the fee and that, unless the fee is paid, the board or governing authority will not consider the applicant for employment.

(D) The report of any criminal records check conducted by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code and pursuant to a request under division (A)(1) of this section is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be made available to any person other than the applicant who is the subject of the criminal records check or the applicant's representative, the board or governing authority requesting the criminal records check or its representative, and any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with the denial of employment to the applicant.

(E) The department of education shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section, including rules specifying circumstances under which the board or governing authority may hire a person who has been convicted of an offense listed in division (B)(1) or (3) of this section but who meets standards in regard to rehabilitation set by the department.

The department shall amend rule 3301-83-23 of the Ohio Administrative Code that took effect August 27, 2009, and that specifies the offenses that disqualify a person for employment as a school bus or school van driver and establishes rehabilitation standards for school bus and school van drivers.

(F) Any person required by division (A)(1) of this section to request a criminal records check shall inform each person, at the time of the person's initial application for employment, of the requirement to provide a set of fingerprint impressions and that a criminal records check is required to be conducted and satisfactorily completed in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code if the person comes under final consideration for

appointment or employment as a precondition to employment for the school district, educational service center, or school for that position.

(G) As used in this section:

(1) "Accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Applicant" means a person who is under final consideration for appointment or employment in a position with a board of education, governing board of an educational service center, or a chartered nonpublic school, except that "applicant" does not include a person already employed by a board or chartered nonpublic school who is under consideration for a different position with such board or school.

~~(2)~~(3) "Teacher" means a person holding an educator license or permit issued under section 3319.22 or 3319.301 of the Revised Code and teachers in a chartered nonpublic school.

~~(3)~~(4) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

~~(4)~~(5) "Minor drug possession offense" has the same meaning as in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code.

(H) If the board of education of a local school district adopts a resolution requesting the assistance of the educational service center in which the local district has territory in conducting criminal records checks of substitute teachers and substitutes for other district employees under this section, the appointing or hiring officer of such educational service center shall serve for purposes of this section as the appointing or hiring officer of the local board in the case of hiring substitute teachers and other substitute employees for the local district.

**Sec. 3319.391.** This section applies to any person hired by a school district, educational service center, or chartered nonpublic school, or accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code in any position that does not require a "license" issued by the state board of education, as defined in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code, and is not for the operation of a vehicle for pupil transportation.

(A) For each person to whom this section applies who is hired on or after November 14, 2007, the employer shall request a criminal records check in accordance with section 3319.39 of the Revised Code and shall request a subsequent criminal records check by the fifth day of September every fifth year thereafter. For each person to whom this division applies who is hired prior to November 14, 2007, the employer shall request a criminal records check by a date prescribed by the department of education and shall request a subsequent criminal records check by the fifth day of September every fifth year thereafter.

(B)(1) Each request for a criminal records check under this section shall be made to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in the manner prescribed in section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, except that if both of the following conditions apply to the person subject to the records check, the employer shall request the superintendent only to obtain any criminal records that the federal bureau of investigation has on the person:

(a) The employer previously requested the superintendent to determine whether the bureau of criminal identification and investigation has any information, gathered pursuant to division (A) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code, on the person in conjunction with a criminal records check requested under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code or under this section.

(b) The person presents proof that the person has been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date upon which the person becomes subject to a criminal records check under this section.

(2) Upon receipt of a request under division (B)(1) of this section, the superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code as if the request had been made under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code. However, as specified in division (B)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, if the employer requests the superintendent only to obtain any criminal records that the federal bureau of investigation has on the person for whom the request is made, the superintendent shall not conduct the review prescribed by division (B)(1) of that section.

(C) Any person who is the subject of a criminal records check under this section and has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense described in division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code shall not be hired or shall be released from employment, as applicable, unless the person meets the rehabilitation standards adopted by the department under division (E) of that section.

**Sec. 3319.392.**(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Designated official" means the superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, in the case of a school district or educational service center and the chief administrator, or the chief administrator's designee, in the case of a chartered nonpublic school.

~~(2)~~(3) "Essential school services" means services provided by a private company under contract with a school district, educational service center, or chartered nonpublic school that the district or service center superintendent or the chief administrator of the chartered nonpublic school

has determined are necessary for the operation of the district, service center, or chartered nonpublic school and that would need to be provided by employees of the district, service center, or chartered nonpublic school if the services were not provided by the private company.

~~(3)~~(4) "License" has the same meaning as in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

(B) This section applies to any person who is an employee of a private company under contract with a school district, educational service center, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school to provide essential school services and who will work in the district, service center, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school in a position that does not require a license issued by the state board of education, is not for the operation of a vehicle for pupil transportation, and that involves routine interaction with a child or regular responsibility for the care, custody, or control of a child.

(C) No school district, educational service center, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school shall permit a person to whom this section applies to work in the district, service center, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school, unless one of the following applies to the person:

(1) The person's employer presents proof of both of the following to the designated official:

(a) That the person has been the subject of a criminal records check conducted in accordance with division (D) of this section within the five-year period immediately prior to the date on which the person will begin working in the district, service center, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school;

(b) That the criminal records check indicates that the person has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense described in division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code.

(2) During any period of time in which the person will have routine interaction with a child or regular responsibility for the care, custody, or control of a child, the designated official has arranged for an employee of the district, service center, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school to be present in the same room with the child or, if outdoors, to be within a thirty-yard radius of the child or to have visual contact with the child.

(D) Any private company that has been hired or seeks to be hired by a school district, educational service center, or chartered or accredited nonpublic school to provide essential school services may request the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check of any of its employees for the purpose of complying with division (C) (1) of this section. Each request for a criminal records check under this division shall be made to the superintendent of the bureau in the manner prescribed in section 3319.39 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of a request,

the bureau shall conduct the criminal records check in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code as if the request had been made under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code.

Notwithstanding division (H) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code, the private company may share the results of any criminal records check conducted under this division with the designated official for the purpose of complying with division (C)(1) of this section, but in no case shall the designated official release that information to any other person.

**Sec. 3319.40.**(A) As used in this section, "license":

(1) "Accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(2) "License" has the same meaning as in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

(B) If a person who is employed by a school district or chartered or accredited nonpublic school is arrested, summoned, or indicted for an alleged violation of an offense listed in division (C) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code, if the person holds a license, or an offense listed in division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, if the person does not hold a license, the superintendent of the district or the chief administrative officer of the chartered or accredited nonpublic school shall suspend that person from all duties that require the care, custody, or control of a child during the pendency of the criminal action against the person. If the person who is arrested, summoned, or indicted for an alleged violation of an offense listed in division (C) of section 3319.31 or division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code is a person whose duties are assigned by the district treasurer under division (B) of section 3313.31 of the Revised Code, the treasurer shall suspend the person from all duties that require the care, custody, or control of a child. If the person who is arrested, summoned, or indicted for an alleged violation of an offense listed in division (C) of section 3319.31 or division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code is the superintendent or treasurer of the district, the district board shall suspend the superintendent or treasurer from all duties that require the care, custody, or control of a child. If the person who is arrested, summoned, or indicted for an alleged violation of an offense listed in division (C) of section 3319.31 or division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code is the chief administrative officer of the chartered or accredited nonpublic school, the governing authority of the chartered or accredited nonpublic school shall suspend the chief administrative officer from all duties that require the care, custody, or control of a child.

(C) When a person who holds a license is suspended in accordance with this section, the superintendent, treasurer, board of education, chief administrative officer, or governing authority that imposed the suspension



promptly shall report the person's suspension to the department of education. The report shall include the offense for which the person was arrested, summoned, or indicted.

**Sec. 3319.52.** (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Intervention in lieu of conviction" means intervention in lieu of conviction under section 2951.041 of the Revised Code.

~~(2)~~(3) "License" has the same meaning as in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

~~(3)~~(4) "Pre-trial diversion program" means a pre-trial diversion program under section 2935.36 of the Revised Code or a similar diversion program under rules of a court.

~~(4)~~(5) "Prosecutor" has the same meaning as in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) If there is any judicial finding of guilt or any conviction or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction against a license holder, or if a license holder agrees to participate in a pre-trial diversion program, for any of the offenses listed in division (B)(2) or (C) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code, the prosecutor in the case, on forms that the state board of education shall prescribe and furnish, promptly shall notify the board and, if known, any school district or chartered or accredited nonpublic school employing the license holder of the license holder's name and residence address, and the fact that the license holder pleaded guilty to, was convicted of, has been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for, or has agreed to a diversion program for the offense.

**Sec. 3321.01.**(A)(1) As used in this chapter, "parent," "guardian," or "other person having charge or care of a child" means either parent unless the parents are separated or divorced or their marriage has been dissolved or annulled, in which case "parent" means the parent who is the residential parent and legal custodian of the child. If the child is in the legal or permanent custody of a person or government agency, "parent" means that person or government agency. When a child is a resident of a home, as defined in section 3313.64 of the Revised Code, and the child's parent is not a resident of this state, "parent," "guardian," or "other person having charge or care of a child" means the head of the home.

A child between six and eighteen years of age is "of compulsory school age" for the purpose of sections 3321.01 to 3321.13 of the Revised Code. A child under six years of age who has been enrolled in kindergarten also shall be considered "of compulsory school age" for the purpose of sections 3321.01 to 3321.13 of the Revised Code unless at any time the child's

parent or guardian, at the parent's or guardian's discretion and in consultation with the child's teacher and principal, formally withdraws the child from kindergarten. The compulsory school age of a child shall not commence until the beginning of the term of such schools, or other time in the school year fixed by the rules of the board of the district in which the child resides.

(2) In a district in which all children are admitted to kindergarten and the first grade in August or September, a child shall be admitted if the child is five or six years of age, respectively, by the thirtieth day of September of the year of admittance, or by the first day of a term or semester other than one beginning in August or September in school districts granting admittance at the beginning of such term or semester. A child who does not meet the age requirements of this section for admittance to kindergarten or first grade, but who will be five or six years old, respective, prior to the first day of January of the school year in which admission is requested, shall be evaluated for early admittance in accordance with district policy upon referral by the child's parent or guardian, an educator employed by the district, a preschool educator who knows the child, or a pediatrician or psychologist who knows the child. Following an evaluation in accordance with a referral under this section, the district board shall decide whether to admit the child. If a child for whom admission to kindergarten or first grade is requested will not be five or six years of age, respectively, prior to the first day of January of the school year in which admission is requested, the child shall be admitted only in accordance with the district's acceleration policy adopted under section 3324.10 of the Revised Code.

(3) Notwithstanding division (A)(2) of this section, beginning with the school year that starts in 2001 and continuing thereafter the board of education of any district may adopt a resolution establishing the first day of August in lieu of the thirtieth day of September as the required date by which students must have attained the age specified in that division.

(4) After a student has been admitted to kindergarten in a school district or chartered or accredited nonpublic school, no board of education of a school district to which the student transfers shall deny that student admission based on the student's age. As used in this section, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(B) As used in division (C) of this section, "successfully completed kindergarten" means that the child has completed the kindergarten requirements at one of the following:

(1) A public or chartered or accredited nonpublic school;

(2) A kindergarten class that is both of the following:

(a) Offered by a day-care provider licensed under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code;

(b) If offered after July 1, 1991, is directly taught by a teacher who holds one of the following:

(i) A valid educator license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code;

(ii) A Montessori preprimary credential or age-appropriate diploma granted by the American Montessori society or the association Montessori internationale;

(iii) Certification determined under division (F) of this section to be equivalent to that described in division (B)(2)(b)(ii) of this section;

(iv) Certification for teachers in nontax-supported schools pursuant to section 3301.071 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, no school district shall admit to the first grade any child who has not successfully completed kindergarten.

(2) Notwithstanding division (A)(2) of this section, any student who has successfully completed kindergarten in accordance with section (B) of this section shall be admitted to first grade.

(D) The scheduling of times for kindergarten classes and length of the school day for kindergarten shall be determined by the board of education of a city, exempted village, or local school district.

(E) Any kindergarten class offered by a day-care provider or school described by division (B)(1) or (B)(2)(a) of this section shall be developmentally appropriate.

(F) Upon written request of a day-care provider described by division (B)(2)(a) of this section, the department of education shall determine whether certification held by a teacher employed by the provider meets the requirement of division (B)(2)(b)(iii) of this section and, if so, shall furnish the provider a statement to that effect.

(G) As used in this division, "all-day kindergarten" has the same meaning as in section 3321.05 of the Revised Code.

(1) A school district that is offering all-day kindergarten for the first time or that charged fees or tuition for all-day kindergarten in the 2012-2013 school year may charge fees or tuition for a student enrolled in all-day kindergarten in any school year following the 2012-2013 school year. The department shall adjust the district's average daily membership certification under section 3317.03 of the Revised Code by one-half of the full-time equivalency for each student charged fees or tuition for all-day kindergarten under this division. If a district charges fees or tuition for all-day kindergarten under this division, the district shall develop a sliding fee scale based on family incomes.

(2) The department of education shall conduct an annual survey of each school district described in division (G)(1) of this section to determine the following:

(a) Whether the district charges fees or tuition for students enrolled in all-day kindergarten;

(b) The amount of the fees or tuition charged;

(c) How many of the students for whom tuition is charged are eligible for free lunches under the "National School Lunch Act," 60 Stat. 230 (1946), 42 U.S.C. 1751, as amended, and the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966," 80 Stat. 885, 42 U.S.C. 1771, as amended, and how many of the students for whom tuition is charged are eligible for reduced price lunches under those acts;

(d) How many students are enrolled in traditional half-day kindergarten rather than all-day kindergarten.

Each district shall report to the department, in the manner prescribed by the department, the information described in divisions (G)(2)(a) to (d) of this section.

The department shall issue an annual report on the results of the survey and shall post the report on its web site. The department shall issue the first report not later than April 30, 2008, and shall issue a report not later than the thirtieth day of April each year thereafter.

**Sec. 3326.01.** (A) As used in this chapter:

(1) "Accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Community school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code.

(3) "STEM" is an abbreviation of "science, technology, engineering, and mathematics."

~~(2)~~(4) "STEAM" is an abbreviation of "science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics."

(B)(1) A science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics school shall be considered a type of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school.

(2) A STEAM school equivalent shall be considered to be a type of STEM school equivalent.

(3) A STEAM program of excellence shall be considered to be a type of STEM program of excellence.

(C)(1) Any reference to a STEM school or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school in the Revised Code shall be considered to include a STEAM school, unless the context specifically indicates a

different meaning or intent. All provisions of the Revised Code applicable to a STEM school shall apply to a STEAM school in the same manner, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(2) Any reference to a STEM school equivalent in the Revised Code shall be considered to include a STEAM school equivalent, unless the context specifically indicates a different meaning or intent. All provisions of the Revised Code applicable to a STEM school equivalent shall apply to a STEAM school equivalent in the same manner, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(3) Any reference to a STEM program of excellence in the Revised Code shall be considered to include a STEAM program of excellence, unless the context specifically indicates a different meaning or intent. All provisions of the Revised Code applicable to a STEM program of excellence shall apply to a STEAM program of excellence in the same manner, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

**Sec. 3326.03.** (A) The STEM committee shall authorize the establishment of and award grants to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics schools based on proposals submitted to the committee.

The committee shall determine the criteria for proposals, establish procedures for the submission of proposals, accept and evaluate proposals, and choose which proposals to approve to become a STEM school. In approving proposals for STEM schools, the committee shall consider locating the schools in diverse geographic regions of the state so that all students have access to a STEM school.

The committee shall seek technical assistance from the Ohio STEM learning network, or its successor, throughout the process of accepting and evaluating proposals and choosing which proposals to approve. In approving proposals for STEM schools, the committee shall consider the recommendations of the Ohio STEM learning network, or its successor.

The committee may authorize the establishment of a group of multiple STEM schools to operate from multiple facilities located in one or more school districts under the direction of a single governing body in the manner prescribed by section 3326.031 of the Revised Code. The committee shall consider the merits of each of the proposed STEM schools within a group and shall authorize each school separately. Anytime after authorizing a group of STEM schools to be under the direction of a single governing body, upon a proposal from the governing body, the committee may authorize one or more additional schools to operate as part of that group.

The STEM committee may approve one or more STEM schools to serve only students identified as gifted under Chapter 3324. of the Revised Code.

(B) Proposals may be submitted only by a partnership of public and private entities consisting of at least all of the following:

- (1) A city, exempted village, local, or joint vocational school district or an educational service center;
- (2) Higher education entities;
- (3) Business organizations.

A community school ~~established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code~~, a chartered nonpublic school, an accredited nonpublic school, or ~~both~~ any combination of such schools may be part of the partnership.

(C) Each proposal shall include at least the following:

(1) Assurances that the STEM school or group of STEM schools will be under the oversight of a governing body and a description of the members of that governing body and how they will be selected;

(2) Assurances that each STEM school will operate in compliance with this chapter and the provisions of the proposal as accepted by the committee;

(3) Evidence that each school will offer a rigorous, diverse, integrated, and project-based curriculum to students in any of grades kindergarten through twelve, with the goal to prepare those students for college, the workforce, and citizenship, and that does all of the following:

(a) Emphasizes the role of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in promoting innovation and economic progress;

(b) Incorporates scientific inquiry and technological design;

(c) Includes the arts and humanities. If the proposal is for a STEAM school, it also shall include evidence that the curriculum will integrate arts and design into the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to foster creative thinking, problem-solving, and new approaches to scientific invention.

(d) Emphasizes personalized learning and teamwork skills.

(4) Evidence that each school will attract school leaders who support the curriculum principles of division (C)(3) of this section;

(5) A description of how each school's curriculum will be developed and approved in accordance with section 3326.09 of the Revised Code;

(6) Evidence that each school will utilize an established capacity to capture and share knowledge for best practices and innovative professional development with the Ohio STEM learning network, or its successor;

(7) Evidence that each school will operate in collaboration with a partnership that includes institutions of higher education and businesses. If the proposal is for a STEAM school, it also shall include evidence that this

partnership will include arts organizations.

(8) Assurances that each school has received commitments of sustained and verifiable fiscal and in-kind support from regional education and business entities. If the proposal is for a STEAM school, it also shall include assurances that the school has received commitments of sustained and verifiable fiscal and in-kind support from arts organizations.

(9) A description of how each school's assets will be distributed if the school closes for any reason.

(D) If a STEM school wishes to become a STEAM school, it may change its existing proposal to include the items required under divisions (C) (3)(c), (C)(7), and (C)(8) of this section and submit the revised proposal to the STEM committee for approval.

**Sec. 3326.032.** (A) The STEM committee may grant a designation of STEM school equivalent to a community school ~~established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code,~~ or to a chartered or accredited nonpublic school. In order to be eligible for this designation, a community school or chartered or accredited nonpublic school shall submit a proposal that satisfies the requirements of this section.

The committee shall determine the criteria for proposals, establish procedures for the submission of proposals, accept and evaluate proposals, and choose which proposals warrant a community school or chartered or accredited nonpublic school to be designated as a STEM school equivalent.

(B) A proposal for designation as a STEM school equivalent shall include at least the following:

(1) Assurances that the community school or chartered or accredited nonpublic school submitting the proposal has a working partnership with both public and private entities, including higher education entities and business organizations. If the proposal is for a STEAM school equivalent, it also shall include evidence that this partnership includes arts organizations.

(2) Assurances that the school submitting the proposal will operate in compliance with this section and the provisions of the proposal as accepted by the committee;

(3) Evidence that the school submitting the proposal will offer a rigorous, diverse, integrated, and project-based curriculum to students in any of grades kindergarten through twelve, with the goal to prepare those students for college, the workforce, and citizenship, and that does all of the following:

(a) Emphasizes the role of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in promoting innovation and economic progress;

(b) Incorporates scientific inquiry and technological design;

(c) Includes the arts and humanities. If the proposal is for a STEAM

school equivalent, it also shall include evidence that the curriculum will integrate arts and design into the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to foster creative thinking, problem-solving, and new approaches to scientific invention.

(d) Emphasizes personalized learning and teamwork skills.

(4) Evidence that the school submitting the proposal will attract school leaders who support the curriculum principles of division (B)(3) of this section;

(5) A description of how each school's curriculum will be developed and approved in accordance with section 3326.09 of the Revised Code;

(6) Evidence that the school submitting the proposal will utilize an established capacity to capture and share knowledge for best practices and innovative professional development;

(7) Assurances that the school submitting the proposal has received commitments of sustained and verifiable fiscal and in-kind support from regional education and business entities. If the proposal is for a STEAM school equivalent, it also shall include assurances that the school has received commitments of sustained and verifiable fiscal and in-kind support from arts organizations.

(C)(1) A community school or chartered or accredited nonpublic school that is designated as a STEM school equivalent under this section shall not be subject to the requirements of Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, except that the school shall be subject to the requirements of this section and to the curriculum requirements of section 3326.09 of the Revised Code.

Nothing in this section, however, shall relieve a community school of the applicable requirements of Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code. Nor shall anything in this section relieve a chartered or accredited nonpublic school of any provisions of law outside of this chapter that are applicable to chartered or accredited nonpublic schools.

(2) A community school or chartered or accredited nonpublic school that is designated as a STEM school equivalent under this section shall not be eligible for operating funding under sections 3326.31 to 3326.37, 3326.39 to 3326.40, and 3326.51 of the Revised Code.

(3) A community school or chartered or accredited nonpublic school that is designated as a STEM school equivalent under this section may apply for any of the grants and additional funds described in section 3326.38 of the Revised Code for which the school is eligible.

(D) If a community school or chartered or accredited nonpublic school that is designated as a STEM school equivalent under this section intends to close or intends to no longer be designated as a STEM school equivalent, it shall notify the STEM committee of that fact.



(E) If a community school or chartered or accredited nonpublic school that is designated as a STEM school equivalent wishes to be designated as a STEAM school equivalent, it may change its existing proposal to include the items required under divisions (B)(1), (B)(3)(c), and (B)(7) of this section and submit the revised proposal to the STEM committee for approval.

**Sec. 3326.04.(A)** The STEM committee shall award grants to support the operation of STEM programs of excellence to serve students in any of grades kindergarten through twelve through a request for proposals.

(B) Proposals may be submitted by any of the following:

(1) The board of education of a city, exempted village, or local school district;

(2) The governing authority of a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code;

(3) The governing authority of a chartered or accredited nonpublic school.

(C) Each proposal shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the STEM committee that the program meets at least the following standards:

(1) Unless the program is designed to serve only students identified as gifted under Chapter 3324. of the Revised Code, the program will serve all students enrolled in the district or school in the grades for which the program is designed.

(2) The program will offer a rigorous and diverse curriculum that is based on scientific inquiry and technological design, that emphasizes personalized learning and teamwork skills, and that will expose students to advanced scientific concepts within and outside the classroom. If the proposal is for a STEAM program of excellence, it also shall include evidence that the curriculum will integrate arts and design into the curriculum to foster creative thinking, problem-solving, and new approaches to scientific invention.

(3) Unless the program is designed to serve only students identified as gifted under Chapter 3324. of the Revised Code, the program will not limit participation of students on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement, or aptitude.

(4) The program will utilize an established capacity to capture and share knowledge for best practices and innovative professional development.

(5) The program will operate in collaboration with a partnership that includes institutions of higher education and businesses. If the proposal is for a STEAM program of excellence, it also shall include evidence that this partnership includes arts organizations.

(6) The program will include teacher professional development strategies that are augmented by community and business partners.

(D) The STEM committee shall give priority to proposals for new or expanding innovative programs.

(E) If a STEM program of excellence wishes to become a STEAM program of excellence, it may change its existing proposal to include the items required under divisions (C)(2) and (C)(5) of this section and submit the revised proposal to the STEM committee for approval.

**Sec. 3326.09.** Subject to approval by its governing body or governing authority, the curriculum of each science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school and of each community school or chartered or accredited nonpublic school that is designated as a STEM school equivalent under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code shall be developed by a team that consists of at least the school's chief administrative officer, a teacher, a representative of the higher education institution that is a collaborating partner in the STEM school or school designated as a STEM school equivalent, and a member of the public with expertise in the application of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. In the case of a STEAM school or a STEAM school equivalent, the team also shall include an expert in the integration of arts and design into the STEM fields.

**Sec. 3327.07.(A)** The governing authority of a chartered or an accredited nonpublic school, as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, that transports a student enrolled in the school to and from school and to and from school-sponsored activities, including extracurricular activities, may charge the parent or guardian of the student a fee for the transportation, if the governing authority purchased the vehicle that transports the student using no state or federal funds. The fee shall not exceed the per student cost of the transportation, as determined by the governing authority.

(B) The parent or guardian of a student who is enrolled in a chartered or accredited nonpublic school and is eligible for transportation by a school district under section 3327.01 of the Revised Code may decline that transportation and accept transportation from the chartered or accredited nonpublic school. The governing authority of a chartered or accredited nonpublic school may charge a fee under division (A) of this section regardless of whether a student is eligible for transportation under section 3327.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) The offering by the governing authority of a chartered or accredited nonpublic school of transportation to and from the school does not relieve any school district board of education from any duty imposed by sections 3327.01 and 3327.02 of the Revised Code with respect to the chartered or accredited nonpublic school's students.

**Sec. 3327.10.** (A) No person shall be employed as driver of a school bus or motor van, owned and operated by any school district or educational service center or privately owned and operated under contract with any school

district or service center in this state, who has not received a certificate from either the educational service center governing board that has entered into an agreement with the school district under section 3313.843 or 3313.845 of the Revised Code or the superintendent of the school district, certifying that such person is at least eighteen years of age and is of good moral character and is qualified physically and otherwise for such position. The service center governing board or the superintendent, as the case may be, shall provide for an annual physical examination that conforms with rules adopted by the state board of education of each driver to ascertain the driver's physical fitness for such employment. Any certificate may be revoked by the authority granting the same on proof that the holder has been guilty of failing to comply with division (D)(1) of this section, or upon a conviction or a guilty plea for a violation, or any other action, that results in a loss or suspension of driving rights. Failure to comply with such division may be cause for disciplinary action or termination of employment under division (C) of section 3319.081, or section 124.34 of the Revised Code.

(B) No person shall be employed as driver of a school bus or motor van not subject to the rules of the department of education pursuant to division (A) of this section who has not received a certificate from the school administrator or contractor certifying that such person is at least eighteen years of age, is of good moral character, and is qualified physically and otherwise for such position. Each driver shall have an annual physical examination which conforms to the state highway patrol rules, ascertaining the driver's physical fitness for such employment. The examination shall be performed by one of the following:

(1) A person licensed under Chapter 4731. or 4734. of the Revised Code or by another state to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or chiropractic;

(2) A physician assistant;

(3) A certified nurse practitioner;

(4) A clinical nurse specialist;

(5) A certified nurse-midwife;

(6) A medical examiner who is listed on the national registry of certified medical examiners established by the federal motor carrier safety administration in accordance with 49 C.F.R. part 390.

Any written documentation of the physical examination shall be completed by the individual who performed the examination.

Any certificate may be revoked by the authority granting the same on proof that the holder has been guilty of failing to comply with division (D)(2) of this section.

(C) Any person who drives a school bus or motor van must give

satisfactory and sufficient bond except a driver who is an employee of a school district and who drives a bus or motor van owned by the school district.

(D) No person employed as driver of a school bus or motor van under this section who is convicted of a traffic violation or who has had the person's commercial driver's license suspended shall drive a school bus or motor van until the person has filed a written notice of the conviction or suspension, as follows:

(1) If the person is employed under division (A) of this section, the person shall file the notice with the superintendent, or a person designated by the superintendent, of the school district for which the person drives a school bus or motor van as an employee or drives a privately owned and operated school bus or motor van under contract.

(2) If employed under division (B) of this section, the person shall file the notice with the employing school administrator or contractor, or a person designated by the administrator or contractor.

(E) In addition to resulting in possible revocation of a certificate as authorized by divisions (A) and (B) of this section, violation of division (D) of this section is a minor misdemeanor.

(F)(1) Not later than thirty days after June 30, 2007, each owner of a school bus or motor van shall obtain the complete driving record for each person who is currently employed or otherwise authorized to drive the school bus or motor van. An owner of a school bus or motor van shall not permit a person to operate the school bus or motor van for the first time before the owner has obtained the person's complete driving record. Thereafter, the owner of a school bus or motor van shall obtain the person's driving record not less frequently than semiannually if the person remains employed or otherwise authorized to drive the school bus or motor van. An owner of a school bus or motor van shall not permit a person to resume operating a school bus or motor van, after an interruption of one year or longer, before the owner has obtained the person's complete driving record.

(2) The owner of a school bus or motor van shall not permit a person to operate the school bus or motor van for ten years after the date on which the person pleads guilty to or is convicted of a violation of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance.

(3) An owner of a school bus or motor van shall not permit any person to operate such a vehicle unless the person meets all other requirements contained in rules adopted by the state board of education prescribing qualifications of drivers of school buses and other student transportation.

(G) No superintendent of a school district, educational service center, community school, or public or private employer shall permit the operation of

a vehicle used for pupil transportation within this state by an individual unless both of the following apply:

(1) Information pertaining to that driver has been submitted to the department of education, pursuant to procedures adopted by that department. Information to be reported shall include the name of the employer or school district, name of the driver, driver license number, date of birth, date of hire, status of physical evaluation, and status of training.

(2) The most recent criminal records check required by division (J) of this section has been completed and received by the superintendent or public or private employer.

(H) A person, school district, educational service center, community school, nonpublic school, or other public or nonpublic entity that owns a school bus or motor van, or that contracts with another entity to operate a school bus or motor van, may impose more stringent restrictions on drivers than those prescribed in this section, in any other section of the Revised Code, and in rules adopted by the state board.

(I) For qualified drivers who, on July 1, 2007, are employed by the owner of a school bus or motor van to drive the school bus or motor van, any instance in which the driver was convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance prior to two years prior to July 1, 2007, shall not be considered a disqualifying event with respect to division (F) of this section.

(J)(1) This division applies to persons hired by a school district, educational service center, community school, chartered nonpublic school, accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code to operate a vehicle used for pupil transportation.

For each person to whom this division applies who is hired on or after November 14, 2007, the employer shall request a criminal records check in accordance with section 3319.39 of the Revised Code and every six years thereafter. For each person to whom this division applies who is hired prior to that date, the employer shall request a criminal records check by a date prescribed by the department of education and every six years thereafter.

(2) This division applies to persons hired by a public or private employer not described in division (J)(1) of this section to operate a vehicle used for pupil transportation.

For each person to whom this division applies who is hired on or after November 14, 2007, the employer shall request a criminal records check prior to the person's hiring and every six years thereafter. For each person to whom this division applies who is hired prior to that date, the employer shall request

a criminal records check by a date prescribed by the department and every six years thereafter.

(3) Each request for a criminal records check under division (J) of this section shall be made to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in the manner prescribed in section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, except that if both of the following conditions apply to the person subject to the records check, the employer shall request the superintendent only to obtain any criminal records that the federal bureau of investigation has on the person:

(a) The employer previously requested the superintendent to determine whether the bureau of criminal identification and investigation has any information, gathered pursuant to division (A) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code, on the person in conjunction with a criminal records check requested under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code or under division (J) of this section.

(b) The person presents proof that the person has been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date upon which the person becomes subject to a criminal records check under this section.

Upon receipt of a request, the superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code as if the request had been made under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code. However, as specified in division (B)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, if the employer requests the superintendent only to obtain any criminal records that the federal bureau of investigation has on the person for whom the request is made, the superintendent shall not conduct the review prescribed by division (B)(1) of that section.

(K)(1) Until the effective date of the amendments to rule 3301-83-23 of the Ohio Administrative Code required by the second paragraph of division (E) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, any person who is the subject of a criminal records check under division (J) of this section and has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense described in division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code shall not be hired or shall be released from employment, as applicable, unless the person meets the rehabilitation standards prescribed for nonlicensed school personnel by rule 3301-20-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

(2) Beginning on the effective date of the amendments to rule 3301-83-23 of the Ohio Administrative Code required by the second paragraph of division (E) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, any person who is the subject of a criminal records check under division (J) of this section and has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense that, under the rule, disqualifies a person for employment to operate a vehicle used for pupil transportation shall not be hired or shall be released from employment, as

applicable, unless the person meets the rehabilitation standards prescribed by the rule.

**Sec. 3365.01.**As used in this chapter:

(A) "Articulated credit" means post-secondary credit that is reflected on the official record of a student at an institution of higher education only upon enrollment at that institution after graduation from a secondary school.

(B) "Default ceiling amount" means one of the following amounts, whichever is applicable:

(1) For a participant enrolled in a college operating on a semester schedule, the amount calculated according to the following formula:

$$((0.83 \times \text{formula amount}) / 30)$$

X number of enrolled credit hours

(2) For a participant enrolled in a college operating on a quarter schedule, the amount calculated according to the following formula:

$$((0.83 \times \text{formula amount}) / 45)$$

X number of enrolled credit hours

(C) "Default floor amount" means twenty-five per cent of the default ceiling amount.

(D) "Eligible out-of-state college" means any institution of higher education that is located outside of Ohio and is approved by the chancellor of higher education to participate in the college credit plus program.

(E) "Fee" means any course-related fee and any other fee imposed by the college, but not included in tuition, for participation in the program established by this chapter.

(F) "Formula amount" has the same meaning as in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Governing entity" means a board of education of a school district, a governing authority of a community school established under Chapter 3314., a governing body of a STEM school established under Chapter 3326., or a board of trustees of a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code.

(H) "Home-instructed participant" means 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 participating in the program established by this chapter.

(I) "Maximum per participant charge amount" means one of the following amounts, whichever is applicable:

(1) For a participant enrolled in a college operating on a semester schedule, the amount calculated according to the following formula:

((formula amount / 30)

X number of enrolled credit hours)

(2) For a participant enrolled in a college operating on a quarter schedule, the amount calculated according to the following formula:

((formula amount / 45)

X number of enrolled credit hours)

(J) "Nonpublic secondary school" means a chartered school for which minimum standards are prescribed by the state board of education pursuant to division (D) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code or an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Number of enrolled credit hours" means the number of credit hours for a course in which a participant is enrolled during the previous term after the date on which a withdrawal from a course would have negatively affected the participant's transcribed grade, as prescribed by the college's established withdrawal policy.

(L) "Parent" has the same meaning as in section 3313.64 of the Revised Code.

(M) "Participant" means any student enrolled in a college under the program established by this chapter.

(N) "Partnering college" means a college with which a public or nonpublic secondary school has entered into an agreement in order to offer the program established by this chapter.

(O) "Partnering secondary school" means a public or nonpublic secondary school with which a college has entered into an agreement in order to offer the program established by this chapter.

(P) "Private college" means any of the following:

(1) A nonprofit institution holding a certificate of authorization pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code;

(2) An institution holding a certificate of registration from the state board of career colleges and schools and program authorization for an associate or bachelor's degree program issued under section 3332.05 of the Revised Code;

(3) A private institution exempt from regulation under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code as prescribed in section 3333.046 of the Revised Code.

(Q) "Public college" means a "state institution of higher education" in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, excluding the northeast Ohio medical university.

(R) "Public secondary school" means a school serving grades nine through twelve in a city, local, or exempted village school district, a joint



vocational school district, a community school established under Chapter 3314., a STEM school established under Chapter 3326., or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code.

(S) "School year" has the same meaning as in section 3313.62 of the Revised Code.

(T) "Secondary grade" means any of grades nine through twelve.

(U) "Standard rate" means the amount per credit hour assessed by the college for an in-state student who is enrolled in an undergraduate course at that college, but who is not participating in the college credit plus program, as prescribed by the college's established tuition policy.

(V) "Transcribed credit" means post-secondary credit that is conferred by an institution of higher education and is reflected on a student's official record at that institution upon completion of a course.

**Sec. 3365.02.**(A) There is hereby established the college credit plus program under which, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, a secondary grade student who is a resident of this state may enroll at a college, on a full- or part-time basis, and complete nonsectarian, nonremedial courses for high school and college credit. The program shall govern arrangements in which a secondary grade student enrolls in a college and, upon successful completion of coursework taken under the program, receives transcribed credit from the college. The following are not governed by the college credit plus program:

(1) An agreement governing an early college high school program, provided the program meets the definition set forth in division (F)(2) of section 3313.6013 of the Revised Code and is approved by the superintendent of public instruction and the chancellor of higher education;

(2) An advanced placement course or international baccalaureate diploma course, as described in divisions (A)(2) and (3) of section 3313.6013 of the Revised Code;

(3) A career-technical education program that is approved by the department of education under section 3317.161 of the Revised Code and grants articulated credit to students participating in that program. However, any portion of an approved program that results in the conferral of transcribed credit upon the completion of the course shall be governed by the college credit plus program.

(B) Any student enrolled in a public or nonpublic secondary school in the student's ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade; any student enrolled in a nonchartered nonpublic secondary school in the student's ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade; and any 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 participate in the program, if the student meets the applicable eligibility criteria in section 3365.03 of the Revised Code. If a nonchartered nonpublic secondary school student chooses to participate in the program, that student shall be subject to the same requirements as a home-instructed student who chooses to participate in the program under this chapter.

(C) All public secondary schools and all public colleges shall participate in the program and are subject to the requirements of this chapter. Any nonpublic secondary school or private college that chooses to participate in the program shall also be subject to the requirements of this chapter.

If an accredited nonpublic school, as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, chooses not to participate in the program and notifies the parents of each student at the time of the student's enrollment or re-enrollment of that choice, the school shall not be subject to the requirements of this chapter or to any rule adopted by the chancellor of higher education or the state board of education for purposes of the college credit plus program.

(D) The chancellor, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and in consultation with the state superintendent, shall adopt rules governing the program.

**Sec. 3701.133.**(A) The department of health shall make available on its web site information about the risks associated with meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B, the availability of vaccines, and the effectiveness of the vaccines. The department shall provide written notice of the availability of meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B information on the web site to all of the following:

(1) Each city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district, as defined in Chapter 3311. of the Revised Code;

(2) Each nonpublic school, whether chartered, accredited as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, nonchartered, or nontax supported, that enrolls students in ninth grade or the equivalent educational level;

(3) Each community school created under section 3314.01 of the Revised Code, that enrolls students in ninth grade or the equivalent educational level;

(4) Each state institution of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code;

(5) Each nonprofit institution of higher education, as defined in section 1713.55 of the Revised Code;

(6) Each private career school, as defined in section 3332.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) In addition to the information provided for in division (A) of this section, the department of health shall make available on its web site, in a

format suitable for downloading, a meningitis and hepatitis B vaccination status statement form for a student or, if the student is younger than eighteen years of age, the student's parent, to complete to disclose whether the student has been vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B. The form shall include all of the following:

(1) The information described in division (A) of this section and a means for the student or the student's parent to acknowledge having received and read the information;

(2) A space for the student or the student's parent to indicate one of the following:

(a) The student has been vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis, and the year the vaccination was given.

(b) The student has not been vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis.

(3) A space for the student or the student's parent to indicate one of the following:

(a) The student has been vaccinated against hepatitis B, and the year the vaccination was given.

(b) The student has not been vaccinated against hepatitis B.

**Sec. 3781.106.**(A) The board of building standards shall adopt rules, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, for the use of a device by a staff member of a public or private school or institution of higher education that prevents both ingress and egress through a door in a school building, for a finite period of time, in an emergency situation, and during active shooter drills. The rules shall provide that the use of a device is permissible only if the device requires minimal steps to remove it after it is engaged.

The rules shall provide that the administrative authority of a building notify the police chief, or equivalent, of the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the building, and the fire chief, or equivalent, of the fire department that serves the political subdivision in which the building is located, prior to the use of such devices in a building.

The rules may require that the device be visible from the exterior of the door.

(B) The device described in division (A) of this section shall not be permanently mounted to the door.

(C) Each public and private school and institution of higher education shall provide its staff members in-service training on the use of the device described in division (A) of this section. The school shall maintain a record verifying this training on file.

(D) In consultation with the state board of education and the chancellor of higher education, the board shall determine and include in the rules a definition of "emergency situation." These rules shall apply to both existing and new school buildings.

(E) As used in this section:

(1) "Institution of higher education" means a state institution of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, a private nonprofit college or university located in this state that possesses a certificate of authorization issued pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code, or a school located in this state that possesses a certificate of registration and one or more program authorizations issued by the state board of career colleges and schools under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code.

(2) "Private school" means a chartered nonpublic school, an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code, or a nonchartered nonpublic school.

(3) "Public school" means any school operated by a school district board of education, any community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, any STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, and any college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code.

(4) "School building" means a structure used for the instruction of students by a public or private school or institution of higher education.

**Sec. 3781.11.** (A) The rules of the board of building standards shall:

(1) For nonresidential buildings, provide uniform minimum standards and requirements, and for residential buildings, provide standards and requirements that are uniform throughout the state, for construction and construction materials, including construction of industrialized units, to make residential and nonresidential buildings safe and sanitary as defined in section 3781.06 of the Revised Code;

(2) Formulate such standards and requirements, so far as may be practicable, in terms of performance objectives, so as to make adequate performance for the use intended the test of acceptability;

(3) Permit, to the fullest extent feasible, the use of materials and technical methods, devices, and improvements, including the use of industrialized units which tend to reduce the cost of construction and erection without affecting minimum requirements for the health, safety, and security of the occupants or users of buildings or industrialized units and without preferential treatment of types or classes of materials or products or methods of construction;

(4) Encourage, so far as may be practicable, the standardization of construction practices, methods, equipment, material, and techniques,

including methods employed to produce industrialized units;

(5) Not require any alteration or repair of any part of a school building owned by a chartered nonpublic school or a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district and operated in conjunction with any primary or secondary school program that is not being altered or repaired if all of the following apply:

(a) The school building meets all of the applicable building code requirements in existence at the time of the construction of the building.

(b) The school building otherwise satisfies the requirements of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code.

(c) The part of the school building altered or repaired conforms to all rules of the board existing on the date of the repair or alteration.

(6) Not require any alteration or repair to any part of a workshop or factory that is not otherwise being altered, repaired, or added to if all of the following apply:

(a) The workshop or factory otherwise satisfies the requirements of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code.

(b) The part of the workshop or factory altered, repaired, or added conforms to all rules of the board existing on the date of plan approval of the repair, alteration, or addition.

(B) The rules of the board shall supersede and govern any order, standard, or rule of the division of industrial compliance in the department of commerce, division of the state fire marshal, the department of health, and of counties and townships, in all cases where such orders, standards, or rules are in conflict with the rules of the board, except that rules adopted and orders issued by the state fire marshal pursuant to Chapter 3743. of the Revised Code prevail in the event of a conflict.

(C) The construction, alteration, erection, and repair of buildings including industrialized units, and the materials and devices of any kind used in connection with them and the heating and ventilating of them and the plumbing and electric wiring in them shall conform to the statutes of this state or the rules adopted and promulgated by the board, and to provisions of local ordinances not inconsistent therewith. Any building, structure, or part thereof, constructed, erected, altered, manufactured, or repaired not in accordance with the statutes of this state or with the rules of the board, and any building, structure, or part thereof in which there is installed, altered, or repaired any fixture, device, and material, or plumbing, heating, or ventilating system, or electric wiring not in accordance with such statutes or rules is a public nuisance.

(D) As used in this section:

(1) "Nonpublic school" means a chartered school for which minimum

standards are prescribed by the state board of education pursuant to division (D) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code or an accredited nonpublic school described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Workshop or factory" includes manufacturing, mechanical, electrical, mercantile, art, and laundering establishments, printing, telegraph, and telephone offices, railroad depots, and memorial buildings, but does not include hotels and tenement and apartment houses.

**Sec. 4729.513.** A manufacturer of dangerous drugs may donate inhalers, as defined in section 3313.7113 of the Revised Code, and epinephrine autoinjectors to any of the following:

(A) The board of education of a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district;

(B) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code;

(C) A STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code;

(D) A college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code;

(E) A chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school. As used in this section, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 4729.541.** (A) Except as provided in divisions (B) to (D) of this section, all of the following are exempt from licensure as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs:

(1) A licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs;

(2) A business entity that is a corporation formed under division (B) of section 1701.03 of the Revised Code, a limited liability company formed under Chapter 1705. of the Revised Code, or a professional association formed under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code if the entity has a sole shareholder who is a prescriber and is authorized to provide the professional services being offered by the entity;

(3) A business entity that is a corporation formed under division (B) of section 1701.03 of the Revised Code, a limited liability company formed under Chapter 1705. of the Revised Code, a partnership or a limited liability partnership formed under Chapter 1775. of the Revised Code, or a professional association formed under Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code, if, to be a shareholder, member, or partner, an individual is required to be licensed, certified, or otherwise legally authorized under Title XLVII of the Revised Code to perform the professional service provided by the entity and each such individual is a prescriber;

(4) An individual who holds a current license, certificate, or registration issued under Title XLVII of the Revised Code and has been certified to conduct diabetes education by a national certifying body specified in rules adopted by the state board of pharmacy under section 4729.68 of the Revised Code, but only with respect to insulin that will be used for the purpose of diabetes education and only if diabetes education is within the individual's scope of practice under statutes and rules regulating the individual's profession;

(5) An individual who holds a valid certificate issued by a nationally recognized S.C.U.B.A. diving certifying organization approved by the state board of pharmacy under rules adopted by the board, but only with respect to medical oxygen that will be used for the purpose of emergency care or treatment at the scene of a diving emergency;

(6) With respect to epinephrine autoinjectors that may be possessed under section 3313.7110, 3313.7111, 3314.143, 3326.28, or 3328.29 of the Revised Code, any of the following: the board of education of a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district; a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school; a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code; a STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code; or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code; As used in this section, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(7) With respect to epinephrine autoinjectors that may be possessed under section 5101.76 of the Revised Code, any of the following: a residential camp, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code; a child day camp, as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code; or a child day camp operated by any county, township, municipal corporation, township park district created under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district created under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint recreation district established under section 755.14 of the Revised Code;

(8) With respect to epinephrine autoinjectors that may be possessed under Chapter 3728. of the Revised Code, a qualified entity, as defined in section 3728.01 of the Revised Code;

(9) With respect to inhalers that may be possessed under section 3313.7113, 3313.7114, 3314.144, 3326.30, or 3328.30 of the Revised Code, any of the following: the board of education of a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district; a chartered, accredited, or nonchartered nonpublic school; a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code; a STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code; or a college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code;

(10) With respect to inhalers that may be possessed under section 5101.77 of the Revised Code, any of the following: a residential camp, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code; a child day camp, as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code; or a child day camp operated by any county, township, municipal corporation, township park district created under section 511.18 of the Revised Code, park district created under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code, or joint recreation district established under section 755.14 of the Revised Code;

(11) With respect to naloxone that may be possessed under section 2925.61 of the Revised Code, a law enforcement agency and its peace officers;

(12) With respect to naloxone that may be possessed under section 4729.514 of the Revised Code, a service entity, as defined in that section;

(13) A facility that is owned and operated by the United States department of defense, the United States department of veterans affairs, or any other federal agency.

(B) If a person described in division (A) of this section is a pain management clinic or is operating a pain management clinic, the person shall hold a license as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with a pain management clinic classification issued under section 4729.552 of the Revised Code.

(C) If a person described in division (A) of this section is operating a facility, clinic, or other location described in division (B) of section 4729.553 of the Revised Code that must hold a category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs license with an office-based opioid treatment classification, the person shall hold a license with that classification.

(D) Any of the persons described in divisions (A)(1) to (12) of this section shall hold a license as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs in order to possess, have custody or control of, and distribute any of the following:

(1) Dangerous drugs that are compounded or used for the purpose of compounding;

(2) A schedule I, II, III, IV, or V controlled substance, as defined in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 5104.01.** As used in this chapter:

(A) "Administrator" means the person responsible for the daily operation of a center, type A home, or type B home. The administrator and the owner may be the same person.

(B) "Approved child day camp" means a child day camp approved pursuant to section 5104.22 of the Revised Code.



(C) "Border state child care provider" means a child care provider that is located in a state bordering Ohio and that is licensed, certified, or otherwise approved by that state to provide child care.

(D) "Career pathways model" means an alternative pathway to meeting the requirements to be a child-care staff member or administrator that does both of the following:

(1) Uses a framework approved by the director of job and family services to document formal education, training, experience, and specialized credentials and certifications;

(2) Allows the child-care staff member or administrator to achieve a designation as an early childhood professional level one, two, three, four, five, or six.

(E) "Caretaker parent" means the father or mother of a child whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child, a person who has legal custody of a child and whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child, a guardian of a child whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child, and any other person who stands in loco parentis with respect to the child and whose presence in the home is needed as the caretaker of the child.

(F)(1) "Chartered nonpublic school" means a school that meets standards for nonpublic schools prescribed by the state board of education for nonpublic schools pursuant to section 3301.07 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Child" includes an infant, toddler, preschool-age child, or school-age child.

(H) "Child care block grant act" means the "Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990," established in section 5082 of the "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990," 104 Stat. 1388-236 (1990), 42 U.S.C. 9858, as amended.

(I) "Child day camp" means a program in which only school-age children attend or participate, that operates for no more than seven hours per day, that operates only during one or more public school district's regular vacation periods or for no more than fifteen weeks during the summer, and that operates outdoor activities for each child who attends or participates in the program for a minimum of fifty per cent of each day that children attend or participate in the program, except for any day when hazardous weather conditions prevent the program from operating outdoor activities for a minimum of fifty per cent of that day. For purposes of this division, the maximum seven hours of operation time does not include transportation time from a child's home to a child day camp and from a child day camp to a

child's home.

(J) "Child care" means all of the following:

(1) Administering to the needs of infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, and school-age children outside of school hours;

(2) By persons other than their parents, guardians, or custodians;

(3) For any part of the twenty-four-hour day;

(4) In a place other than a child's own home, except that an in-home aide provides child care in the child's own home.

(K) "Child day-care center" and "center" mean any place in which child care or publicly funded child care is provided for thirteen or more children at one time or any place that is not the permanent residence of the licensee or administrator in which child care or publicly funded child care is provided for seven to twelve children at one time. In counting children for the purposes of this division, any children under six years of age who are related to a licensee, administrator, or employee and who are on the premises of the center shall be counted. "Child day-care center" and "center" do not include any of the following:

(1) A place located in and operated by a hospital, as defined in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code, in which the needs of children are administered to, if all the children whose needs are being administered to are monitored under the on-site supervision of a physician licensed under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code or a registered nurse licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code, and the services are provided only for children who, in the opinion of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, are exhibiting symptoms of a communicable disease or other illness or are injured;

(2) A child day camp;

(3) A place that provides child care, but not publicly funded child care, if all of the following apply:

(a) An organized religious body provides the child care;

(b) A parent, custodian, or guardian of at least one child receiving child care is on the premises and readily accessible at all times;

(c) The child care is not provided for more than thirty days a year;

(d) The child care is provided only for preschool-age and school-age children.

(L) "Child care resource and referral service organization" means a community-based nonprofit organization that provides child care resource and referral services but not child care.

(M) "Child care resource and referral services" means all of the following services:

(1) Maintenance of a uniform data base of all child care providers in the community that are in compliance with this chapter, including current occupancy and vacancy data;

(2) Provision of individualized consumer education to families seeking child care;

(3) Provision of timely referrals of available child care providers to families seeking child care;

(4) Recruitment of child care providers;

(5) Assistance in the development, conduct, and dissemination of training for child care providers and provision of technical assistance to current and potential child care providers, employers, and the community;

(6) Collection and analysis of data on the supply of and demand for child care in the community;

(7) Technical assistance concerning locally, state, and federally funded child care and early childhood education programs;

(8) Stimulation of employer involvement in making child care more affordable, more available, safer, and of higher quality for their employees and for the community;

(9) Provision of written educational materials to caretaker parents and informational resources to child care providers;

(10) Coordination of services among child care resource and referral service organizations to assist in developing and maintaining a statewide system of child care resource and referral services if required by the department of job and family services;

(11) Cooperation with the county department of job and family services in encouraging the establishment of parent cooperative child care centers and parent cooperative type A family day-care homes.

(N) "Child-care staff member" means an employee of a child day-care center or type A family day-care home who is primarily responsible for the care and supervision of children. The administrator may be a part-time child-care staff member when not involved in other duties.

(O) "Drop-in child day-care center," "drop-in center," "drop-in type A family day-care home," and "drop-in type A home" mean a center or type A home that provides child care or publicly funded child care for children on a temporary, irregular basis.

(P) "Employee" means a person who either:

(1) Receives compensation for duties performed in a child day-care center or type A family day-care home;

(2) Is assigned specific working hours or duties in a child day-care

center or type A family day-care home.

(Q) "Employer" means a person, firm, institution, organization, or agency that operates a child day-care center or type A family day-care home subject to licensure under this chapter.

(R) "Federal poverty line" means the official poverty guideline as revised annually in accordance with section 673(2) of the "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981," 95 Stat. 511, 42 U.S.C. 9902, as amended, for a family size equal to the size of the family of the person whose income is being determined.

(S) "Head start program" means a comprehensive child development program serving birth to three years old and preschool-age children that receives funds distributed under the "Head Start Act," 95 Stat. 499 (1981), 42 U.S.C.A. 9831, as amended, and is licensed as a child day-care center.

(T) "Income" means gross income, as defined in section 5107.10 of the Revised Code, less any amounts required by federal statutes or regulations to be disregarded.

(U) "Indicator checklist" means an inspection tool, used in conjunction with an instrument-based program monitoring information system, that contains selected licensing requirements that are statistically reliable indicators or predictors of a child day-care center's type A family day-care home's, or licensed type B family day-care home's compliance with licensing requirements.

(V) "Infant" means a child who is less than eighteen months of age.

(W) "In-home aide" means a person who does not reside with the child but provides care in the child's home and is certified by a county director of job and family services pursuant to section 5104.12 of the Revised Code to provide publicly funded child care to a child in a child's own home pursuant to this chapter and any rules adopted under it.

(X) "Instrument-based program monitoring information system" means a method to assess compliance with licensing requirements for child day-care centers, type A family day-care homes, and licensed type B family day-care homes in which each licensing requirement is assigned a weight indicative of the relative importance of the requirement to the health, growth, and safety of the children that is used to develop an indicator checklist.

(Y) "License capacity" means the maximum number in each age category of children who may be cared for in a child day-care center or type A family day-care home at one time as determined by the director of job and family services considering building occupancy limits established by the department of commerce, amount of available indoor floor space and outdoor play space, and amount of available play equipment, materials, and supplies. For the purposes of a provisional license issued under this chapter, the

director shall also consider the number of available child-care staff members when determining "license capacity" for the provisional license.

(Z) "Licensed child care program" means any of the following:

(1) A child day-care center licensed by the department of job and family services pursuant to this chapter;

(2) A type A family day-care home or type B family day-care home licensed by the department of job and family services pursuant to this chapter;

(3) A licensed preschool program or licensed school child program.

(AA) "Licensed preschool program" or "licensed school child program" means a preschool program or school child program, as defined in section 3301.52 of the Revised Code, that is licensed by the department of education pursuant to sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code.

(BB) "Licensed type B family day-care home" and "licensed type B home" mean a type B family day-care home for which there is a valid license issued by the director of job and family services pursuant to section 5104.03 of the Revised Code.

(CC) "Licensee" means the owner of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or type B family day-care home that is licensed pursuant to this chapter and who is responsible for ensuring its compliance with this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

(DD) "Operate a child day camp" means to operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain a child day camp.

(EE) "Owner" includes a person, as defined in section 1.59 of the Revised Code, or government entity.

(FF) "Parent cooperative child day-care center," "parent cooperative center," "parent cooperative type A family day-care home," and "parent cooperative type A home" mean a corporation or association organized for providing educational services to the children of members of the corporation or association, without gain to the corporation or association as an entity, in which the services of the corporation or association are provided only to children of the members of the corporation or association, ownership and control of the corporation or association rests solely with the members of the corporation or association, and at least one parent-member of the corporation or association is on the premises of the center or type A home during its hours of operation.

(GG) "Part-time child day-care center," "part-time center," "part-time type A family day-care home," and "part-time type A home" mean a center or type A home that provides child care or publicly funded child care for not more than four hours a day for any child or not more than fifteen consecutive weeks per year, regardless of the number of hours per day.

(HH) "Place of worship" means a building where activities of an organized religious group are conducted and includes the grounds and any other buildings on the grounds used for such activities.

(II) "Preschool-age child" means a child who is three years old or older but is not a school-age child.

(JJ) "Protective child care" means publicly funded child care for the direct care and protection of a child to whom either of the following applies:

(1) A case plan prepared and maintained for the child pursuant to section 2151.412 of the Revised Code indicates a need for protective care and the child resides with a parent, stepparent, guardian, or another person who stands in loco parentis as defined in rules adopted under section 5104.38 of the Revised Code;

(2) The child and the child's caretaker either temporarily reside in a facility providing emergency shelter for homeless families or are determined by the county department of job and family services to be homeless, and are otherwise ineligible for publicly funded child care.

(KK) "Publicly funded child care" means administering to the needs of infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, and school-age children under age thirteen during any part of the twenty-four-hour day by persons other than their caretaker parents for remuneration wholly or in part with federal or state funds, including funds available under the child care block grant act, Title IV-A, and Title XX, distributed by the department of job and family services.

(LL) "Religious activities" means any of the following: worship or other religious services; religious instruction; Sunday school classes or other religious classes conducted during or prior to worship or other religious services; youth or adult fellowship activities; choir or other musical group practices or programs; meals; festivals; or meetings conducted by an organized religious group.

(MM) "School-age child" means a child who is enrolled in or is eligible to be enrolled in a grade of kindergarten or above but is less than fifteen years old.

(NN) "School-age child care center" and "school-age child type A home" mean a center or type A home that provides child care for school-age children only and that does either or both of the following:

(1) Operates only during that part of the day that immediately precedes or follows the public school day of the school district in which the center or type A home is located;

(2) Operates only when the public schools in the school district in which the center or type A home is located are not open for instruction with pupils in attendance.

(OO) "Serious risk noncompliance" means a licensure or certification

rule violation that leads to a great risk of harm to, or death of, a child, and is observable, not inferable.

(PP) "State median income" means the state median income calculated by the department of development pursuant to division (A)(1)(g) of section 5709.61 of the Revised Code.

(QQ) "Title IV-A" means Title IV-A of the "Social Security Act," 110 Stat. 2113 (1996), 42 U.S.C. 601, as amended.

(RR) "Title XX" means Title XX of the "Social Security Act," 88 Stat. 2337 (1974), 42 U.S.C. 1397, as amended.

(SS) "Toddler" means a child who is at least eighteen months of age but less than three years of age.

(TT) "Type A family day-care home" and "type A home" mean a permanent residence of the administrator in which child care or publicly funded child care is provided for seven to twelve children at one time or a permanent residence of the administrator in which child care is provided for four to twelve children at one time if four or more children at one time are under two years of age. In counting children for the purposes of this division, any children under six years of age who are related to a licensee, administrator, or employee and who are on the premises of the type A home shall be counted. "Type A family day-care home" and "type A home" do not include any child day camp.

(UU) "Type B family day-care home" and "type B home" mean a permanent residence of the provider in which child care is provided for one to six children at one time and in which no more than three children are under two years of age at one time. In counting children for the purposes of this division, any children under six years of age who are related to the provider and who are on the premises of the type B home shall be counted. "Type B family day-care home" and "type B home" do not include any child day camp.

**Sec. 5104.02.** (A) The director of job and family services is responsible for the licensing of child day-care centers and type A family day-care homes. Each entity operating a head start program shall meet the criteria for, and be licensed as, a child day-care center. The director is responsible for the enforcement of this chapter and of rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter.

No person, firm, organization, institution, or agency shall operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain a child day-care center or type A family day-care home without a license issued under section 5104.03 of the Revised Code. The current license shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the center or type A home that is accessible to parents, custodians, or guardians and employees of the center or type A home at all times when the center or type A home is in operation.

(B) A person, firm, institution, organization, or agency operating any of the following programs is exempt from the requirements of this chapter:

(1) A program of child care that operates for two or less consecutive weeks;

(2) Child care in places of worship during religious activities during which children are cared for while at least one parent, guardian, or custodian of each child is participating in such activities and is readily available;

(3) Religious activities which do not provide child care;

(4) Supervised training, instruction, or activities of children in specific areas, including, but not limited to: art; drama; dance; music; gymnastics, swimming, or another athletic skill or sport; computers; or an educational subject conducted on an organized or periodic basis no more than one day a week and for no more than six hours duration;

(5) Programs in which the director determines that at least one parent, custodian, or guardian of each child is on the premises of the facility offering child care and is readily accessible at all times, except that child care provided on the premises at which a parent, custodian, or guardian is employed more than two and one-half hours a day shall be licensed in accordance with division (A) of this section;

(6)(a) Programs that provide child care funded and regulated or operated and regulated by state departments other than the department of job and family services or the state board of education when the director of job and family services has determined that the rules governing the program are equivalent to or exceed the rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter.

Notwithstanding any exemption from regulation under this chapter, each state department shall submit to the director of job and family services a copy of the rules that govern programs that provide child care and are regulated or operated and regulated by the department. Annually, each state department shall submit to the director a report for each such program it regulates or operates and regulates that includes the following information:

(i) The site location of the program;

(ii) The maximum number of infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, or school-age children served by the program at one time;

(iii) The number of adults providing child care for the number of infants, toddlers, preschool-age children, or school-age children;

(iv) Any changes in the rules made subsequent to the time when the rules were initially submitted to the director.

The director shall maintain a record of the child care information submitted by other state departments and shall provide this information upon request to the general assembly or the public.



(b) Child care programs conducted by boards of education or by chartered or accredited nonpublic schools that are conducted in school buildings and that provide child care to school-age children only shall be exempt from meeting or exceeding rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter.

(7) Any preschool program or school child program, except a head start program, that is subject to licensure by the department of education under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code.

(8) Any program providing child care that meets all of the following requirements and, on October 20, 1987, was being operated by a nonpublic school that holds a charter issued by the state board of education for kindergarten only or an accredited nonpublic school:

(a) The nonpublic school has given the notice to the state board and the director of job and family services required by Section 4 of Substitute House Bill No. 253 of the 117th general assembly;

(b) The nonpublic school continues to be chartered by the state board for kindergarten, or receives and continues to hold a charter from the state board for kindergarten through grade five or is an accredited nonpublic school;

(c) The program is conducted in a school building;

(d) The program is operated in accordance with rules promulgated by the state board under sections 3301.52 to 3301.57 of the Revised Code.

(9) A youth development program operated outside of school hours by a community-based center to which all of the following apply:

(a) The children enrolled in the program are under nineteen years of age and enrolled in or eligible to be enrolled in a grade of kindergarten or above.

(b) The program provides informal child care, which is child care that does not require parental signature, permission, or notice for the child receiving the care to enter or leave the program;

(c) The program provides any of the following supervised activities: educational, recreational, culturally enriching, social, and personal development activities.

(d) The program is eligible for participation in the child and adult care food program as an outside-school-hours care center pursuant to standards established under section 3313.813 of the Revised Code.

(e) The community-based center operating the program is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(a) and (c)(3).

(10) A preschool program operated by a nonchartered, nontax-supported school if the preschool program meets all of the following conditions:

(a) The program complies with state and local health, fire, and safety laws.

(b) The program annually certifies in a report to the parents of its pupils that the school is in compliance with division (B)(10)(a) of this section and files a copy of the report with the department of job and family services on or before the thirtieth day of September of each year.

(c) The program complies with all applicable reporting requirements in the same manner as required by the state board of education for nonchartered, nonpublic primary and secondary schools.

(d) The program is associated with a nonchartered, nontax-supported primary or secondary school.

**Sec. 5139.18.** (A) Except with respect to children who are granted a judicial release to court supervision pursuant to division (B) or (D) of section 2152.22 of the Revised Code, the department of youth services is responsible for locating homes or jobs for children released from its institutions, for supervision of children released from its institutions, and for providing or arranging for the provision to those children of appropriate services that are required to facilitate their satisfactory community adjustment. Regional administrators through their staff of parole officers shall supervise children paroled or released to community supervision in a manner that insures as nearly as possible the children's rehabilitation and that provides maximum protection to the general public.

(B) The department of youth services shall exercise general supervision over all children who have been released on placement from any of its institutions other than children who are granted a judicial release to court supervision pursuant to division (B) or (D) of section 2152.22 of the Revised Code. The director of youth services, with the consent and approval of the board of county commissioners of any county, may contract with the public children services agency of that county, the department of probation of that county established pursuant to section 2301.27 of the Revised Code, or the probation department or service established pursuant to sections 2151.01 to 2151.54 of the Revised Code for the provision of direct supervision and control over and the provision of supportive assistance to all children who have been released on placement into that county from any of its institutions, or, with the consent of the juvenile judge or the administrative judge of the juvenile court of any county, contract with any other public agency, institution, or organization that is qualified to provide the care and supervision that is required under the terms and conditions of the child's treatment plan for the provision of direct supervision and control over and the provision of supportive assistance to all children who have been released on placement into that county from any of its institutions.

(C) A juvenile parole officer shall furnish to a child placed on

community control under the parole officer's supervision a statement of the conditions of parole and shall instruct the child regarding them. The parole officer shall keep informed concerning the conduct and condition of a child under the parole officer's supervision and shall report on the child's conduct to the judge as the judge directs. A parole officer shall use all suitable methods to aid a child on community control and to improve the child's conduct and condition. A parole officer shall keep full and accurate records of work done for children under the parole officer's supervision.

(D) In accordance with division (D) of section 2151.14 of the Revised Code, a court may issue an order requiring boards of education, governing bodies of chartered and accredited nonpublic schools, public children services agencies, private child placing agencies, probation departments, law enforcement agencies, and prosecuting attorneys that have records related to the child in question to provide copies of one or more specified records, or specified information in one or more specified records, that the individual or entity has with respect to the child to the department of youth services when the department has custody of the child or is performing any services for the child that are required by the juvenile court or by statute, and the department requests the records in accordance with division (D)(3)(a) of section 2151.14 of the Revised Code.

As used in this division, "accredited nonpublic school" means an accredited nonpublic school as described in section 3301.165 of the Revised Code.

(E) Whenever any placement official has reasonable cause to believe that any child released by a court pursuant to section 2152.22 of the Revised Code has violated the conditions of the child's placement, the official may request, in writing, from the committing court or transferee court a custodial order, and, upon reasonable and probable cause, the court may order any sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, or police officer to apprehend the child. A child so apprehended may be confined in the detention facility of the county in which the child is apprehended until further order of the court. If a child who was released on supervised release by the release authority of the department of youth services or a child who was granted a judicial release to department of youth services supervision violates the conditions of the supervised release or judicial release, section 5139.52 of the Revised Code applies with respect to that child.

**Section 130.**\_\_\_\_. That existing sections 921.06, 955.43, 3301.07, 3301.071, 3301.0711, 3301.16, 3301.162, 3301.164, 3301.52, 3301.541, 3302.07, 3302.41, 3310.01, 3312.01, 3312.04, 3312.05, 3312.09, 3313.41, 3313.48, 3313.481, 3313.482, 3313.536, 3313.539, 3313.5311, 3313.603, 3313.62, 3313.716, 3313.717, 3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7111, 3313.7112, 3313.7114, 3313.813, 3313.86, 3313.976, 3317.024, 3317.03, 3317.06, 3317.062, 3317.063, 3317.13, 3319.311, 3319.313, 3319.314, 3319.317,

3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.392, 3319.40, 3319.52, 3321.01, 3326.01, 3326.03, 3326.032, 3326.04, 3326.09, 3327.07, 3327.10, 3365.01, 3365.02, 3701.133, 3781.106, 3781.11, 4729.513, 4729.541, 5104.01, 5104.02, and 5139.18 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

**Section 130. \_\_.**(A) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall appoint a joint committee of the General Assembly to study the effects of the creation of accredited nonpublic schools by this act. The committee shall consist of the following six members:

(1) The chairperson of the standing committee of the House of Representatives principally responsible for primary and secondary education policy;

(2) The chairperson of the standing committee of the Senate principally responsible for primary and secondary education policy;

(3) Two other members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker, one of whom is from the majority party and one of whom is from the minority party;

(4) Two other members of the Senate appointed by the President, one of whom is from the majority party and one of whom is from the minority party.

(B) In completing the study required under this section, the committee shall compare data from accredited nonpublic schools before and after the effective date of this act. The committee also shall compare data of accredited schools to other public schools and private school associations, as available. The committee shall compare aggregate data on all of the following:

(1) Remediation rates;

(2) SAT and ACT test scores;

(3) College acceptance and attendance rates;

(4) Results of other standardized tests for lower grade levels.

(C) Not later than two years after the effective date of this section, the committee shall submit a report to the General Assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code that includes recommendations on expanding the designation to chartered nonpublic schools not accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States. The report also shall include criteria that should be used to qualify chartered nonpublic schools for such an expansion.

**Section 130. \_\_.**Nothing in this act shall be construed to give preference or heightened approval of a chartered nonpublic school accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States over a chartered nonpublic school accredited by any other association or organization."

After line 88013, insert:

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In line 88014, add \$2,000,000 to fiscal year 2020

In line 88032, add \$2,000,000 to fiscal year 2020

After line 88211, insert:

"PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITIES

The foregoing appropriation item 440669, Public Health Priorities, shall be used to conduct public health awareness and education campaigns, initiate innovative programming and prevention strategies, and other work related to advancing positive changes in population health in Ohio. The Department of Health may distribute grants, contracts, or subsidy for these purposes, including, but not limited to, supporting public-private partnerships to address pressing public health issues."

In line 94748, delete "and"

In line 94750, delete the period; insert "; and"

After line 94750, insert:

"(J) Up to \$2,000,000 cash to the Ohio Public Health Priorities Fund (Fund L087)."

In line 85433, delete "\$250,000,000 \$300,000,000" and insert "\$275,000,000 \$400,000,000"

In line 85436, add \$25,000,000 to fiscal year 2020 and \$100,000,000 to fiscal year 2021

In line 85477, add \$25,000,000 to fiscal year 2020 and \$100,000,000 to fiscal year 2021

In line 94706, delete "\$250,000,000" and insert "\$275,000,000"

In line 94707, delete "\$300,000,000" and insert "\$400,000,000"

In line 29387, after "(2)" insert "Eligible school district has the same meaning as in division (C)(1) of section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code.

(3)"

In line 29389, delete "(D)" and insert "(E)"

In line 29402, delete "\$30,000" and insert "\$36,000"

In line 29404, delete "(D)" and insert "(E)"

In line 29407, delete "\$30,000" and insert "\$36,000"

In line 29409, after "(D)" insert "Subject to division (E) of this section, for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the department shall pay to each community school that is not an internet- or computer-based community

school student wellness and success enhancement funds, on a full-time equivalency basis, for each student enrolled in the school in the immediately preceding fiscal year whose resident district is an eligible school district, in an amount equal to the following:

The amount paid to the student's resident district under division (C)(2) of section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code for that fiscal year / the enrolled ADM of the student's resident district for the immediately preceding fiscal year

(E)"; delete "and" and insert an underlined comma

In line 29410, after "(C)" insert ", and (D)"

In line 29420, delete "(E)" and insert "(F)"

In line 30305, delete "\$300" and insert "\$360"

In line 30308, delete "\$240" and insert "\$290"

In line 30311, delete "\$130" and insert "\$155"

In line 30314, delete "\$60" and insert "\$70"

In line 30317, delete "\$25" and insert "\$30"

In line 30334, delete "(C)" and insert "(D)"

In line 30390, delete "\$30,000" and insert "\$36,000"

In line 30392, delete "\$30,000" and insert "\$36,000"

In line 30396, after "(C)" insert "(1) As used in division (C) of this section:

(a) "Eligible school district" means a city, local, or exempted village school district that received supplemental targeted assistance funding under division (B) of section 3317.0217 of the Revised Code for fiscal year 2019.

(b) A district's "enhancement percentage for a fiscal year" means the square of the quotient of the poverty percentage calculated for the district for that fiscal year under division (B)(1) of this section divided by 0.36.

(2) Subject to division (D) of this section, for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the department shall pay student wellness and success enhancement funds to each eligible city, local, and exempted village school district in an amount equal to the following product:

(\$50, for fiscal year 2020, or \$75, for fiscal year 2021) X the district's enhancement percentage for that fiscal year X the district's enrolled ADM for the immediately preceding fiscal year

(D)"; delete "division" and insert "divisions"; after "(B)" insert "and (C)"

In line 30407, delete "(D)" and insert "(E)"

In line 31620, after "(2)" insert ""Eligible school district" has the same

meaning as in division (C)(1) of section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code.

(3)"

In line 31623, delete "(C)" and insert "(D)"

In line 31635, delete "\$30,000" and insert "\$36,000"

In line 31637, after "(C)" insert "Subject to division (D) of this section, for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the department shall pay to each joint vocational school district student wellness and success enhancement funds, on a full-time equivalency basis, for each student enrolled in the district in the immediately preceding fiscal year whose resident district is an eligible school district, in an amount equal to the following:

The amount paid to the student's resident district under division (C)(2) of section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code for that fiscal year / the enrolled ADM of the student's resident district for the immediately preceding fiscal year

(D)"; delete "division" and insert "divisions"; after "(B)" insert "and (C)"

In line 31648, delete "(D)" and insert "(E)"

In line 31725, delete "Services for child nutrition and physical health,"

Delete line 31726

In line 31727, delete "(12)"

In line 33280, after "(2)" insert "Eligible school district" has the same meaning as in division (C)(1) of section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code.

(3)"

In line 33282, delete "(C)" and insert "(D)"

In line 33296, delete "\$30,000" and insert "\$36,000"

In line 33297, after "(C)" insert "Subject to division (D) of this section, for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the department shall pay to each science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school student wellness and success enhancement funds, on a full-time equivalency basis, for each student enrolled in the school in the immediately preceding fiscal year whose resident district is an eligible school district, in an amount equal to the following:

The amount paid to the student's resident district under division (C)(2) of section 3317.0219 of the Revised Code for that fiscal year / the enrolled ADM of the student's resident district for the immediately preceding fiscal year

(D)"; delete "division" and insert "divisions"; after "(B)" insert "and (C)"

In line 33308, delete "(D)" and insert "(E)"

In line 85446, delete "\$20,000,000 \$20,000,000" and insert "\$30,000,000 \$30,000,000"

In line 85449, add \$10,000,000 to each fiscal year

In line 85477, add \$10,000,000 to each fiscal year

In line 86997, delete "\$1,150" and insert "\$1,750"

In line 86999, delete "\$650" and insert "\$1,000"

In line 94750, delete the period and insert a semicolon

After line 94750, insert:

"(J) Up to \$31,000,000 cash to the Statewide Treatment and Prevention Fund (Fund 4750);

(K) Up to \$5,000,000 cash, subject to Controlling Board approval, to the State Park Fund (Fund 5120);

(L) Up to \$2,000,000 cash to the Ohio Public Health Priorities Fund (Fund L087)."

In line 95912, strike through "\$57,554,343" and insert "\$77,554,343"

In line 95921, delete "\$214,908,136" and insert "\$234,908,136"

In line 95925, delete "\$310,968,104" and insert "\$330,968,104"

In line 95952, delete "\$181,400,000" and insert "\$201,400,000"

In line 61 of the title, after "3721.13," insert "3734.01,"

In line 267, after "3721.13," insert "3734.01,"

After line 41053, insert:

**"Sec. 3734.01.** As used in this chapter:

(A) "Board of health" means the board of health of a city or general health district or the authority having the duties of a board of health in any city as authorized by section 3709.05 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Director" means the director of environmental protection.

(C) "Health district" means a city or general health district as created by or under authority of Chapter 3709. of the Revised Code.

(D) "Agency" means the environmental protection agency.

(E) "Solid wastes" means such unwanted residual solid or semisolid material as results from industrial, commercial, agricultural, and community operations, excluding earth or material from construction, mining, or demolition operations, or other waste materials of the type that normally would be included in demolition debris, nontoxic fly ash and bottom ash, including at least ash that results from the combustion of coal and ash that results from the combustion of coal in combination with scrap tires where



scrap tires comprise not more than fifty per cent of heat input in any month, spent nontoxic foundry sand, nontoxic, nonhazardous, unwanted fired and unfired, glazed and unglazed, structural products made from shale and clay products, and slag and other substances that are not harmful or inimical to public health, and includes, but is not limited to, garbage, scrap tires, combustible and noncombustible material, street dirt, and debris. "Solid wastes" does not include any material that is an infectious waste or a hazardous waste.

(F) "Disposal" means the discharge, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking, emitting, or placing of any solid wastes or hazardous waste into or on any land or ground or surface water or into the air, except if the disposition or placement constitutes storage or treatment or, if the solid wastes consist of scrap tires, the disposition or placement constitutes a beneficial use or occurs at a scrap tire recovery facility licensed under section 3734.81 of the Revised Code. "Disposal" does not include the process of converting post-use polymers and recoverable feedstocks using gasification or pyrolysis.

(G) "Person" includes the state, any political subdivision and other state or local body, the United States and any agency or instrumentality thereof, and any legal entity defined as a person under section 1.59 of the Revised Code.

(H) "Open burning" means the burning of solid wastes in an open area or burning of solid wastes in a type of chamber or vessel that is not approved or authorized in rules adopted by the director under section 3734.02 of the Revised Code or, if the solid wastes consist of scrap tires, in rules adopted under division (V) of this section or section 3734.73 of the Revised Code, or the burning of treated or untreated infectious wastes in an open area or in a type of chamber or vessel that is not approved in rules adopted by the director under section 3734.021 of the Revised Code.

(I) "Open dumping" means the depositing of solid wastes into a body or stream of water or onto the surface of the ground at a site that is not licensed as a solid waste facility under section 3734.05 of the Revised Code or, if the solid wastes consist of scrap tires, as a scrap tire collection, storage, monocell, monofill, or recovery facility under section 3734.81 of the Revised Code; the depositing of solid wastes that consist of scrap tires onto the surface of the ground at a site or in a manner not specifically identified in divisions (C)(2) to (5), (7), or (10) of section 3734.85 of the Revised Code; the depositing of untreated infectious wastes into a body or stream of water or onto the surface of the ground; or the depositing of treated infectious wastes into a body or stream of water or onto the surface of the ground at a site that is not licensed as a solid waste facility under section 3734.05 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Hazardous waste" means any waste or combination of wastes in

solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous form that in the determination of the director, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, may do either of the following:

(1) Cause or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness;

(2) Pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or safety or to the environment when improperly stored, treated, transported, disposed of, or otherwise managed.

"Hazardous waste" includes any substance identified by regulation as hazardous waste under the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2806, 42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as amended, and does not include any substance that is subject to the "Atomic Energy Act of 1954," 68 Stat. 919, 42 U.S.C.A. 2011, as amended.

(K) "Treat" or "treatment," when used in connection with hazardous waste, means any method, technique, or process, including neutralization, designed to change the physical, chemical, or biological character or composition of any hazardous waste so as to neutralize the waste; recover energy or material resources from the waste; render the waste nonhazardous or less hazardous, safer to transport, store, or dispose of, or amenable for recovery or storage; or reduce the volume of the waste. When used in connection with infectious wastes, "treat" or "treatment" means any method, technique, or process that renders the wastes noninfectious so that it is no longer an infectious waste and is no longer an infectious substance as defined in applicable federal law, including, without limitation, steam sterilization and incineration, and, in the instance of wastes identified in division (R)(7) of this section, to substantially reduce or eliminate the potential for the wastes to cause lacerations or puncture wounds.

(L) "Manifest" means the form used for identifying the quantity, composition, origin, routing, and destination of hazardous waste during its transportation from the point of generation to the point of disposal, treatment, or storage.

(M) ~~"Storage," when (1) When~~ used in connection with hazardous waste, "storage" means the holding of hazardous waste for a temporary period in such a manner that it remains retrievable and substantially unchanged physically and chemically and, at the end of the period, is treated; disposed of; stored elsewhere; or reused, recycled, or reclaimed in a beneficial manner;

(2) When used in connection with ~~solid wastes that consist of~~ scrap tires, "storage" means the holding of scrap tires for a temporary period in such a manner that they remain retrievable and, at the end of that period, are beneficially used; stored elsewhere; placed in a scrap tire monocell or monofill facility licensed under section 3734.81 of the Revised Code; processed at a scrap tire recovery facility licensed under that section or a solid

waste incineration or energy recovery facility subject to regulation under this chapter; or transported to a scrap tire monocell, monofill, or recovery facility, any other solid waste facility authorized to dispose of scrap tires, or a facility that will beneficially use the scrap tires, that is located in another state and is operating in compliance with the laws of the state in which the facility is located;

(3) When used in connection with recoverable feedstocks or post-use polymers, "storage" means holding recoverable feedstocks or post-use polymers for a period of less than ninety days, provided all of the following apply:

(a) The recoverable feedstocks or post-use polymers remain retrievable and substantially unchanged physically and chemically;

(b) The storage of recoverable feedstocks or post-use polymers does not cause a nuisance;

(c) The storage of recoverable feedstocks or post-use polymers does not pose a threat from vectors;

(d) The storage of recoverable feedstocks or post-use polymers does not adversely impact public health, safety, or the environment;

(e) Prior to the end of the storage period of less than ninety days, the recoverable feedstocks or post-use polymers are converted using gasification or pyrolysis.

(N) "Facility" means any site, location, tract of land, installation, or building used for incineration, composting, sanitary landfilling, or other methods of disposal of solid wastes or, if the solid wastes consist of scrap tires, for the collection, storage, or processing of the solid wastes; for the transfer of solid wastes; for the treatment of infectious wastes; or for the storage, treatment, or disposal of hazardous waste.

(O) "Closure" means the time at which a hazardous waste facility will no longer accept hazardous waste for treatment, storage, or disposal, the time at which a solid waste facility will no longer accept solid wastes for transfer or disposal or, if the solid wastes consist of scrap tires, for storage or processing, or the effective date of an order revoking the permit for a hazardous waste facility or the registration certificate, permit, or license for a solid waste facility, as applicable. "Closure" includes measures performed to protect public health or safety, to prevent air or water pollution, or to make the facility suitable for other uses, if any, including, but not limited to, the removal of processing residues resulting from solid wastes that consist of scrap tires; the establishment and maintenance of a suitable cover of soil and vegetation over cells in which hazardous waste or solid wastes are buried; minimization of erosion, the infiltration of surface water into such cells, the production of leachate, and the accumulation and runoff of contaminated

surface water; the final construction of facilities for the collection and treatment of leachate and contaminated surface water runoff, except as otherwise provided in this division; the final construction of air and water quality monitoring facilities, except as otherwise provided in this division; the final construction of methane gas extraction and treatment systems; or the removal and proper disposal of hazardous waste or solid wastes from a facility when necessary to protect public health or safety or to abate or prevent air or water pollution. With regard to a solid waste facility that is a scrap tire facility, "closure" includes the final construction of facilities for the collection and treatment of leachate and contaminated surface water runoff and the final construction of air and water quality monitoring facilities only if those actions are determined to be necessary.

(P) "Premises" means either of the following:

- (1) Geographically contiguous property owned by a generator;
- (2) Noncontiguous property that is owned by a generator and connected by a right-of-way that the generator controls and to which the public does not have access. Two or more pieces of property that are geographically contiguous and divided by public or private right-of-way or rights-of-way are a single premises.

(Q) "Post-closure" means that period of time following closure during which a hazardous waste facility is required to be monitored and maintained under this chapter and rules adopted under it, including, without limitation, operation and maintenance of methane gas extraction and treatment systems, or the period of time after closure during which a scrap tire monocell or monofill facility licensed under section 3734.81 of the Revised Code is required to be monitored and maintained under this chapter and rules adopted under it.

(R) "Infectious wastes" means any wastes or combination of wastes that include cultures and stocks of infectious agents and associated biologicals, human blood and blood products, and substances that were or are likely to have been exposed to or contaminated with or are likely to transmit an infectious agent or zoonotic agent, including all of the following:

- (1) Laboratory wastes;
- (2) Pathological wastes;
- (3) Animal blood and blood products;
- (4) Animal carcasses and parts;
- (5) Waste materials from the rooms of humans, or the enclosures of animals, that have been isolated because of diagnosed communicable disease that are likely to transmit infectious agents. Such waste materials from the rooms of humans do not include any wastes of patients who have been placed on blood and body fluid precautions under the universal precaution system

established by the centers for disease control in the public health service of the United States department of health and human services, except to the extent specific wastes generated under the universal precautions system have been identified as infectious wastes by rules adopted under division (R)(7) of this section.

(6) Sharp wastes used in the treatment, diagnosis, or inoculation of human beings or animals;

(7) Any other waste materials generated in the diagnosis, treatment, or immunization of human beings or animals, in research pertaining thereto, or in the production or testing of biologicals, that the director of health, by rules adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, identifies as infectious wastes after determining that the wastes present a substantial threat to human health when improperly managed because they are contaminated with, or are likely to be contaminated with, infectious agents.

As used in this division, "blood products" does not include patient care waste such as bandages or disposable gowns that are lightly soiled with blood or other body fluids unless those wastes are soiled to the extent that the generator of the wastes determines that they should be managed as infectious wastes.

(S) "Infectious agent" means a type of microorganism, pathogen, virus, or proteinaceous infectious particle that can cause or significantly contribute to disease in or death of human beings.

(T) "Zoonotic agent" means a type of microorganism, pathogen, or virus that causes disease in vertebrate animals, is transmissible to human beings, and can cause or significantly contribute to disease in or death of human beings.

(U) "Solid waste transfer facility" means any site, location, tract of land, installation, or building that is used or intended to be used primarily for the purpose of transferring solid wastes that were generated off the premises of the facility from vehicles or containers into other vehicles for transportation to a solid waste disposal facility. "Solid waste transfer facility" does not include any facility that consists solely of portable containers that have an aggregate volume of fifty cubic yards or less nor any facility where legitimate recycling activities are conducted.

(V) "Beneficially use" includes:

(1) With regard to scrap tires, to use a scrap tire in a manner that results in a commodity for sale or exchange or in any other manner authorized as a beneficial use in rules adopted by the director in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code;

(2) With regard to material from a horizontal well that has come in contact with a refined oil-based substance and that is not technologically

enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material, to use the material in any manner authorized as a beneficial use in rules adopted by the director under section 3734.125 of the Revised Code.

(W) "Commercial car," "commercial tractor," "farm machinery," "motor bus," "vehicles," "motor vehicle," and "semitrailer" have the same meanings as in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code.

(X) "Construction equipment" means road rollers, traction engines, power shovels, power cranes, and other equipment used in construction work, or in mining or producing or processing aggregates, and not designed for or used in general highway transportation.

(Y) "Motor vehicle salvage dealer" has the same meaning as in section 4738.01 of the Revised Code.

(Z) "Scrap tire" means an unwanted or discarded tire.

(AA) "Scrap tire collection facility" means any facility that meets all of the following qualifications:

(1) The facility is used for the receipt and storage of whole scrap tires from the public prior to their transportation to a scrap tire storage, monocell, monofill, or recovery facility licensed under section 3734.81 of the Revised Code; a solid waste incineration or energy recovery facility subject to regulation under this chapter; a premises within the state where the scrap tires will be beneficially used; or a scrap tire storage, monocell, monofill, or recovery facility, any other solid waste disposal facility authorized to dispose of scrap tires, or a facility that will beneficially use the scrap tires, that is located in another state, and that is operating in compliance with the laws of the state in which the facility is located.

(2) The facility exclusively stores scrap tires in portable containers.

(3) The aggregate storage of the portable containers in which the scrap tires are stored does not exceed five thousand cubic feet.

(BB) "Scrap tire monocell facility" means an individual site within a solid waste landfill that is used exclusively for the environmentally sound storage or disposal of whole scrap tires or scrap tires that have been shredded, chipped, or otherwise mechanically processed.

(CC) "Scrap tire monofill facility" means an engineered facility used or intended to be used exclusively for the storage or disposal of scrap tires, including at least facilities for the submergence of whole scrap tires in a body of water.

(DD) "Scrap tire recovery facility" means any facility, or portion thereof, for the processing of scrap tires for the purpose of extracting or producing usable products, materials, or energy from the scrap tires through a controlled combustion process, mechanical process, or chemical process. "Scrap tire recovery facility" includes any facility that uses the controlled

combustion of scrap tires in a manufacturing process to produce process heat or steam or any facility that produces usable heat or electric power through the controlled combustion of scrap tires in combination with another fuel, but does not include any solid waste incineration or energy recovery facility that is designed, constructed, and used for the primary purpose of incinerating mixed municipal solid wastes and that burns scrap tires in conjunction with mixed municipal solid wastes, or any tire retreading business, tire manufacturing finishing center, or tire adjustment center having on the premises of the business a single, covered scrap tire storage area at which not more than four thousand scrap tires are stored.

(EE) "Scrap tire storage facility" means any facility where whole scrap tires are stored prior to their transportation to a scrap tire monocell, monofill, or recovery facility licensed under section 3734.81 of the Revised Code; a solid waste incineration or energy recovery facility subject to regulation under this chapter; a premises within the state where the scrap tires will be beneficially used; or a scrap tire storage, monocell, monofill, or recovery facility, any other solid waste disposal facility authorized to dispose of scrap tires, or a facility that will beneficially use the scrap tires, that is located in another state, and that is operating in compliance with the laws of the state in which the facility is located.

(FF) "Used oil" means any oil that has been refined from crude oil, or any synthetic oil, that has been used and, as a result of that use, is contaminated by physical or chemical impurities. "Used oil" includes only those substances identified as used oil by the United States environmental protection agency under the "Used Oil Recycling Act of 1980," 94 Stat. 2055, 42 U.S.C.A. 6901a, as amended.

(GG) "Accumulated speculatively" has the same meaning as in rules adopted by the director under section 3734.12 of the Revised Code.

(HH) "Horizontal well" has the same meaning as in section 1509.01 of the Revised Code.

(II) "Technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material" has the same meaning as in section 3748.01 of the Revised Code.

(JJ) "Post-use polymer" means a plastic polymer to which both of the following apply:

(1) It is derived from any source and is not being used for its original intended purpose.

(2) Its use or intended use is to manufacture crude oil, fuels, other raw materials, intermediate products, or final products using pyrolysis or gasification.

"Post-use polymer" may contain incidental contaminants or impurities, such as paper labels or metal rings.

(KK) "Pyrolysis" means a process through which post-use polymers are heated in the absence of oxygen until melted and thermally decomposed, and are then cooled, condensed, and converted to one of the following:

- (1) Crude oil, diesel, gasoline, home heating oil, or another fuel;
- (2) Feedstocks;
- (3) Diesel and gasoline blendstocks;
- (4) Chemicals, waxes, or lubricants;
- (5) Other raw materials, intermediate products, or final products.

(LL) "Gasification" means a process through which recoverable feedstocks are heated and converted into a fuel-gas mixture in an oxygen-deficient atmosphere, and the mixture is converted into fuel, including ethanol and transportation fuel, chemicals, or other chemical feedstocks.

(MM) "Recoverable feedstock" means one or more of the following materials, derived from nonrecycled waste, that have been processed for use as a feedstock in a gasification facility:

- (1) Post-use polymers;
- (2) Materials for which the United States environmental protection agency has made a non-waste determination under 40 C.F.R. 241.3(c) or has otherwise determined are not solid waste."

In line 82857, after "3721.13," insert "3734.01,"

In line 7 of the title, after "123.21," insert "124.132,"

In line 227, after "123.21," insert "124.132,"

After line 6565, insert:

**"Sec. 124.132.** A state employee who is a certified disaster service volunteer of the American red cross or who is a verified team rubicon volunteer may be granted leave from ~~his~~ work with pay for not to exceed thirty work days in each year to participate in specialized disaster relief services ~~for the American red cross~~, upon the request of the American red cross or of team rubicon for the services of that employee and upon the approval of that employee's appointing authority. The appointing authority shall compensate an employee granted leave under this section at ~~his~~ the employee's regular rate of pay for those regular work hours during which the employee is absent from ~~his~~ work."

In line 82817, after "123.21," insert "124.132,"

In line 182 of the title, after "5709.51," insert "5709.54,"

In line 355, after "5709.51," insert "5709.54,"

After line 70309, insert:

**"Sec. 5709.54. (A)** As used in this section:



(1) "Pre-residential development property" means a subdivided parcel of unimproved real property on which construction of one or more residential buildings is planned but has not yet commenced. The construction of streets, sidewalks, curbs, or driveways or the installation of water, sewer, or other utility lines on a subdivided parcel does not cause construction of a residential building to commence for purposes of division (A)(1) or (B) of this section.

(2) "Residential building" means a building or structure any part of which is to be used as a dwelling.

(3) "Unexempted value" means, for any subdivided parcel, one of the following:

(a) Except as provided in division (A)(3)(b) of this section, the nonagricultural taxable value of the original property for the tax year preceding the tax year the subdivided property first appears on the tax list as a subdivided parcel multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the true value in money of the subdivided parcel for the tax year the subdivided parcel first appears on the tax list and the denominator of which is the true value in money of all subdivided parcels subdivided from that original parcel for that tax year.

(b) If a subdivided parcel exempted under this section is itself subdivided, the "unexempted value" of the newly subdivided parcel equals the unexempted value, as defined in division (A)(3)(a) of this section, of the parcel from which the newly subdivided parcel was subdivided for the tax year preceding the tax year the newly subdivided parcel first appears on the tax list multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the true value in money of the newly subdivided parcel for the tax year it first appears on the tax list and the denominator of which is the true value in money for that year of all newly subdivided parcels resulting from the most recent subdivision.

(4) "Subdivided parcel" means a parcel resulting from the subdivision of original property pursuant to a plat subdividing that property presented to the county auditor under section 5713.18 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Original property" means the parcel from which a subdivided parcel is subdivided.

(6) "Qualifying owner" means the owner of pre-residential development property for any portion of a tax year ending on or after the effective date of the enactment of this section by H.B. 166 of the 133rd general assembly that includes the date a plat subdividing land including such property is presented to the county auditor under section 5713.18 of the Revised Code, or any other person to which title to the property is transferred, without consideration, by another qualifying owner.

(7) "Nonagricultural taxable value" means the taxable value of land as if such land were valued and assessed for a tax year pursuant to Section 2 of

Article XII, Ohio Constitution, and not in accordance with Section 36 of Article II, Ohio Constitution.

(B) Any increase in taxable value above the unexempted value of pre-residential development property owned by a qualifying owner is exempted from taxation beginning with the first tax year the pre-residential development property appears on the tax list after a plat subdividing land including that property is presented to the county auditor under section 5713.18 of the Revised Code and for each of the two ensuing tax years or, if later, each of the ensuing tax years until, but not including, the tax year in which a sexennial reappraisal is completed, except that the exemption shall not apply beginning with the tax year that begins after the tax year in which the earlier of the following occurs:

(1) Construction of a residential building on that property commences;

(2) Title to the property is transferred for consideration by a qualifying owner to another person.

(C) The tax commissioner shall not approve an application for an exemption authorized under this section unless the applicant for the exemption certifies that the parcel that is the subject of the exemption satisfies the requirements of division (A)(1) of this section for pre-residential development property.

(D) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize a parcel subject to the partial exemption authorized by this section to be valued and assessed for taxation in any manner other than in accordance with Section 36 of Article II or Section 2 of Article XII, Ohio Constitution, as applicable to the parcel."

In line 88746, delete "YMCA" and insert "YWCA"

In line 88750, delete "YMCA" and insert "YWCA"

Delete lines 89679 through 89685

Delete lines 90213 through 90243

In line 90294, delete "\$20,600,000 \$15,600,000" and insert "\$51,600,000 \$20,600,000"

In line 90303, add \$31,000,000 to fiscal year 2020 and \$5,000,000 to fiscal year 2021

In line 90323, add \$31,000,000 to fiscal year 2020 and \$5,000,000 to fiscal year 2021

In line 90880, after the colon insert "up to \$18,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 to support K-12 prevention education initiatives; up to \$13,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and up to \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 to support and expand statewide multimedia prevention, treatment, and stigma reduction campaigns;"

In line 94676, after "in" insert "each"

In line 94677, delete "2020" and insert "of the biennium ending June 30, 2021"

Delete lines 94680 through 94683

In line 94748, delete "and"

In line 94750, delete the period and insert "; and"

After line 94750, insert:

"(J) Up to \$31,000,000 cash to the Statewide Treatment and Prevention Fund (Fund 4750)."

In line 13 of the title, delete "307.6910,"

In line 231, delete "307.6910,"

Delete lines 10682 through 10730

In line 82821, delete "307.6910,"

In line 80 of the title, delete "4734.285, 4734.49,"

In line 83 of the title, delete "4743.04,"

In line 85 of the title, delete "4759.10,"

In line 88 of the title, delete "4761.03,"

In line 98 of the title, delete "4778.08,"

In line 137 of the title, delete "5903.04,"

In line 171 of the title, delete "4730.121, 4731.153,"; delete "4731.57,"

In line 172 of the title, delete "4743.041,"; delete "4759.064,"

In line 173 of the title, delete "4760.041,"; delete "4761.052,"; delete "4762.041,"

In line 174 of the title, delete "4774.041,"; delete "4778.051,"

In line 175 of the title, delete "4778.081,"

In line 281, delete "4734.285, 4734.49,"

In line 283, delete "4743.04,"

In line 284, delete "4759.10,"

In line 286, delete "4761.03,"

In line 293, delete "4778.08,"

In line 322, delete "5903.04,"

In line 347, delete "4730.121, 4731.153,"; delete "4731.57"; delete "4743.041,"

In line 348, delete "4759.064, 4760.041,"; delete "4761.052,"

In line 349, delete "4762.041,"; delete "4774.041,"

In line 350, delete "4778.051,"; delete "4778.081,"

Delete lines 50120 through 50154

Delete lines 51049 through 51083

In line 51859, reinsert "At"; delete "(1) Except as provided in division (E)(2) of this"

In line 51860, delete "section, at"

Delete lines 51864 through 51871

Delete lines 51927 through 51961

In line 52058, reinsert "section 4762.04"; delete "Chapter 4762."

Delete lines 52065 through 52110

Delete lines 53531 through 53666

In line 54154, reinsert "section"

In line 54155, reinsert "4759.06 of the Revised Code"; delete "this chapter"

In line 54156, reinsert "section 4759.06 of the"

In line 54157, reinsert "Revised Code"; delete "this chapter"

In line 54175, reinsert "section 4759.06 of the"

In line 54176, reinsert "Revised Code"; delete "this chapter"

Delete lines 54553 through 54668

Delete lines 54826 through 54860

Delete lines 55618 through 55788

Delete lines 55855 through 55889

In line 56152, reinsert "section 4762.04 of the Revised Code"

In line 56153, delete "this chapter"

Delete lines 56187 through 56221

Delete lines 57566 through 57600

Delete lines 58510 through 58544

In line 58617, reinsert "section 4778.05 of the Revised Code" delete "this"

In line 58618, delete "chapter"

Delete lines 58684 through 58741

Delete lines 81144 through 81161

In line 82871, delete "4734.285, 4734.49,"

In line 82873, delete "4743.04,"

In line 82875, delete "4759.10,"

In line 82877, delete "4761.03,"

In line 82884, delete "4778.08,"

In line 82912, delete "5903.04,"

In line 180 of the title, after "5167.104," insert "5167.105,"

In line 354, after "5167.104," insert "5167.105,"

After line 67206, insert:

"Sec. 5167.105. (A) This section applies to a capitation rate adjustment for medicaid managed care organizations if both of the following are the case:

(1) The adjustment would increase the capitation rate for a period of time to an amount exceeding the amount that the capitation rate otherwise would be for that period according to the contracts that have been entered into under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code and are in effect at the time the adjustment would be applied.

(2) The total cost of the adjustment to the medicaid program would exceed \$50,000,000.

(B) The department of medicaid shall not implement a capitation rate adjustment to which this section applies unless both of the following are the case:

(1) The department seeks approval for the adjustment from the joint medicaid oversight committee and the committee approves the adjustment.

(2) After receiving approval for the adjustment from the joint medicaid oversight committee, the department seeks approval for the appropriations needed for the adjustment from the controlling board and the controlling board approves the appropriations.

(C) The approval required by this section for a capitation rate adjustment is in addition to the federal approval required by section 5162.07 of the Revised Code."

In line 97533, delete "applies retrospectively to all"

Delete line 97534

In line 97535, delete everything before "is"

In line 83339, delete "\$6,000,000" and insert "\$9,000,000"

In line 44877, delete "construction and"

In line 44879, delete "construction occupation or"

In line 44882, delete "construction occupation or"

In line 44883, delete "'construction'"

In line 44884, delete "occupation" and"; delete "have" and insert "has"; delete "meanings" and insert "meaning"

In line 44890, after "(1)" delete the balance of the line

Delete lines 44891 through 44894

In line 44895, delete "(2)"

In line 44900, delete "(3)" and insert "(2)"

In line 44902, delete "construction occupation or"

In line 44904, delete "construction and"

In line 44906, delete "construction occupations and"

In line 44916, delete "after"

In line 44917, delete "the minor's employment ends,"

In line 44923, delete "construction occupation or"

In line 44927, delete "construction or"

In line 44938, delete "construction or"

In line 44955, delete "construction occupation or"

In line 44966, delete "construction occupation or"

In line 20 of the title, after "1505.09," insert "1509.28,"

In line 236, after "1505.09," insert "1509.28,"

After line 15763, insert:

**"Sec. 1509.28.** (A) The chief of the division of oil and gas resources management, upon the chief's own motion or upon application by the owners of sixty-five per cent of the land area overlying the pool, shall hold a hearing to consider the need for the operation as a unit of an entire pool or part thereof. In calculating the sixty-five per cent, an owner's entire interest in each tract in the proposed unit area, including any divided, undivided, partial, fee, or other interest in the tract, shall be included to the fullest extent of that interest. An application by owners shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of ten thousand dollars and by such information as the chief may request.

The chief shall make an order providing for the unit operation of a pool or part thereof if the chief finds that such operation is reasonably necessary to increase substantially the ultimate recovery of oil and gas, and the value of the estimated additional recovery of oil or gas exceeds the estimated additional cost incident to conducting the operation. The order shall be upon terms and conditions that are just and reasonable and shall prescribe a plan for unit operations that shall include:

- (1) A description of the unitized area, termed the unit area;
- (2) A statement of the nature of the operations contemplated;

(3) An allocation to the separately owned tracts in the unit area of all the oil and gas that is produced from the unit area and is saved, being the production that is not used in the conduct of operations on the unit area or not unavoidably lost. The allocation shall be in accord with the agreement, if any, of the interested parties. If there is no such agreement, the chief shall determine the value, from the evidence introduced at the hearing, of each separately owned tract in the unit area, exclusive of physical equipment, for development of oil and gas by unit operations, and the production allocated to each tract shall be the proportion that the value of each tract so determined bears to the value of all tracts in the unit area.

(4) A provision for the credits and charges to be made in the adjustment among the owners in the unit area for their respective investments in wells, tanks, pumps, machinery, materials, and equipment contributed to the unit operations;

(5) A provision providing how the expenses of unit operations, including capital investment, shall be determined and charged to the separately owned tracts and how the expenses shall be paid;

(6) A provision, if necessary, for carrying or otherwise financing any person who is unable to meet the person's financial obligations in connection with the unit, allowing a reasonable interest charge for such service;

(7) A provision for the supervision and conduct of the unit operations, in respect to which each person shall have a vote with a value corresponding to the percentage of the expenses of unit operations chargeable against the interest of that person;

(8) The time when the unit operations shall commence, and the manner in which, and the circumstances under which, the unit operations shall terminate;

(9) Such additional provisions as are found to be appropriate for carrying on the unit operations, and for the protection or adjustment of correlative rights.

(B) No order of the chief providing for unit operations shall become effective unless and until the plan for unit operations prescribed by the chief has been approved in writing by those owners who, under the chief's order, will be required to pay at least sixty-five per cent of the costs of the unit operation, and also by the royalty or, with respect to unleased acreage, fee owners of sixty-five per cent of the acreage to be included in the unit. If the plan for unit operations has not been so approved by owners and royalty owners at the time the order providing for unit operations is made, the chief shall upon application and notice hold such supplemental hearings as may be required to determine if and when the plan for unit operations has been so approved. If the owners and royalty owners, or either, owning the required percentage of interest in the unit area do not approve the plan for unit

operations within a period of six months from the date on which the order providing for unit operations is made, the order shall cease to be of force and shall be revoked by the chief.

An order providing for unit operations may be amended by an order made by the chief, in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as an original order providing for unit operations, provided that:

(1) If such an amendment affects only the rights and interests of the owners, the approval of the amendment by the royalty owners shall not be required.

(2) No such order of amendment shall change the percentage for allocation of oil and gas as established for any separately owned tract by the original order, except with the consent of all persons owning interest in the tract.

The chief, by an order, may provide for the unit operation of a pool or a part thereof that embraces a unit area established by a previous order of the chief. Such an order, in providing for the allocation of unit production, shall first treat the unit area previously established as a single tract, and the portion of the unit production so allocated thereto shall then be allocated among the separately owned tracts included in the previously established unit area in the same proportions as those specified in the previous order.

Oil and gas allocated to a separately owned tract shall be deemed, for all purposes, to have been actually produced from the tract, and all operations, including, but not limited to, the commencement, drilling, operation of, or production from a well upon any portion of the unit area shall be deemed for all purposes the conduct of such operations and production from any lease or contract for lands any portion of which is included in the unit area. The operations conducted pursuant to the order of the chief shall constitute a fulfillment of all the express or implied obligations of each lease or contract covering lands in the unit area to the extent that compliance with such obligations cannot be had because of the order of the chief.

Oil and gas allocated to any tract, and the proceeds from the sale thereof, shall be the property and income of the several persons to whom, or to whose credit, the same are allocated or payable under the order providing for unit operations.

No order of the chief or other contract relating to the sale or purchase of production from a separately owned tract shall be terminated by the order providing for unit operations, but shall remain in force and apply to oil and gas allocated to the tract until terminated in accordance with the provisions thereof.

Notwithstanding divisions (A) to (H) of section 1509.73 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it, the chief shall issue an order for the



unit operation of a pool or a part of a pool that encompasses a unit area for which all or a portion of the mineral rights are owned by the department of transportation.

Except to the extent that the parties affected so agree, no order providing for unit operations shall be construed to result in a transfer of all or any part of the title of any person to the oil and gas rights in any tract in the unit area. All property, whether real or personal, that may be acquired for the account of the owners within the unit area shall be the property of such owners in the proportion that the expenses of unit operations are charged."

In line 82827, after "1505.09," insert "1509.28,"

Delete lines 91915 through 91915c

In line 91921, subtract \$500,000 from fiscal year 2020 and \$750,000 from fiscal year 2021

In line 91946, subtract \$500,000 from fiscal year 2020 and \$750,000 from fiscal year 2021

In line 93085, after "**381.370.**" delete the balance of the line

Delete lines 93086 through 93091

In line 93092, delete the paragraph break

In line 67 of the title, delete "4141.01, 4141.30,"

In line 271, delete "4141.01, 4141.30,"

Delete lines 45130 through 46202

In line 82861, delete "4141.01, 4141.30,"

In line 162 of the title, delete "3727.46,"

In line 163 of the title, delete "3727.461, 3747.462,"

In line 167 of the title, delete "3902.60,"; after "3959.20," insert "3962.01, 3962.011, 3962.02, 3962.03, 3962.04, 3962.05, 3962.06, 3962.07, 3962.08, 3962.081, 3962.09, 3962.10, 3962.11, 3962.12, 3962.13, 3962.14, 3962.15,"

In line 179 of the title, after "5162.72," insert "5164.65,"

In line 195 of the title, delete "5162.80,"

In line 341, delete "3727.46, 3727.461, 3727.462,"

In line 344, delete "3902.60,"; after "3959.20," insert "3962.01, 3962.011, 3962.02, 3962.03, 3962.04, 3962.05, 3962.06, 3962.07, 3962.08, 3962.081, 3962.09, 3962.10, 3962.11, 3962.12, 3962.13, 3962.14, 3962.15,"

In line 353, after "5162.72," insert "5164.65,"

Delete lines 40998 through 41053

Delete lines 44543 through 44548

After line 44866, insert:

**"Sec. 3962.01. As used in this chapter:**

(A) "Business day" means each day of the week except Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday as defined in section 1.14 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Current procedural terminology code" or "CPT code" means the code assigned to a medical, surgical, or diagnostic product, service, or procedure that is published in the CPT code set published by the American medical association.

(C) "Emergency service" has the same meaning as in section 1753.28 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Health plan issuer" has the same meaning as in section 3922.01 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Health care provider" means an individual or facility licensed, certified, or accredited under or pursuant to Chapter 3721., 3727., 4715., 4725., 4731., 4732., 4734., 4747., 4753., 4755., 4757., or 4779. of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3962.011. (A) For purposes of this chapter, a reference to the time that an appointment for a health care product, service, or procedure is made, means, except as provided in division (B) of this section, any of the following:**

(1) The point in time that an appointment for a health care product, service, or procedure is made;

(2) The point in time that a health care provider receives a prescription or order from another provider to provide a health care product, service, or procedure to the patient;

(3) The point in time that a patient, pursuant to a prescription or order from the patient's health care provider, presents at the office or facilities of another provider to receive, on a walk-in basis, the product, service, or procedure.

(B)(1) If the point in time in which an event described in division (A) of this section occurs is before nine a.m. on a particular business day, the point in time may, instead, be considered to be nine a.m. that same business day.

(2) If the point in time in which an event described in division (A) of this section occurs is after five p.m. on a particular business day, or occurs on a day that is not a business day, the point in time shall, instead, be considered to be nine a.m. on the next business day.

**Sec. 3962.02. This chapter applies notwithstanding section 5162.80 of the Revised Code.**

**Sec. 3962.03. (A) Beginning on the effective date of this section, this**

section applies to a health care provider that is a hospital or hospital system or is owned by a hospital or hospital system. On and after March 1, 2020, this section applies to all other health care providers.

(B) Before a health care provider provides a health care product, service, or procedure to a patient, the patient or the patient's representative shall receive a reasonable, good faith cost estimate for the product, service, or procedure. This requirement does not apply when a patient seeks emergency services, a health care provider believes that a delay in care associated with fulfilling this requirement could harm the patient, or a circumstance described in section 3962.08 of the Revised Code occurs.

A health care provider may elect to provide the cost estimate as described in section 3962.04 of the Revised Code or, if the patient is insured, elect for the patient's health plan issuer to provide the cost estimate after the provider has transmitted information to the issuer in accordance with section 3962.05 of the Revised Code. The provider shall notify the patient or the patient's representative who will provide the cost estimate. The provision of a cost estimate by the provider does not preclude the issuer from also providing a cost estimate to the patient or the patient's representative.

Each health care provider or health plan issuer that provides a cost estimate shall ensure that the estimate is provided in a manner that complies with all applicable state and federal laws pertaining to the privacy of patient-identifying information.

**Sec. 3962.04.** (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, a cost estimate provided by a health care provider shall contain all of the following:

(1) The total amount the provider will charge the patient if the patient is paying out-of-pocket or the patient's health plan issuer for each health care product, service, or procedure the patient is to receive, inclusive of facility, professional, and other fees, along with a short description and the applicable CPT code for the product, service, or procedure or, if no CPT code exists, another identifier the health plan issuer requires;

(2) If the patient is insured under a health benefit plan, both of the following:

(a) A notation of whether the provider is in-network or out-of-network for the patient;

(b) The amount the health care provider expects to receive from the health plan issuer for the product, service, or procedure. The amount specified in the estimate shall be the amount the health plan issuer has agreed to reimburse the provider for the product, service, or procedure under a contract with the provider or the applicable government pay scale, if any.

(3) The difference, if any, that the patient or other party responsible

for the patient's care would be required to pay to the provider for the product, service, or procedure;

(4) If the patient is not insured under a health benefit plan, the total amount the provider will charge the patient if the patient is paying out-of-pocket for each product, service, or procedure the patient is to receive, inclusive of facility, professional, and other fees, along with a short description and the applicable CPT code for the product, service, or procedure or, if no CPT code exists, another identifier that a health plan issuer would normally require.

(B)(1) If a patient is to receive a health care product, service, or procedure in a hospital, the hospital is responsible for providing one comprehensive cost estimate to the patient or the patient's representative within the applicable time frame specified in division (D) of this section. The comprehensive cost estimate shall contain both of the following:

(a) All information specified in division (A) of this section associated with products, services, or procedures to be provided by the hospital or its employees;

(b) All information specified in division (A) of this section associated with products, services, or procedures to be provided by health care providers who are independent contractors of the hospital.

(2) A health care provider who is an independent contractor of a hospital shall submit to the hospital all CPT codes or other identifiers the hospital needs to fulfill its responsibility under division (B)(1)(b) of this section.

(C) A cost estimate required by this section shall be based on information provided at the time the appointment is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, for the health care product, service, or procedure. In addition, the estimate need not take into account any information that subsequently arises, such as unknown, unanticipated, or subsequently needed health care products, services, or procedures provided for any reason after the initial appointment. Only one estimate is required per visit.

If specific information, such as the health care provider who will be providing the health care product, service, or procedure, is not readily available at the time the appointment is made, the provider may base the cost estimate information specified in division (A)(1) of section 3962.04 of the Revised Code on either an average estimated charge for the product, service, or procedure that is submitted to the patient's health plan issuer or the average out-of-pocket price for the product, service, or procedure paid by patients who are uninsured.

(D)(1) Except as provided in division (D)(2) or (3) of this section, the

cost estimate required by this section shall be provided not later than twenty-four hours after the time the appointment for the health care product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, or, if the product, service, or procedure is to be provided less than twenty-four hours after the appointment for the product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, at the time the patient presents to receive the product, service, or procedure.

(2) If the health care product, service, or procedure is to be provided by one or more independent contractors of the provider, the cost estimate shall be provided not later than thirty-six hours after the time the appointment for the product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, or, if the product, service, or procedure is to be provided less than thirty-six hours after the appointment for the product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, at the time the patient presents to receive the product, service, or procedure.

(3) A provider may elect to send the cost estimate to the patient or the patient's representative by regular mail if the health care product, service, or procedure will be provided more than three days from the time the estimate is generated. If this election is made, the provider shall mail the cost estimate not later than the following, as applicable:

(a) If the provider would otherwise be required to comply with division (D)(1) of this section, twenty-four hours after the time the appointment for the health care product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code;

(b) If the provider would otherwise be required to comply with division (D)(2) of this section, thirty-six hours after the time the appointment for the health care product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) If the patient is insured, a health care provider shall, not later than twenty-four hours after an appointment is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, transmit to the patient's health plan issuer the patient's name; the patient's identification number, if one has been assigned; the CPT code or other identifier the issuer requires for each health care product, service, or procedure the patient is to receive; the provider's identification number; the provider's charge for each product, service, or procedure the patient has scheduled that will be delivered by a provider who is not in-network for the patient's health benefit plan; notification that the provider is providing the cost estimate to the patient or the patient's representative; and any other information the issuer requires from the provider.

(2) If the provider is to provide a product, service, or procedure pursuant to a prescription or order from another provider, the provider who

received the prescription or order shall transmit the information specified in division (E)(1) of this section to the patient's health plan issuer not later than twenty-four hours after receiving the prescription or order or, if received when the provider's office or facility is closed, twenty-four hours after the office or facility reopens.

(3) Not later than five minutes after receiving information pursuant to division (E)(1) or (2) of this section, the health plan issuer shall give to the health care provider all information the provider needs to generate a cost estimate.

If a health plan issuer does not provide the information necessary to generate the estimate, the health care provider shall notify the patient. The provider may note in the portion of the estimate pertaining to the information required by divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this section that health plan issuer information was not provided as required by law. In this case, the provider may specify only the information required by division (A)(1) of this section and, at the provider's discretion, the information required by division (A)(2) of this section. If the information necessary to complete the estimate is subsequently received and an updated estimate can be provided within the time limit established by division (D) of this section, the health care provider shall provide the updated estimate.

(F) The cost estimate required by this section shall contain a disclaimer that the information is only an estimate based on facts available at the time it was prepared and that the amounts estimated could change as a result of unknown, unanticipated, or subsequently needed health care products, services, or procedures; changes to the patient's health benefit plan; or other changes. The provider has discretion in how the disclaimer is expressed.

(G) If the amount estimated under division (A)(3) or (4) of this section changes by more than ten per cent before the patient initially presents for the health care product, service, or procedure, the health care provider shall supply to the patient an updated estimate within the time limit established by division (B) or (D) of this section, as applicable.

(H) The cost estimate required by this section may be provided verbally or in electronic or written form and shall be easy to understand. If the estimate is provided in electronic or written form, all of the following apply:

(1) It shall be provided in large font.

(2) Unless the estimate contains more than nine CPT codes or other identifiers, it shall be limited to one page.

(3) The subject line of the communication containing the estimate shall state "Your Ohio Healthcare Price Transparency Estimate."

(I) A patient may decline to receive a cost estimate under this section.

(J) Nothing in this section prohibits a health care provider or health plan issuer from collecting payment from a patient for an administered health care product, service, or procedure regardless of whether the patient does or does not receive a cost estimate under this section before the product, service, or procedure is received.

Sec. 3962.05. (A)(1) If a health care provider elects for a patient's health plan issuer to provide a cost estimate in lieu of the provider, the provider shall notify the issuer of this election through the issuer's portal described in section 1751.72, 3923.041, or 5160.34 of the Revised Code or, beginning January 1, 2020, the connector portal established under section 3962.09 of the Revised Code. In addition, the provider shall, except as provided in division (B) of this section, also transmit to the health plan issuer through the appropriate portal all of the following:

(a) The patient's name;

(b) The patient's identification number, if one has been assigned;

(c) The CPT code or other identifier the health plan issuer requires for each health care product, service, or procedure the patient is to receive;

(d) The provider's identification number;

(e) The charge for each product, service, or procedure the patient has scheduled that will be delivered by a provider who is out-of-network for the patient's health benefit plan;

(f) Any other information the health plan issuer requires from the provider.

The portal also shall be able to transmit a copy of this information directly to the patient to whom the information pertains.

Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, the transmission shall occur not later than twenty-four hours after the time the appointment for the health care product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the health care product, service, or procedure is to be provided by one or more independent contractors of the provider, the transmission shall occur not later than thirty-six hours after the time the appointment for the product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code.

A health plan issuer shall modify its portal as necessary to accommodate the information transmission.

(B) If a health care provider attests to the department of insurance that it is unable to transmit information through a health plan issuer's portal or through the connector portal, the provider may transmit the information by facsimile or telephone call to the department of insurance. The department

shall enter the information on the provider's behalf in the relevant portal. Under these circumstances, the provider may compile patient information and transmit it to the department in a batch once every business day.

Sec. 3962.06. (A) Under the circumstances described in division (A) (1) of section 3962.05 of the Revised Code, a health plan issuer shall provide a cost estimate to the patient or the patient's representative containing the information specified in divisions (A)(1) to (3) of section 3962.04 of the Revised Code, as well as the average rate the health plan issuer reimburses in-network providers for the same health care product, service, or procedure.

(B) A health plan issuer shall ask the patient or the patient's representative whether the patient would prefer to receive cost estimates by electronic mail or other electronic means or by regular mail. The issuer shall send cost estimates by the means elected.

If the means elected is by electronic mail or other electronic means, the estimate shall be sent automatically, but not later than five minutes after the health plan issuer has received the necessary information from the health care provider. If the means elected is by regular mail, the estimate shall be mailed not later than forty-eight hours after the issuer has received the necessary information from the health care provider if the health care product, service, or procedure will be provided more than three days from the time the estimate is generated. For purposes of calculating the forty-eight hours, hours on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday shall be excluded.

If no election is made, the estimate shall be sent as follows:

(1) If the health care product, service, or procedure will be provided more than three days from the time the estimate is generated, by regular mail;

(2) If the health care product, service, or procedure will be provided less than three days from the time the estimate is generated and the electronic mail address of the patient or patient's representative is on file with the issuer, by electronic mail.

A health plan issuer shall be held harmless if the electronic mail address of the patient or the patient's representative on file with the issuer is incorrect, invalid, or no longer used.

(C)(1) The cost estimate required by this section shall be based on information provided at the time an appointment is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code. In addition, the estimate need not take into account any information that subsequently arises, such as unknown, unanticipated, or subsequently needed health care products, services, or procedures provided for any reason after the initial appointment. Only one estimate is required per visit.

(2) If specific information, such as the provider who will be providing the health care product, service, or procedure, is not readily available at the



time the appointment is made, the health care provider may transmit that a provider is unknown and the health plan issuer may base the estimate on an average estimated charge submitted to the health plan issuer for the product, service, or procedure at that facility or location.

(3) If a health care provider does not transmit to the health plan issuer the information necessary to generate the cost estimate, the issuer shall send to the patient or the patient's representative, by the same means used to send estimates, a notice that the provider failed to transmit the necessary information as required by law and, consequently, a cost estimate could not be generated. This action shall be taken in the event a provider gives the issuer any indication that receipt of a health care product, service, or procedure is scheduled, such as through precertification.

(D) The estimate required by this section shall contain both of the following:

(1) A disclaimer that the information is only an estimate based on facts available at the time it was prepared and that the amounts estimated could change as a result of other factors; unknown, unanticipated, or subsequently needed health care products, services, or procedures; or changes to the patient's health benefit plan. The health plan issuer has discretion in how the disclaimer is expressed.

(2) If applicable, a notation that a specific health care provider is out-of-network for the enrollee.

(E) The cost estimate required by this section shall be provided in large font, be easy to understand, and, unless the estimate contains more than nine CPT codes or other identifiers, be limited to one page. The subject line of the communication containing the estimate shall state "Your Ohio Healthcare Price Transparency Estimate."

(F) If the amount in a cost estimate required by this section changes by more than ten per cent before the patient presents for the health care product, service, or procedure, the health plan issuer shall supply to the patient an updated estimate by the means the patient or the patient's representative has elected under division (B) of this section and within the time frames specified in that division.

(G) A patient may decline to receive a cost estimate under this section.

(H) A patient is responsible for payment for an administered health care product, service, or procedure even if the patient does not receive a cost estimate under this section before the product, service, or procedure is received.

**Sec. 3962.07.** (A) Regardless of whether a cost estimate is provided to a patient by a health care provider under section 3962.04 of the Revised Code or by a health plan issuer under section 3962.06 of the Revised Code, a

provider shall give the patient or the patient's representative the CPT code or other identifier the patient's health plan issuer requires for each health care product, service, or procedure the patient is to receive along with the charge information specified in division (A)(1) of section 3962.04 of the Revised Code associated with each code or other identifier. The provider has the following options for fulfilling this requirement:

(1) The provider may send this information to the patient or the patient's representative through electronic means.

(2) The provider may send this information to the patient or patient's representative by regular mail if the health care product, service, or procedure will be provided more than three days from the time the appointment for the product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code.

(3) The provider may provide to the patient or the patient's representative a web site address where that individual may enter each code or identifier and retrieve the charge information. If this option is elected and the provider transmits the codes or identifiers to the patient's health plan issuer through a portal as described in section 3962.05 of the Revised Code, the provider may have the portal generate an automatic electronic mail message to the individual with instructions on how to retrieve charge information through the web site.

(4) If the product, service, or procedure is to be provided less than three days from the time the appointment for the product, service, or procedure was made, the provider may give the information to the patient or the patient's representative at the time the patient presents for the product, service, or procedure to be received.

Regardless of the manner in which the provider has elected to fulfill this requirement, the provider shall fulfill the requirement in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws pertaining to the privacy of patient-identifying information.

The CPT codes or other identifiers and charge information shall, except as provided in division (B) of this section, be given to the patient or the patient's representative not later than twenty-four hours after the time the appointment for the health care product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, or, if the product, service, or procedure is to be provided less than twenty-four hours after the appointment for the product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, at the time the patient presents to receive the product, service, or procedure.

(B) If the health care product, service, or procedure is to be provided by one or more independent contractors of the provider, the CPT codes or other identifiers and charge information shall be given to the patient or the

patient's representative not later than thirty-six hours after the time the appointment for the product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, or, if the product, service, or procedure is to be provided less than thirty-six hours after the appointment for the product, service, or procedure is made, as specified in section 3962.011 of the Revised Code, at the time the patient presents to receive the product, service, or procedure.

**Sec. 3962.08.** (A) As used in this section, "office visit" means the family of CPT codes for "Evaluation and Management, Office Visits Established" (codes 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, and 99215) used for office or other outpatient visits for an established patient and the family of CPT codes for services similar to the foregoing, including vision services.

(B) The requirement of section 3962.03 of the Revised Code does not apply in any of the following circumstances:

(1) When the only service a health care provider will provide is an office visit;

(2) When the patient was scheduled for only an office visit but during the visit it is determined that the patient needs a product, service, or procedure to be provided during that single visit;

(3) When the patient seeks care without an appointment and without a prescription or order from another provider.

(C) In the event a patient schedules or presents for health care products, services, or procedures in addition to an office visit but the health care provider is unable to estimate the level of office visit to be provided, or in the circumstances described in division (B)(3) of this section, the provider may enter a general designation for an unknown level of office visit. The estimate provided through the health care provider or health plan issuer under section 3962.03 of the Revised Code shall list the general designation and price range for all levels of office visits.

**Sec. 3962.081.** In the event that a health care provider believes that a delay in care associated with fulfilling the cost estimate requirement of section 3962.03 of the Revised Code could harm the patient, the provider shall inform the patient or the patient's representative of this fact and provide the health care product, service, or procedure to the patient. After the product, service, or procedure is provided, the provider shall submit to the department of insurance a report, in the form and manner prescribed by the department, detailing why the provider believed that a delay in care could harm the patient. Annually, the department shall analyze the reports and prepare a summary of its findings. Each summary shall be submitted to the governor and, in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, the general assembly.

**Sec. 3962.09.** Not later than January 1, 2020, the department of insurance shall create or procure a connector portal that health care providers may use to transmit the information specified in section 3962.05 of the Revised Code to health plan issuers. The department shall ensure that the computer systems and software used in operating the connector portal are compatible with the computer systems and software manufactured by various vendors and used by health care providers and health plan issuers. In doing so, the department shall engage in active efforts to share with those vendors any information necessary to operate the connector portal in a manner that accomplishes both of the following, while also ensuring that the portal maintains the privacy of patient-identifying information in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws:

(A) Grants health care providers a means by which they may instantly transmit information and populate data fields that health plan issuers need to generate cost estimates under section 3962.06 of the Revised Code;

(B) Grants health plan issuers a means by which they may retrieve information directly from the connector portal in a seamless manner.

**Sec. 3962.10.** A health care provider or health plan issuer that provides a cost estimate under this chapter is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an act or omission associated with providing the estimate if the health care provider or health plan issuer made a good faith effort to collect the information necessary to generate the estimate and a good faith effort to provide the estimate to the patient or the patient's representative.

**Sec. 3962.11.** (A) If, after completing an examination, the superintendent of insurance, department of health, department of medicaid, or appropriate regulatory board, as applicable, finds that a health plan issuer or health care provider has committed a series of violations that, taken together, constitute a consistent pattern or practice of violating the requirements of this chapter to provide cost estimates to patients or their representatives, the superintendent, department, or board may impose on the issuer or provider any of the administrative remedies specified in division (B) of this section.

Before imposing an administrative remedy, the superintendent, department, or board shall give written notice to the health plan issuer or health care provider informing that party of the reasons for the finding, the administrative remedy that is proposed, and the opportunity to submit a written request for an administrative hearing regarding the finding and proposed remedy. If a hearing is requested, the superintendent, department, or board shall conduct the hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code not later than fifteen days after receipt of the request.

(B) In imposing administrative remedies under this section, the superintendent, department, or appropriate regulatory board may do either or

both of the following:

(1) Levy a monetary penalty in an amount determined in accordance with division (C) of this section;

(2) Order the health plan issuer or health care provider to cease and desist from engaging in the violations.

(C)(1) A finding by the superintendent, department, or appropriate regulatory board that a health plan issuer or health care provider has committed a series of violations that, taken together, constitutes a consistent pattern or practice of violating the requirements of this chapter to provide cost estimates to patients or their representatives, shall constitute a single offense for purposes of levying a fine as described in division (B)(1) of this section.

(2) For a first offense, the superintendent or department may levy a fine of not more than one hundred thousand dollars; the appropriate regulatory board may levy a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars.

For a second offense, the superintendent or department may levy a fine of not more than one hundred fifty thousand dollars; the appropriate regulatory board may levy a fine of not more than fifteen thousand dollars.

For a third or subsequent offense, the superintendent or department may levy a fine of not more than three hundred thousand dollars; the appropriate regulatory board may levy a fine of not more than thirty thousand dollars.

(3) In determining the amount of a fine to be levied within the limits specified in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent, department, or appropriate regulatory board shall consider the following factors:

(a) The extent and frequency of the violations;

(b) Whether the violations were due to circumstances beyond the control of the health plan issuer or health care provider;

(c) Any remedial actions taken by the health plan issuer or health care provider;

(d) The actual or potential harm to others resulting from the violations;

(e) If the health plan issuer or health care provider knowingly and willingly committed the violations;

(f) The financial condition of the health plan issuer or health care provider;

(g) Any other factors the superintendent, department, or appropriate board considers appropriate.

(D) The amounts collected from levying fines under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund.

**Sec. 3962.12.** A contract clause that does any of the following is invalid and unenforceable:

(A) Prohibits a health care provider or health plan issuer from providing a patient with information that facilitates the patient's ability to choose a health care provider based on quality or cost, including providing a patient with cost and quality information for alternative providers when the patient demonstrates an intention to see a particular provider;

(B) Prohibits a health plan issuer from excluding any particular health care provider from a list or other resource that ranks providers based on quality or cost and is intended to help patients make decisions regarding their care;

(C) Restricts patient access to quality or cost information provided by a health care provider or health plan issuer.

**Sec. 3962.13.** (A) All of the following may adopt any rules necessary to carry out this chapter:

(1) The superintendent of insurance;

(2) The director of health;

(3) The medicaid director;

(4) Any other relevant department, agency, board, or other entity that regulates, licenses, or certifies a health care provider or health plan issuer.

(B) Any rules adopted under this section shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3962.14.** Any member of the general assembly may intervene in litigation that challenges sections 3962.01 to 3962.13 or section 5164.65 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3962.15.** It is the general assembly's intent in enacting sections 3962.01 to 3962.14 of the Revised Code to provide patients with the information they need to make informed choices regarding their health care, to maximize health care cost savings for all residents of this state, and to reduce the burden of health care expenditures on government entities, including medicaid."

After line 66433, insert:

**"Sec. 5164.65.** The medicaid program shall comply with Chapter 3962. of the Revised Code as if it were a health plan issuer. This requirement extends to medicaid managed care organizations."

In line 82924, delete "5162.80,"

After line 96582, insert:

**"Section 751.** \_\_\_\_\_.CHALLENGES TO HEALTH CARE COST ESTIMATE STATUTE

Any member of the General Assembly may intervene in litigation that challenges section 5162.80 of the Revised Code."

In line 199 of the title, after the semicolon insert "to amend sections 133.18, 306.32, 306.322, 345.01, 345.03, 345.04, 505.37, 505.48, 505.481, 511.27, 511.28, 511.34, 513.18, 755.181, 1545.041, 1545.21, 1711.30, 3311.50, 3318.01, 3318.06, 3318.061, 3318.062, 3318.063, 3318.361, 3318.45, 3381.03, 3505.06, 4582.024, 4582.26, 5705.01, 5705.03, 5705.192, 5705.195, 5705.196, 5705.197, 5705.199, 5705.21, 5705.212, 5705.213, 5705.215, 5705.218, 5705.219, 5705.233, 5705.25, 5705.251, 5705.261, 5705.55, 5748.01, 5748.02, 5748.03, 5748.04, 5748.08, and 5748.09 of the Revised Code;"

After line 82929, insert:

**"Section 130.** \_\_\_\_\_. That sections 133.18, 306.32, 306.322, 345.01, 345.03, 345.04, 505.37, 505.48, 505.481, 511.27, 511.28, 511.34, 513.18, 755.181, 1545.041, 1545.21, 1711.30, 3311.50, 3318.01, 3318.06, 3318.061, 3318.062, 3318.063, 3318.361, 3318.45, 3381.03, 3505.06, 4582.024, 4582.26, 5705.01, 5705.03, 5705.192, 5705.195, 5705.196, 5705.197, 5705.199, 5705.21, 5705.212, 5705.213, 5705.215, 5705.218, 5705.219, 5705.233, 5705.25, 5705.251, 5705.261, 5705.55, 5748.01, 5748.02, 5748.03, 5748.04, 5748.08, and 5748.09 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 133.18.** (A) The taxing authority of a subdivision may by legislation submit to the electors of the subdivision the question of issuing any general obligation bonds, for one purpose, that the subdivision has power or authority to issue.

(B) When the taxing authority of a subdivision desires or is required by law to submit the question of a bond issue to the electors, it shall pass legislation that does all of the following:

- (1) Declares the necessity and purpose of the bond issue;
- (2) States the date of the authorized election at which the question shall be submitted to the electors;
- (3) States the amount, approximate date, estimated net average rate of interest, and maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid;
- (4) Declares the necessity of levying a tax outside the tax limitation to pay the debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities.

The estimated net average interest rate shall be determined by the taxing authority based on, among other factors, then existing market conditions, and may reflect adjustments for any anticipated direct payments expected to be received by the taxing authority from the government of the United States relating to the bonds and the effect of any federal tax credits

anticipated to be available to owners of all or a portion of the bonds. The estimated net average rate of interest, and any statutory or charter limit on interest rates that may then be in effect and that is subsequently amended, shall not be a limitation on the actual interest rate or rates on the securities when issued.

(C)(1) The taxing authority shall certify a copy of the legislation passed under division (B) of this section to the county auditor. The county auditor shall promptly calculate and advise and, not later than ninety days before the election, confirm that advice by certification to, the taxing authority the estimated average annual property tax levy, expressed in ~~cents or dollars and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~tax valuation~~ fair market value and in mills for each one dollar of ~~tax valuation~~ taxable value, that the county auditor estimates to be required throughout the stated maturity of the bonds to pay the debt charges on the bonds. The auditor shall additionally calculate and certify the amount the levy is estimated to collect for each tax year it is levied, rounded to the nearest dollar. In calculating the estimated average annual property tax levy and the levy's estimated annual collections for this purpose, the county auditor shall assume that the bonds are issued in one series bearing interest and maturing in substantially equal principal amounts in each year over the maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid as stated in that legislation, and that the amount of the tax valuation of the subdivision for the current year remains the same throughout the maturity of the bonds, except as otherwise provided in division (C)(2) of this section. If the tax valuation for the current year is not determined, the county auditor shall base the calculation on the estimated amount of the tax valuation submitted by the county auditor to the county budget commission. If the subdivision is located in more than one county, the county auditor shall obtain the assistance of the county auditors of the other counties, and those county auditors shall provide assistance, in establishing the tax valuation of the subdivision for purposes of certifying the estimated average annual property tax levy and the levy's estimated annual collections.

(2) When considering the tangible personal property component of the tax valuation of the subdivision, the county auditor shall take into account the assessment percentages prescribed in section 5711.22 of the Revised Code. The tax commissioner may issue rules, orders, or instructions directing how the assessment percentages must be utilized.

(D) After receiving the county auditor's advice under division (C) of this section, the taxing authority by legislation may determine to proceed with submitting the question of the issue of securities, and shall, not later than the ninetieth day before the day of the election, file the following with the board of elections:

(1) Copies of the legislation provided for in divisions (B) and (D) of



this section;

(2) The amount of the estimated average annual property tax levy, expressed in ~~cents or dollars and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~tax valuation~~ fair market value and in mills for each one dollar of ~~tax valuation~~ taxable value, as estimated and certified to the taxing authority by the county auditor;

(3) The amount the levy is estimated to collect for each tax year it is levied, as certified to the taxing authority by the county auditor.

(E)(1) The board of elections shall prepare the ballots and make other necessary arrangements for the submission of the question to the electors of the subdivision. If the subdivision is located in more than one county, the board shall inform the boards of elections of the other counties of the filings with it, and those other boards shall if appropriate make the other necessary arrangements for the election in their counties. The election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided in Title XXXV of the Revised Code.

(2) The election shall be held at the regular places for voting in the subdivision. If the electors of only a part of a precinct are qualified to vote at the election the board of elections may assign the electors in that part to an adjoining precinct, including an adjoining precinct in another county if the board of elections of the other county consents to and approves the assignment. Each elector so assigned shall be notified of that fact prior to the election by notice mailed by the board of elections, in such manner as it determines, prior to the election.

(3) The board of elections shall publish a notice of the election once in a newspaper of general circulation in the subdivision, no later than ten days prior to the election. The notice shall state all of the following:

- (a) The principal amount of the proposed bond issue;
- (b) The stated purpose for which the bonds are to be issued;
- (c) The maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid;

(d) The estimated annual collections of the property tax;

(e) The estimated additional average annual property tax levy, expressed in ~~cents or dollars and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~tax valuation~~ fair market value and in mills for each one dollar of ~~tax valuation~~ taxable value, to be levied outside the tax limitation, as estimated and certified to the taxing authority by the county auditor;

~~(e)-(f)~~ (f) The first calendar year in which the tax is expected to be due.

(F)(1) The form of the ballot to be used at the election shall be substantially either of the following, as applicable:

~~(a)(1)~~ "Shall bonds be issued by the ..... (name of subdivision) for the purpose of ..... (purpose of the bond issue) in the principal amount of \$..... (principal amount of the bond issue), to be repaid annually over a maximum period of ..... (the maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid) years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ..... (as applicable, "ten-mill" or "...charter tax") limitation, estimated by the county auditor to collect \$..... annually and to average over the repayment period of the bond issue ..... (~~number of mills~~) mills for each ~~one dollar \$1~~ of tax valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (~~rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "36 cents" or "\$1.41"~~) for each ~~one hundred dollars \$100,000~~ of tax valuation fair market value, commencing in ..... (first year the tax will be levied), first due in calendar year ..... (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due), to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

	For the bond issue
	Against the bond issue

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~~(b)(2)~~ In the case of an election held pursuant to legislation adopted under section 3375.43 or 3375.431 of the Revised Code:

"Shall bonds be issued for ..... (name of library) for the purpose of ..... (purpose of the bond issue), in the principal amount of \$..... (amount of the bond issue) by ..... (the name of the subdivision that is to issue the bonds and levy the tax) as the issuer of the bonds, to be repaid annually over a maximum period of ..... (the maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid) years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to collect \$..... annually and to average over the repayment period of the bond issue ..... (~~number of mills~~) mills for each ~~one dollar \$1~~ of tax valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (~~rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "36 cents" or "\$1.41"~~) for each ~~one hundred dollars \$100,000~~ of tax valuation fair market value, commencing in ..... (first year the tax will be levied), first due in calendar year ..... (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due), to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

	For the bond issue
	Against the bond issue

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~~(2) The purpose for which the bonds are to be issued shall be printed in the space indicated, in boldface type.~~

(G) The board of elections shall promptly certify the results of the election to the tax commissioner, the county auditor of each county in which any part of the subdivision is located, and the fiscal officer of the subdivision. The election, including the proceedings for and result of the election, is incontestable other than in a contest filed under section 3515.09 of the Revised Code in which the plaintiff prevails.

(H) If a majority of the electors voting upon the question vote for it, the taxing authority of the subdivision may proceed under sections 133.21 to 133.33 of the Revised Code with the issuance of the securities and with the levy and collection of a property tax outside the tax limitation during the period the securities are outstanding sufficient in amount to pay the debt charges on the securities, including debt charges on any anticipatory securities required to be paid from that tax. If legislation passed under section 133.22 or 133.23 of the Revised Code authorizing those securities is filed with the county auditor on or before the last day of November, the amount of the voted property tax levy required to pay debt charges or estimated debt charges on the securities payable in the following year shall if requested by the taxing authority be included in the taxes levied for collection in the following year under section 319.30 of the Revised Code.

(I)(1) If, before any securities authorized at an election under this section are issued, the net indebtedness of the subdivision exceeds that applicable to that subdivision or those securities, then and so long as that is the case none of the securities may be issued.

(2) No securities authorized at an election under this section may be initially issued after the first day of the sixth January following the election, but this period of limitation shall not run for any time during which any part of the permanent improvement for which the securities have been authorized, or the issuing or validity of any part of the securities issued or to be issued, or the related proceedings, is involved or questioned before a court or a commission or other tribunal, administrative agency, or board.

(3) Securities representing a portion of the amount authorized at an election that are issued within the applicable limitation on net indebtedness are valid and in no manner affected by the fact that the balance of the securities authorized cannot be issued by reason of the net indebtedness limitation or lapse of time.

(4) Nothing in this division (I) shall be interpreted or applied to prevent the issuance of securities in an amount to fund or refund anticipatory

securities lawfully issued.

(5) The limitations of divisions (I)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply to any securities authorized at an election under this section if at least ten per cent of the principal amount of the securities, including anticipatory securities, authorized has theretofore been issued, or if the securities are to be issued for the purpose of participating in any federally or state-assisted program.

(6) The certificate of the fiscal officer of the subdivision is conclusive proof of the facts referred to in this division.

(J) As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 306.32.** Any county, or any two or more counties, municipal corporations, or townships, or any combination of these, may create a regional transit authority by the adoption of a resolution or ordinance by the board of county commissioners of each county, the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, and the board of township trustees of each township which is to create or to join in the creation of the regional transit authority. The resolution or ordinance shall state:

(A) The necessity for the creation of a regional transit authority;

(B) The counties, municipal corporations, or townships which are to create or to join in the creation of the regional transit authority;

(C) The official name by which the regional transit authority shall be known;

(D) The place in which the principal office of the regional transit authority will be located or the manner in which it may be selected;

(E) The number, term, and compensation, or method for establishing compensation, of the members of the board of trustees of the regional transit authority. Compensation shall not exceed fifty dollars for each board and committee meeting attended by a member, except that if compensation is provided annually it shall not exceed six thousand dollars for the president of the board or four thousand eight hundred dollars for each other board member.

(F) The manner in which vacancies on the board of trustees of the regional transit authority shall be filled;

(G) The manner and to what extent the expenses of the regional transit authority shall be apportioned among the counties, municipal corporations, and townships creating it;

(H) The purposes, including the kinds of transit facilities, for which the regional transit authority is organized.

The regional transit authority provided for in the resolution or

ordinance shall be deemed to be created upon the adoption of the resolution or ordinance by the board of county commissioners of each county, the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, and the board of township trustees of each township enumerated in the resolution or ordinance.

The resolution or ordinance creating a regional transit authority may be amended to include additional counties, municipal corporations, or townships or for any other purpose, by the adoption of the amendment by the board of county commissioners of each county, the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, and the board of township trustees of each township which has created or joined or proposes to join the regional transit authority.

After each county, municipal corporation, and township which has created or joined or proposes to join the regional transit authority has adopted its resolution or ordinance approving inclusion of additional counties, municipal corporations, or townships in the regional transit authority, a copy of each resolution or ordinance shall be filed with the clerk of the board of the county commissioners of each county, the clerk of the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, and the fiscal officer of the board of trustees of each township proposed to be included in the regional transit authority. The inclusion is effective when all such filing has been completed, unless the regional transit authority to which territory is to be added has authority to levy an ad valorem tax on property, or a sales tax, within its territorial boundaries, in which event the inclusion shall become effective on the sixtieth day after the last such filing is accomplished, unless, prior to the expiration of the sixty-day period, qualified electors residing in the area proposed to be added to the regional transit authority, equal in number to at least ten per cent of the qualified electors from the area who voted for governor at the last gubernatorial election, file a petition of referendum against the inclusion. Any petition of referendum filed under this section shall be filed at the office of the secretary of the board of trustees of the regional transit authority. The person presenting the petition shall be given a receipt containing on it the time of the day, the date, and the purpose of the petition. The secretary of the board of trustees of the regional transit authority shall cause the appropriate board or boards of elections to check the sufficiency of signatures on any petition of referendum filed under this section and, if found to be sufficient, shall present the petition to the board of trustees at a meeting of said board which occurs not later than thirty days following the filing of said petition. Upon presentation to the board of trustees of a petition of referendum against the proposed inclusion, the board of trustees shall promptly certify the proposal to the board or boards of elections for the purpose of having the proposal placed on the ballot at the next general or primary election which occurs not less than ninety days after the date of the meeting of said board, or at a special election, the date of which shall be specified in the certification, which date shall be

not less than ninety days after the date of such meeting of the board. Signatures on a petition of referendum may be withdrawn up to and including the meeting of the board of trustees certifying the proposal to the appropriate board or boards of elections. If territory of more than one county, municipal corporation, or township is to be added to the regional transit authority, the electors of the territories of the counties, municipal corporations, or townships which are to be added shall vote as a district, and the majority affirmative vote shall be determined by the vote cast in the district as a whole. ~~Upon~~

If the proposal would extend the levy of an existing property tax to the territory to be added to the regional transit authority, the board of trustees of the regional transit board shall request from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections, assuming that the additional territory has been added to the regional transit authority, in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

Upon certification of a proposal to the appropriate board or boards of elections pursuant to this section, the board or boards of election shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of the question to the electors of the territory to be added to the regional transit authority qualified to vote on the question, and the election shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of tax levies under section 5705.191 of the Revised Code, except that the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall the territory within the ..... (Name or names of political subdivisions to be joined) be added to ..... (Name) regional transit authority?" and shall a(n) ..... (here insert type of tax or taxes) at a rate ~~of taxation~~ not to exceed ..... (here insert maximum tax rate or rates) be levied for all transit purposes?"

If the tax is a tax on property, the ballot shall express the levy's estimated annual collections and the rate shall be expressed numerically in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and numerically in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, as that term is defined in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

If the question is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on the question, the joinder is immediately effective, and the regional transit authority may extend the levy of the tax against all the taxable property within the territory which has been added. If the question is approved at a general election or at a special election occurring prior to the general election but after the fifteenth day of July, the regional transit authority may amend its budget and resolution adopted pursuant to section 5705.34 of the Revised Code, and the levy shall be placed on the current tax list and duplicate and collected as other taxes are collected from all taxable property within the territorial boundaries of the regional transit authority, including the territory within each

political subdivision added as a result of the election.

The territorial boundaries of a regional transit authority shall be coextensive with the territorial boundaries of the counties, municipal corporations, and townships included within the regional transit authority, provided that the same area may be included in more than one regional transit authority so long as the regional transit authorities are not organized for purposes as provided for in the resolutions or ordinances creating the same, and any amendments to them, relating to the same kinds of transit facilities; and provided further, that if a regional transit authority includes only a portion of an entire county, a regional transit authority for the same purposes may be created in the remaining portion of the same county by resolution of the board of county commissioners acting alone or in conjunction with municipal corporations and townships as provided in this section.

No regional transit authority shall be organized after January 1, 1975, to include any area already included in a regional transit authority, except that any regional transit authority organized after June 29, 1974, and having territorial boundaries entirely within a single county shall, upon adoption by the board of county commissioners of the county of a resolution creating a regional transit authority including within its territorial jurisdiction the existing regional transit authority and for purposes including the purposes for which the existing regional transit authority was created, be dissolved and its territory included in such new regional transit authority. Any resolution creating such a new regional transit authority shall make adequate provision for satisfaction of the obligations of the dissolved regional transit authority.

**Sec. 306.322.** (A) For any regional transit authority that levies a property tax and that includes in its membership political subdivisions that are located in a county having a population of at least four hundred thousand according to the most recent federal census, the procedures of this section apply until November 5, 2013, and are in addition to and an alternative to those established in sections 306.32 and 306.321 of the Revised Code for joining to the regional transit authority additional counties, municipal corporations, or townships.

(B) Any municipal corporation or township may adopt a resolution or ordinance proposing to join a regional transit authority described in division (A) of this section. In its resolution or ordinance, the political subdivision may propose joining the regional transit authority for a limited period of three years or without a time limit.

(C) The political subdivision proposing to join the regional transit authority shall submit a copy of its resolution or ordinance to the legislative authority of each municipal corporation and the board of trustees of each township comprising the regional transit authority. Within thirty days of receiving the resolution or ordinance for inclusion in the regional transit

authority, the legislative authority of each municipal corporation and the board of trustees of each township shall consider the question of whether to include the additional subdivision in the regional transit authority, shall adopt a resolution or ordinance approving or rejecting the inclusion of the additional subdivision, and shall present its resolution or ordinance to the board of trustees of the regional transit authority.

(D) If a majority of the political subdivisions comprising the regional transit authority approve the inclusion of the additional political subdivision, the board of trustees of the regional transit authority, not later than the tenth day following the day on which the last ordinance or resolution is presented, shall notify the subdivision proposing to join the regional transit authority that it may certify the proposal to the board of elections for the purpose of having the proposal placed on the ballot at the next general election or at a special election conducted on the day of the next primary election that occurs not less than ninety days after the resolution or ordinance is certified to the board of elections.

If the board proposes to extend the levy of an existing property tax to the territory to be added to the regional transit authority, the board shall request from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections, assuming that the additional territory has been added to the regional transit authority, in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

(E) Upon certification of a proposal to the board of elections pursuant to this section, the board of elections shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of the question to the electors of the territory to be included in the regional transit authority qualified to vote on the question, and the election shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections for the election of officers of the subdivision proposing to join the regional transit authority, except that, if the resolution proposed the inclusion without a time limitation the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall the territory within the ..... (Name or names of political subdivisions to be joined) be added to ..... (Name) regional transit authority?" and shall a(n) ..... (here insert type of tax or taxes) at a rate ~~of taxation~~ not to exceed ..... (here insert maximum tax rate or rates) be levied for all transit purposes?"

If the resolution proposed the inclusion with a three-year time limitation, the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall the territory within the ..... (Name or names of political subdivisions to be joined) be added to ..... (Name) regional transit authority?" for three years and shall a(n) ..... (here insert



type of tax or taxes) at a rate of ~~taxation~~ not to exceed ..... (here insert maximum tax rate or rates) be levied for all transit purposes for three years?"

In either case, if the tax is a tax on property, the ballot shall express the levy's estimated annual collections and the rate shall be expressed numerically in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and numerically in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, as that term is defined in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

(F) If the question is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on the question, the addition of the new territory is effective six months from the date of the certification of its passage, and the regional transit authority may extend the levy of the tax against all the taxable property within the territory that was added. If the question is approved at a general election or at a special election occurring prior to the general election but after the fifteenth day of July, the regional transit authority may amend its budget and resolution adopted pursuant to section 5705.34 of the Revised Code, and the levy shall be placed on the current tax list and duplicate and collected as other taxes are collected from all taxable property within the territorial boundaries of the regional transit authority, including the territory within the political subdivision added as a result of the election. If the budget of the regional transit authority is amended pursuant to this paragraph, the county auditor shall prepare and deliver an amended certificate of estimated resources to reflect the change in anticipated revenues of the regional transit authority.

(G) If the question is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on the question, the board of trustees of the regional transit authority immediately shall amend the resolution or ordinance creating the regional transit authority to include the additional political subdivision.

(H) If the question approved by a majority of the electors voting on the question added the subdivision for three years, the territory of the additional municipal corporation or township in the regional transit authority shall be removed from the territory of the regional transit authority three years after the date the territory was added, as determined in the effective date of the election, and shall no longer be a part of that authority without any further action by either the political subdivisions that were included in the authority prior to submitting the question to the electors or of the political subdivision added to the authority as a result of the election. The regional transit authority reduced to its territory as it existed prior to the inclusion of the additional municipal corporation or township shall be entitled to levy and collect any property taxes that it was authorized to levy and collect prior to the enlargement of its territory and for which authorization has not expired, as if the enlargement had not occurred.

**Sec. 345.01.** ~~The~~ (A) As used in this chapter, "fair market value" has

the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) The taxing authority of any municipal corporation, township, or county, at any time not less than one hundred days prior to a general election in any year, by a vote of two-thirds of all members of the taxing authority, may, and upon presentation to the clerk or fiscal officer, as the case may be, of the taxing authority of a petition signed by not less than two per cent of the electors of the political subdivision, as shown at the preceding general election held in the subdivision, shall, declare by resolution that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the subdivision, and that it is necessary to levy taxes in excess of the limitation for either or both of the following purposes:

(A)(1) For purchasing a site, and for erecting, equipping, and furnishing, or for establishing a memorial to commemorate the services of all members and veterans of the armed forces of the United States;

(B)(2) For the operation and maintenance of a memorial, and for the functions related to it.

The resolution shall be confined to the purposes set forth in this section, and shall specify the amount of increase in rate which it is necessary to levy, expressed both in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, the purpose of the rate increase, and the number of years during which the increase shall be in effect. The increase may include a levy upon the tax duplicate of the current year. The number of years shall be any number not exceeding ten. The question of an increase in tax rate under divisions (A)(B)(1) and (B)(2) of this section may be submitted to the electors on one ballot.

The total tax for the purposes included in this section shall not, in any year, exceed one mill of each dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value.

The resolution shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of the resolution, other than that provided for in the notice of election, shall be necessary.

**Sec. 345.03.** A copy of any resolution adopted under section 345.01 of the Revised Code shall be certified within five days by the taxing authority and not later than four ~~p. m.~~ p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the election, to the county board of elections, and such board shall submit the proposal to the electors of the subdivision at the succeeding general election. The board shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of such question to the electors of the subdivision, and the election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in like manner as regular elections in such subdivision.

Notice of the election shall be published once in a newspaper of

general circulation in the subdivision, not less than two weeks prior to such election. The notice shall set out the purpose of the proposed increase in rate, the levy's estimated annual collections, the amount of the increase expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value as well as in mills for each one dollar of ~~property valuation~~ taxable value, the number of years during which such increase will be in effect, and the time and place of holding such election.

**Sec. 345.04.** The form of the ballot cast at a general election, as provided by sections 345.01 to 345.03 of the Revised Code, shall be: "An additional tax for the benefit of (name of subdivision) for the purpose of (state purpose stated in the resolution), that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding ..... mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to (~~rate expressed in dollars and cents~~) \$..... for each one hundred dollars ~~\$100,000 of valuation~~ fair market value, for (the number of years the levy is to run).

	For the Tax Levy	"
	Against the Tax Levy	

If the tax is to be placed on the current tax list, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after the statement of the number of years the levy is to run, the phrase ", commencing in ..... (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year ..... (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)."

The question covered by the resolution shall be submitted to the electors as a separate proposition, but it may be printed on the same ballot with any other proposition submitted at the same election other than the election of officers. More than one such question may be submitted at the same election.

**Sec. 505.37.** (A) The board of township trustees may establish all necessary rules to guard against the occurrence of fires and to protect the property and lives of the citizens against damage and accidents, and may, with the approval of the specifications by the prosecuting attorney or, if the township has adopted limited home rule government under Chapter 504. of the Revised Code, with the approval of the specifications by the township's law director, purchase, lease, lease with an option to purchase, or otherwise provide any fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment, appliances, materials, fire hydrants, and water supply for fire-fighting and fire and rescue purposes that seems advisable to the board. The board shall provide for the care and

maintenance of such fire equipment, and, for these purposes, may purchase, lease, lease with an option to purchase, or construct and maintain necessary buildings, and it may establish and maintain lines of fire-alarm communications within the limits of the township. The board may employ one or more persons to maintain and operate such fire equipment, or it may enter into an agreement with a volunteer fire company for the use and operation of the equipment. The board may compensate the members of a volunteer fire company on any basis and in any amount that it considers equitable.

When the estimated cost to purchase fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment, appliances, materials, fire hydrants, buildings, or fire-alarm communications equipment or services exceeds fifty thousand dollars, the contract shall be let by competitive bidding. When competitive bidding is required, the board shall advertise once a week for not less than two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the township. The board may also cause notice to be inserted in trade papers or other publications designated by it or to be distributed by electronic means, including posting the notice on the board's internet web site. If the board posts the notice on its web site, it may eliminate the second notice otherwise required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the township, provided that the first notice published in such newspaper meets all of the following requirements:

- (1) It is published at least two weeks before the opening of bids.
- (2) It includes a statement that the notice is posted on the board's internet web site.
- (3) It includes the internet address of the board's internet web site.
- (4) It includes instructions describing how the notice may be accessed on the board's internet web site.

The advertisement shall include the time, date, and place where the clerk of the township, or the clerk's designee, will read bids publicly. The time, date, and place of bid openings may be extended to a later date by the board of township trustees, provided that written or oral notice of the change shall be given to all persons who have received or requested specifications not later than ninety-six hours prior to the original time and date fixed for the opening. The board may reject all the bids or accept the lowest and best bid, provided that the successful bidder meets the requirements of section 153.54 of the Revised Code when the contract is for the construction, demolition, alteration, repair, or reconstruction of an improvement.

(B) The boards of township trustees of any two or more townships, or the legislative authorities of any two or more political subdivisions, or any combination of these, may, through joint action, unite in the joint purchase, lease, lease with an option to purchase, maintenance, use, and operation of

fire equipment described in division (A) of this section, or for any other purpose designated in sections 505.37 to 505.42 of the Revised Code, and may prorate the expense of the joint action on any terms that are mutually agreed upon.

(C) The board of township trustees of any township may, by resolution, whenever it is expedient and necessary to guard against the occurrence of fires or to protect the property and lives of the citizens against damages resulting from their occurrence, create a fire district of any portions of the township that it considers necessary. The board may purchase, lease, lease with an option to purchase, or otherwise provide any fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment, appliances, materials, fire hydrants, and water supply for fire-fighting and fire and rescue purposes, or may contract for the fire protection for the fire district as provided in section 9.60 of the Revised Code. The fire district so created shall be given a separate name by which it shall be known.

Additional unincorporated territory of the township may be added to a fire district upon the board's adoption of a resolution authorizing the addition. A municipal corporation that is within or adjoining the township may be added to a fire district upon the board's adoption of a resolution authorizing the addition and the municipal legislative authority's adoption of a resolution or ordinance requesting the addition of the municipal corporation to the fire district.

If the township fire district imposes a tax, additional unincorporated territory of the township or a municipal corporation that is within or adjoining the township shall become part of the fire district only after all of the following have occurred:

(1) Adoption by the board of township trustees of a resolution approving the expansion of the territorial limits of the district and, if the resolution proposes to add a municipal corporation, adoption by the municipal legislative authority of a resolution or ordinance requesting the addition of the municipal corporation to the district;

(2) Adoption by the board of township trustees of a resolution recommending the extension of the tax to the additional territory;

(3) The board requests and obtains from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, assuming that the additional territory has been added to the fire district. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

(4) Approval of the tax by the electors of the territory proposed for addition to the district.

Each resolution of the board adopted under division (C)(2) of this

section shall state the name of the fire district, a description of the territory to be added, and the rate, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, and termination date of the tax, which shall be the rate and termination date of the tax currently in effect in the fire district.

The board of trustees shall certify each resolution adopted under division (C)(2) of this section and the county auditor's certification to the board of elections in accordance with section 5705.19 of the Revised Code. The election required under division (C)~~(3)~~(4) of this section shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of tax levies under section 5705.25 of the Revised Code, except that the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall the territory within ..... (description of the proposed territory to be added) be added to ..... (name) fire district, and a property tax, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate of ~~taxation~~ not exceeding ..... ~~(here insert tax rate)~~ mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, be in effect for ..... (here insert the number of years the tax is to be in effect or "a continuing period of time," as applicable)?"

If the question is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on it, the joinder shall be effective as of the first day of July of the year following approval, and on that date, the township fire district tax shall be extended to the taxable property within the territory that has been added. If the territory that has been added is a municipal corporation and if it had adopted a tax levy for fire purposes, the levy is terminated on the effective date of the joinder.

Any municipal corporation may withdraw from a township fire district created under division (C) of this section by the adoption by the municipal legislative authority of a resolution or ordinance ordering withdrawal. On the first day of July of the year following the adoption of the resolution or ordinance of withdrawal, the municipal corporation withdrawing ceases to be a part of the district, and the power of the fire district to levy a tax upon taxable property in the withdrawing municipal corporation terminates, except that the fire district shall continue to levy and collect taxes for the payment of indebtedness within the territory of the fire district as it was composed at the time the indebtedness was incurred.

Upon the withdrawal of any municipal corporation from a township fire district created under division (C) of this section, the county auditor shall ascertain, apportion, and order a division of the funds on hand, moneys and taxes in the process of collection except for taxes levied for the payment of indebtedness, credits, and real and personal property, either in money or in kind, on the basis of the valuation of the respective tax duplicates of the

withdrawing municipal corporation and the remaining territory of the fire district.

A board of township trustees may remove unincorporated territory of the township from the fire district upon the adoption of a resolution authorizing the removal. On the first day of July of the year following the adoption of the resolution, the unincorporated township territory described in the resolution ceases to be a part of the district, and the power of the fire district to levy a tax upon taxable property in that territory terminates, except that the fire district shall continue to levy and collect taxes for the payment of indebtedness within the territory of the fire district as it was composed at the time the indebtedness was incurred.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

(D) The board of township trustees of any township, the board of fire district trustees of a fire district created under section 505.371 of the Revised Code, or the legislative authority of any municipal corporation may purchase, lease, or lease with an option to purchase the necessary fire equipment described in division (A) of this section, buildings, and sites for the township, fire district, or municipal corporation and issue securities for that purpose with maximum maturities as provided in section 133.20 of the Revised Code. The board of township trustees, board of fire district trustees, or legislative authority may also construct any buildings necessary to house fire equipment and issue securities for that purpose with maximum maturities as provided in section 133.20 of the Revised Code.

The board of township trustees, board of fire district trustees, or legislative authority may issue the securities of the township, fire district, or municipal corporation, signed by the board or designated officer of the municipal corporation and attested by the signature of the township fiscal officer, fire district clerk, or municipal clerk, covering any deferred payments and payable at the times provided, which securities shall bear interest not to exceed the rate determined as provided in section 9.95 of the Revised Code, and shall not be subject to Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. The legislation authorizing the issuance of the securities shall provide for levying and collecting annually by taxation, amounts sufficient to pay the interest on and principal of the securities. The securities shall be offered for sale on the open market or given to the vendor or contractor if no sale is made.

Section 505.40 of the Revised Code does not apply to any securities issued, or any lease with an option to purchase entered into, in accordance with this division.

(E) A board of township trustees of any township or a board of fire district trustees of a fire district created under section 505.371 of the Revised Code may purchase a policy or policies of liability insurance for the officers,

employees, and appointees of the fire department, fire district, or joint fire district governed by the board that includes personal injury liability coverage as to the civil liability of those officers, employees, and appointees for false arrest, detention, or imprisonment, malicious prosecution, libel, slander, defamation or other violation of the right of privacy, wrongful entry or eviction, or other invasion of the right of private occupancy, arising out of the performance of their duties.

When a board of township trustees cannot, by deed of gift or by purchase and upon terms it considers reasonable, procure land for a township fire station that is needed in order to respond in reasonable time to a fire or medical emergency, the board may appropriate land for that purpose under sections 163.01 to 163.22 of the Revised Code. If it is necessary to acquire additional adjacent land for enlarging or improving the fire station, the board may purchase, appropriate, or accept a deed of gift for the land for these purposes.

(F) As used in this division, "emergency medical service organization" has the same meaning as in section 4766.01 of the Revised Code.

A board of township trustees, by adoption of an appropriate resolution, may choose to have the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services license any emergency medical service organization it operates. If the board adopts such a resolution, Chapter 4766. of the Revised Code, except for sections 4766.06 and 4766.99 of the Revised Code, applies to the organization. All rules adopted under the applicable sections of that chapter also apply to the organization. A board of township trustees, by adoption of an appropriate resolution, may remove its emergency medical service organization from the jurisdiction of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services.

**Sec. 505.48.** (A) The board of township trustees of any township may, by resolution adopted by two-thirds of the members of the board, create a township police district comprised of all or a portion of the unincorporated territory of the township as the resolution may specify. If the township police district does not include all of the unincorporated territory of the township, the resolution creating the district shall contain a complete and accurate description of the territory of the district and a separate and distinct name for the district.

At any time not less than one hundred twenty days after a township police district is created and operative, the territorial limits of the district may be altered in the manner provided in division (B) of this section or, if applicable, as provided in section 505.482 of the Revised Code.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in section 505.481 of the Revised Code, the territorial limits of a township police district may be altered by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote of the board of township trustees. If



the township police district imposes a tax, any territory proposed for addition to the district shall become part of the district only after all of the following have occurred:

(1) Adoption by two-thirds vote of the board of township trustees of a resolution approving the expansion of the territorial limits of the district;

(2) Adoption by a two-thirds vote of the board of township trustees of a resolution recommending the extension of the tax to the additional territory;

(3) The board requests and obtains from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections, assuming that the additional territory has been added to the township police district, in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

(4) Approval of the tax by the electors of the territory proposed for addition to the district.

Each resolution of the board adopted under division (B)(2) of this section shall state the name of the township police district, a description of the territory to be added, and the rate, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, and termination date of the tax, which shall be the rate and termination date of the tax currently in effect in the district.

The board of trustees shall certify each resolution adopted under division (B)(2) of this section and the county auditor's certification to the board of elections in accordance with section 5705.19 of the Revised Code. The election required under division (B)(~~3~~)-(4) of this section shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of tax levies under section 5705.25 of the Revised Code, except that the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall the territory within ..... (description of the proposed territory to be added) be added to ..... (name) township police district, and a property tax, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate of taxation not exceeding ..... (here insert tax rate) mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, be in effect for ..... (here insert the number of years the tax is to be in effect or "a continuing period of time," as applicable)?"

If the question is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on it, the joinder shall be effective as of the first day of January of the year following approval, and, on that date, the township police district tax shall be extended to the taxable property within the territory that has been added.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 505.481.** (A) If a township police district does not include all the unincorporated territory of the township, the remaining unincorporated territory of the township may be added to the district by a resolution adopted by a unanimous vote of the board of township trustees to place the issue of expansion of the district on the ballot for the electors of the entire unincorporated territory of the township. The resolution shall state whether the proposed township police district initially will hire personnel as provided in section 505.49 of the Revised Code or contract for the provision of police protection services or additional police protection services as provided in section 505.43 or 505.50 of the Revised Code. If the board proposes to levy a tax throughout all of the unincorporated territory of the township, the board shall request and obtain from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections, assuming that the unincorporated territory has been added to the township police district, in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

The ballot measure shall provide for the addition into a new district of all the unincorporated territory of the township not already included in the township police district and for the levy of any tax then imposed by the district throughout the unincorporated territory of the township. The measure shall state the rate of the tax, if any, to be imposed in the district resulting from approval of the measure, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, which need not be the same rate of any tax imposed by the existing district, ~~and~~ the last year in which the tax will be levied or that it will be levied for a continuous period of time, and the county auditor's estimate of the levy's annual collections.

(B) The election on the measure shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of tax levies under section 5705.25 of the Revised Code, except that the question appearing on the ballot shall read substantially as follows:

"Shall the unincorporated territory within ..... (name of the township) not already included within the ..... (name of township police district) be added to the township police district to create the ..... (name of new township police district) township police district?"

The name of the proposed township police district shall be separate and distinct from the name of the existing township police district.

If a tax is imposed in the existing township police district, the question shall be modified by adding, at the end of the question, the following: ", and shall a property tax be levied in the new township police district, replacing the tax in the existing township police district, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding ..... mills per dollar for

each \$1 of taxable valuation value, which amounts to \$..... (rate expressed in dollars and cents per one thousand dollars in taxable valuation) for each \$100,000 of fair market value, for ..... (number of years the tax will be levied, or "a continuing period of time")."

If the measure is not approved by a majority of the electors voting on it, the township police district shall continue to occupy its existing territory until altered as provided in this section or section 505.48 of the Revised Code, and any existing tax imposed under section 505.51 of the Revised Code shall remain in effect in the existing district at the existing rate and for as long as provided in the resolution under the authority of which the tax is levied.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 511.27.** (A) To defray the expenses of the township park district and for purchasing, appropriating, operating, maintaining, and improving lands for parks or recreational purposes, the board of park commissioners may levy a sufficient tax within the ten-mill limitation, not to exceed one mill on each dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value on all real and personal property within the township, and on all real and personal property within any municipal corporation that is within the township, that was within the township at the time that the park district was established, or the boundaries of which are coterminous with or include the township. The levy shall be over and above all other taxes and limitations on such property authorized by law.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this section, the board of park commissioners, not less than ninety days before the day of the election, may declare by resolution that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the district and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation for the use of the district. The resolution shall specify the purpose for which the taxes shall be used, the annual rate proposed, and the number of consecutive years the levy will be in effect. Upon the adoption of the resolution, the question of levying the taxes shall be submitted to the electors of the township and the electors of any municipal corporation that is within the township, that was within the township at the time that the park district was established, or the boundaries of which are coterminous with or include the township, at a special election to be held on whichever of the following occurs first:

- (1) The day of the next ensuing general election;
- (2) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of any calendar year, except that, if a presidential primary election is held in that calendar year, then the day of that election.

The rate submitted to the electors at any one election shall not exceed two mills annually upon each dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value. If a majority

of the electors voting upon the question of the levy vote in favor of the levy, the tax shall be levied on all real and personal property within the township and on all real and personal property within any municipal corporation that is within the township, that was within the township at the time that the park district was established, or the boundaries of which are coterminous with or include the township, and the levy shall be over and above all other taxes and limitations on such property authorized by law.

(C) In any township park district that contains only unincorporated territory, if the township board of park commissioners is appointed by the board of township trustees, before a tax can be levied and certified to the county auditor pursuant to section 5705.34 of the Revised Code or before a resolution for a tax levy can be certified to the board of elections pursuant to section 511.28 of the Revised Code, the board of park commissioners shall receive approval for its levy request from the board of township trustees. The board of park commissioners shall adopt a resolution requesting the board of township trustees to approve the levy request, stating the annual rate of the proposed levy and the reason for the levy request. On receiving this request, the board of township trustees shall vote on whether to approve the request and, if a majority votes to approve it, shall issue a resolution approving the levy at the requested rate.

**Sec. 511.28.** A copy of any resolution for a tax levy adopted by the township board of park commissioners as provided in section 511.27 of the Revised Code shall be certified by the clerk of the board of park commissioners to the board of elections of the proper county, together with a certified copy of the resolution approving the levy, passed by the board of township trustees if such a resolution is required by division (C) of section 511.27 of the Revised Code, not less than ninety days before a general or primary election in any year. The board of elections shall submit the proposal to the electors as provided in section 511.27 of the Revised Code at the succeeding general or primary election. A resolution to renew an existing levy may not be placed on the ballot unless the question is submitted at the general election held during the last year the tax to be renewed may be extended on the real and public utility property tax list and duplicate, or at any election held in the ensuing year. The board of park commissioners shall cause notice that the vote will be taken to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the election in a newspaper of general circulation, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, in the county within which the park district is located. Additionally, if the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post that notice on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice shall state the purpose of the proposed levy, the levy's estimated annual collections, the annual rate proposed expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value as well as in mills for each one dollar of

~~valuation taxable value~~, the number of consecutive years during which the levy shall be in effect, and the time and place of the election.

The form of the ballots cast at the election shall be: "An additional tax for the benefit of (name of township park district) ..... for the purpose of (purpose stated in the order of the board) ....., that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding ..... mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to ~~(rate expressed in dollars and cents)~~ \$..... for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, for (number of years the levy is to run) .....

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	"

If the levy submitted is a proposal to renew, increase, or decrease an existing levy, the form of the ballot specified in this section ~~may~~ shall be changed by substituting for the words "An additional" at the beginning of the form, the words "A renewal of a" in the case of a proposal to renew an existing levy in the same amount; the words "A renewal of ..... mills and an increase of ..... mills for each \$1 of taxable value to constitute a" in the case of an increase; or the words "A renewal of part of an existing levy, being a reduction of ..... mills for each \$1 of taxable value, to constitute a" in the case of a decrease in the rate of the existing levy.

If the tax is to be placed on the current tax list, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after the statement of the number of years the levy is to run, the phrase ", commencing in ..... (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year ..... (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)."

The question covered by the order shall be submitted as a separate proposition, but may be printed on the same ballot with any other proposition submitted at the same election, other than the election of officers. More than one such question may be submitted at the same election.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 511.34.** In townships composed of islands, and on one of which islands lands have been conveyed in trust for the benefit of the inhabitants of the island for use as a park, and a board of park trustees has been provided for the control of the park, the board of township trustees may create a tax district of the island to raise funds by taxation as provided under divisions (A) and (B) of this section.

(A) For the care and maintenance of parks on the island, the board of township trustees annually may levy a tax, not to exceed one mill for each one dollar of taxable value, upon all the taxable property in the district. The tax shall be in addition to all other levies authorized by law, and subject to no limitation on tax rates except as provided in this division.

The proceeds of the tax levy shall be expended by the board of township trustees for the purpose of the care and maintenance of the parks, and shall be paid out of the township treasury upon the orders of the board of park trustees.

(B) For the purpose of acquiring additional land for use as a park, the board of township trustees may levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation on all taxable property in the district. The tax shall be proposed by resolution adopted by two-thirds of the members of the board of township trustees. The resolution shall specify the purpose and rate of the tax and the number of years the tax will be levied, which shall not exceed five years, and which may include a levy on the current tax list and duplicate. The resolution shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of the resolution is necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election. The board of township trustees shall certify a copy of the resolution to the proper board of elections not later than ninety days before the primary or general election in the township, and the board of elections shall submit the question of the tax to the voters of the district at the succeeding primary or general election. The board of elections shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of the question to the electors of the district, and the election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in the township for the election of officers. Notice of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the township once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, notice of the election also shall be posted on that web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice shall state the purpose of the tax, the levy's estimated annual collections, the proposed rate of the tax expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand ~~dollars of valuation~~ fair market value and mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, the number of years the tax will be in effect, the first year the tax will be levied, and the time and place of the election.

The form of the ballots cast at an election held under this division shall be as follows:

"An additional tax for the benefit of ..... (name of the township) for the purpose of acquiring additional park land, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$.... annually, at a rate of ..... mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... ~~(rate expressed in dollars and cents)~~ for each one hundred dollars \$100,000 of valuation fair

market value, for ..... (number of years the levy is to run) beginning in ..... (first year the tax will be levied).

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	"
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

The question shall be submitted as a separate proposition but may be printed on the same ballot with any other proposition submitted at the same election other than the election of officers. More than one such question may be submitted at the same election.

If the levy is approved by a majority of electors voting on the question, the board of elections shall certify the result of the election to the tax commissioner. In the first year of the levy, the tax shall be extended on the tax lists after the February settlement following the election. If the tax is to be placed on the tax lists of the current year as specified in the resolution, the board of elections shall certify the result of the election immediately after the canvass to the board of township trustees, which shall forthwith make the necessary levy and certify the levy to the county auditor, who shall extend the levy on the tax lists for collection. After the first year of the levy, the levy shall be included in the annual tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 513.18.** In the event any township, contiguous to a joint township hospital district, desires to become a part of such district in existence under sections 513.07 to 513.18 of the Revised Code, its board of township trustees, by a two-thirds favorable vote of the members of such board, after the existing joint township hospital board has, by a majority favorable vote of the members thereof, approved the terms under which such township proposes to join the district, shall become a part of the joint township district hospital board under such terms and with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities enjoyed by and extended to the existing members of the hospital board under such sections, including representation on the board of hospital governors by the appointment of an elector of such township as a member thereof. ~~¶~~

If the terms under which such township proposes to join the hospital district involve a tax levy for the purpose of sharing the existing obligations, including bonded indebtedness, of the district or the necessary operating expenses of such hospital, such township shall not become a part of the district until its electors have approved such levy as provided in this section.

In such a case, the board of township trustees shall request from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, assuming that the township has been added to the hospital district. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

Upon request of the board of township trustees of the township proposing to join such district, by resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of its members, the board of elections of the county in which the township lies shall place upon the ballot for submission to the electorate of such township at the next primary or general election occurring not less than ninety nor more than one hundred thirty-five days after such request is received from the board of township trustees the question of levying a tax, not to exceed one mill outside the ten-mill limitation, for a period of not to exceed five years, to provide funds for the payment of the township's share of the necessary expenses incurred in the operation of such hospital, or the question of levying a tax to pay the township's share of the existing obligations, including bonded indebtedness, of the district, or both questions may be submitted at the same primary or general election. ~~If~~The question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall ..... (name of township) be added to the ..... (name of joint township hospital district), and property tax be levied for the purpose of ..... (purpose of tax), that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding ..... mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, to be in effect for ..... (number of years the tax is to be in effect)?"

If a majority of the electors voting on the propositions vote in favor thereof, the county auditor shall place such levies on the tax duplicate against the property in the township, which township shall thereby become a part of said joint township hospital district.

**Sec. 755.181.** The legislative authority of any municipal corporation, township, township park district, county, or school district desiring to join a joint recreation district created under section 755.14 of the Revised Code may, by resolution, petition the joint recreation district board of trustees for membership. If the joint recreation district does not impose a tax, the petitioning subdivision becomes a member upon approval by the joint recreation district's board of trustees. If the joint recreation district imposes a tax, the petitioning subdivision becomes a member after approval by the joint recreation district's board of trustees and after approval of the tax by the electors of the petitioning subdivision. In such a case, the joint recreation district's board of trustees shall request from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, assuming that the subdivision's territory has been added to the joint recreation district. The auditor shall



certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

Upon certification by the board of trustees of the joint recreation district to the appropriate boards of election, the boards of election shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of the question to the electors of the petitioning subdivision qualified to vote thereon. The election shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of tax levies under section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, except that the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall the territory within ..... (Name of the subdivision to be added) be added to ..... (Name) joint recreation district, and a property tax, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate of taxation not exceeding ..... (here insert tax rate) mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, be in effect for ..... (here insert the number of years the tax is to be in effect)?" ~~H~~

If the question is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on it, the joinder shall be effective as of the first day of January of the year following approval, and on that date, the joint recreation district tax shall be extended to the taxable property within the territory that has been added.

The legislative authority of any subdivision that is a member of a joint recreation district may withdraw from it upon certification of a resolution proclaiming a withdrawal to the joint recreation district's board of trustees. Any subdivision withdrawing from a joint recreation district shall continue to have levied against its tax duplicate any tax levied by the district on the effective date of the withdrawal until it expires or is renewed. Members of a joint recreation district's board of trustees who represent the withdrawing subdivision are deemed to have resigned their position upon certification of a withdrawal resolution. Upon the withdrawal of any subdivision from a joint recreation district, the county auditor shall ascertain, apportion, and order a division of the funds on hand, moneys and taxes in the process of collection, except for taxes levied for the payment of indebtedness, credits, and real and personal property, either in money or in kind, on the basis of the valuation of the respective tax duplicates of the withdrawing subdivision and the remaining territory of the joint recreation district.

When the number of subdivisions comprising a joint recreation district is reduced to one, the joint recreation district ceases to exist, and the funds, credits, and property remaining after apportionments to withdrawing subdivisions shall be assumed by the one remaining subdivision. When a joint recreation district ceases to exist and indebtedness remains unpaid, the board of county commissioners shall continue to levy and collect taxes for the payment of that indebtedness within the territory of the joint recreation

district as it was comprised at the time the indebtedness was incurred.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 1545.041.** (A) Any township park district created pursuant to section 511.18 of the Revised Code that includes park land located outside the township in which the park district was established may be converted under the procedures provided in this section into a park district to be operated and maintained as provided for in this chapter, provided that there is no existing park district created under section 1545.04 of the Revised Code in the county in which the township park district is located. The proposed park district shall include within its boundary all townships and municipal corporations in which lands owned by the township park district seeking conversion are located, and may include any other townships and municipal corporations in the county in which the township park district is located.

(B) Conversion of a township park district into a park district operated and maintained under this chapter shall be initiated by a resolution adopted by the board of park commissioners of the park district. Any resolution initiating a conversion shall include the following:

- (1) The name of the township park district seeking conversion;
- (2) The name of the proposed park district;
- (3) An accurate description of the territory to be included in the proposed district;

(4) An accurate map or plat of the proposed park district. The resolution may also include a proposed tax levy for the operation and maintenance of the proposed park district. If such a tax levy is proposed, the resolution shall specify the annual rate of the tax, expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred ~~thousand~~ dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value and in mills for each dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, and ~~shall specify~~ the number of consecutive years the levy will be in effect. The annual rate of such a tax may not be higher than the total combined millage of all levies then in effect for the benefit of the township park district named in the resolution.

(C) Upon adoption of the resolution provided for in division (B) of this section, the board of park commissioners of the township park district seeking conversion under this section shall certify the resolution to the county auditor, who shall certify to the board within ten days after receiving that resolution an estimate of the proposed levy's annual collections within the territory of the proposed park district in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code.

The board shall certify the resolution and the county auditor's certification to the board of elections of the county in which the park district is located no later than four p.m. of the seventy-fifth day before the day of the

election at which the question will be voted upon. Upon certification of the resolution to the board, the board of elections shall make the necessary arrangements to submit the question of conversion of the township park into a park district operated and maintained under Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code, to the electors qualified to vote at the next primary or general election who reside in the territory of the proposed park district. The question shall provide for a tax levy if such a levy is specified in the resolution.

(D) The ballot submitted to the electors as provided in division (C) of this section shall contain the following language:

"Shall the ..... (name of the township park district seeking conversion) be converted into a park district to be operated and maintained under Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code under the name of ..... (name of proposed park district), which park district shall include the following townships and municipal corporations:

(Name townships and municipal corporations)

Approval of the proposed conversion will result in the termination of all existing tax levies voted for the benefit of ..... (name of the township park district sought to be converted) and in the levy of a new tax for the operation and maintenance of ..... (name of proposed park district), that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding ..... (number of mills)-mills for each one dollar \$1 of valuation-taxable value, which is amounts to \$..... (rate expressed in dollars and-cents) for each one hundred dollars \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, for ..... (number of years the millage is to be imposed) years, commencing on the ..... (year) tax duplicate.

	For the proposed conversion	"
	Against the proposed conversion	

(E) If the proposed conversion is approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on the proposal, the township park district that seeks conversion shall become a park district subject to Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code effective the first day of January following approval by the voters. The park district shall have the name specified in the resolution, and effective the first day of January following approval by the voters, the following shall occur:

(1) The indebtedness of the former township park district shall be assumed by the new park district;

(2) All rights, assets, properties, and other interests of the former

township park district shall become vested in the new park district, including the rights to any tax revenues previously vested in the former township park district; provided, that all tax levies in excess of the ten mill limitation approved for the benefit of the former township park district shall be removed from the tax lists after the February settlement next succeeding the conversion. Any tax levy approved in connection with the conversion shall be certified as provided in section 5705.25 of the Revised Code.

(3) The members of the board of park commissioners of the former township park district shall be the members ~~of the members~~ of the board of park commissioners of the new park district, with all the same powers and duties as if appointed under section 1545.05 of the Revised Code. The term of each such commissioner shall expire on the first day of January of the year following the year in which his term would have expired under section 511.19 of the Revised Code. Thereafter, commissioners shall be appointed pursuant to section 1545.05 of the Revised Code.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 1545.21.** The board of park commissioners, by resolution, may submit to the electors of the park district the question of levying taxes for the use of the district. The resolution shall declare the necessity of levying such taxes, shall specify the purpose for which such taxes shall be used, the annual rate proposed, and the number of consecutive years the rate shall be levied. Such resolution shall be forthwith certified to the board of elections in each county in which any part of such district is located, not later than the ninetieth day before the day of the election, and the question of the levy of taxes as provided in such resolution shall be submitted to the electors of the district at a special election to be held on whichever of the following occurs first:

(A) The day of the next general election;

(B) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in May in any calendar year, except that if a presidential primary election is held in that calendar year, then the day of that election. ~~The~~

The ballot shall set forth the purpose for which the taxes shall be levied, the levy's estimated annual collections, the annual rate of levy, and the number of years of such levy. If the tax is to be placed on the current tax list, the form of the ballot shall state that the tax will be levied in the current tax year and shall indicate the first calendar year the tax will be due. If

If the resolution of the board of park commissioners provides that an existing levy will be canceled upon the passage of the new levy, the ballot may must include a statement that: "an existing levy of ... mills (stating the original levy millage) for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, having ... years remaining, will be canceled and replaced upon the passage of this levy." In such case, the ballot

may refer to the new levy as a "replacement levy" if the new millage does not exceed the original millage of the levy being canceled or as a "replacement and additional levy" if the new millage exceeds the original millage of the levy being canceled. If a majority of the electors voting upon the question of such levy vote in favor thereof, such taxes shall be levied and shall be in addition to the taxes authorized by section 1545.20 of the Revised Code, and all other taxes authorized by law. The rate submitted to the electors at any one time shall not exceed two mills annually upon each dollar of ~~valuation taxable value~~ unless the purpose of the levy includes providing operating revenues for one of Ohio's major metropolitan zoos, as defined in section 4503.74 of the Revised Code, in which case the rate shall not exceed three mills annually upon each dollar of ~~valuation taxable value~~. When a tax levy has been authorized as provided in this section or in section 1545.041 of the Revised Code, the board of park commissioners may issue bonds pursuant to section 133.24 of the Revised Code in anticipation of the collection of such levy, provided that such bonds shall be issued only for the purpose of acquiring and improving lands. Such levy, when collected, shall be applied in payment of the bonds so issued and the interest thereon. The amount of bonds so issued and outstanding at any time shall not exceed one per cent of the total ~~tax-valuation taxable value~~ in such district. Such bonds shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed the rate determined as provided in section 9.95 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 1711.30.** Before issuing bonds under section 1711.28 of the Revised Code, the board of county commissioners, by resolution, shall submit to the qualified electors of the county at the next general election for county officers, held not less than ninety days after receiving from the county agricultural society the notice provided for in section 1711.25 of the Revised Code, the question of issuing and selling such bonds in such amount and denomination as are necessary for the purpose in view, and shall certify a copy of such resolution to the county board of elections.

The county board of elections shall place the question of issuing and selling such bonds upon the ballot and make all other necessary arrangements for the submission, at the time fixed by such resolution, of such question to such electors. The votes cast at such election upon such question must be counted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner, except as provided by law, as votes cast for county officers. Fifteen days' notice of such submission shall be given by the county board of elections, by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, stating the amount of bonds to be issued, the purpose for which they are to be issued, and the time and places of holding such election. Such ~~If the resolution proposes the levy of a tax under section 1711.29 of the Revised Code, the notice shall include the tax's estimated annual collections and the rate of the tax in both mills for~~

each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars in fair market value.

The question must be stated on the ballot as follows: "For the issue of county fair bonds, yes"; "For the issue of county fair bonds, no." If

If the resolution proposes the levy of a tax under section 1711.29 of the Revised Code, the question appearing on the ballot shall include the tax's estimated annual collections and the rate of the tax in both mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars in fair market value.

If the majority of those voting upon the question of issuing the bonds vote in favor thereof, then and only then shall they be issued and the tax provided for in section 1711.29 of the Revised Code be levied.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3311.50.** (A) As used in this section, "county school financing district" means a taxing district consisting of the following territory:

(1) The territory that constitutes the educational service center on the date that the governing board of that educational service center adopts a resolution under division (B) of this section declaring that the territory of the educational service center is a county school financing district, exclusive of any territory subsequently withdrawn from the district under division (D) of this section;

(2) Any territory that has been added to the county school financing district under this section.

A county school financing district may include the territory of a city, local, or exempted village school district whose territory also is included in the territory of one or more other county school financing districts.

(B) The governing board of any educational service center may, by resolution, declare that the territory of the educational service center is a county school financing district. The resolution shall state the purpose for which the county school financing district is created, which may be for any one or more of the following purposes:

(1) To levy taxes for the provision of special education by the school districts that are a part of the district, including taxes for permanent improvements for special education;

(2) To levy taxes for the provision of specified educational programs and services by the school districts that are a part of the district, as identified in the resolution creating the district, including the levying of taxes for permanent improvements for those programs and services. Services financed by the levy may include school safety and security and mental health services, including training and employment of or contracting for the services of safety

personnel, mental health personnel, social workers, and counselors.

(3) To levy taxes for permanent improvements of school districts that are a part of the district.

The governing board of the educational service center that creates a county school financing district shall serve as the taxing authority of the district and may use educational service center governing board employees to perform any of the functions necessary in the performance of its duties as a taxing authority. A county school financing district shall not employ any personnel.

With the approval of a majority of the members of the board of education of each school district within the territory of the county school financing district, the taxing authority of the financing district may amend the resolution creating the district to broaden or narrow the purposes for which it was created.

A governing board of an educational service center may create more than one county school financing district. If a governing board of an educational service center creates more than one such district, it shall clearly distinguish among the districts it creates by including a designation of each district's purpose in the district's name.

(C) A majority of the members of a board of education of a city, local, or exempted village school district may adopt a resolution requesting that its territory be joined with the territory of any county school financing district. Copies of the resolution shall be filed with the state board of education and the taxing authority of the county school financing district. Within sixty days of its receipt of such a resolution, the county school financing district's taxing authority shall vote on the question of whether to accept the school district's territory as part of the county school financing district. If a majority of the members of the taxing authority vote to accept the territory, the school district's territory shall thereupon become a part of the county school financing district unless the county school financing district has in effect a tax imposed under section 5705.215 of the Revised Code. If the county school financing district has such a tax in effect, the taxing authority shall certify a copy of its resolution accepting the school district's territory to the school district's board of education, ~~which~~. The board of education shall request from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, assuming that the school district's territory has been added to the county school financing district. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request. The board may then adopt a resolution, with the affirmative vote of a majority of its members, proposing the submission to the electors of the question of whether the district's territory shall become a part of the county school financing district

and subject to the taxes imposed by the financing district. The resolution shall set forth the date on which the question shall be submitted to the electors, which shall be at a special election held on a date specified in the resolution, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after the adoption and certification of the resolution. A copy of the resolution shall immediately be certified to the board of elections of the proper county, which shall make arrangements for the submission of the proposal to the electors of the school district. The board of the joining district shall publish notice of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the county once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. Additionally, if the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall the territory within ..... (name of the school district proposing to join the county school financing district) ..... be added to ..... (name) ..... county school financing district, and a property tax for the purposes of ..... (here insert purposes), that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, ..... at a rate of taxation not exceeding ..... (here insert the outstanding tax rate) mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 in fair market value,..... be in effect for ..... (here insert the number of years the tax is to be in effect or "a continuing period of time," as applicable) .....?"

If the proposal is approved by a majority of the electors voting on it, the joinder shall take effect on the first day of July following the date of the election, and the county board of elections shall notify the county auditor of each county in which the school district joining its territory to the county school financing district is located.

(D) The board of any city, local, or exempted village school district whose territory is part of a county school financing district may withdraw its territory from the county school financing district thirty days after submitting to the governing board that is the taxing authority of the district and the state board a resolution proclaiming such withdrawal, adopted by a majority vote of its members, but any county school financing district tax levied in such territory on the effective date of the withdrawal shall remain in effect in such territory until such tax expires or is renewed. No board may adopt a resolution withdrawing from a county school financing district that would take effect during the forty-five days preceding the date of an election at which a levy proposed under section 5705.215 of the Revised Code is to be voted upon.

(E) A city, local, or exempted village school district does not lose its separate identity or legal existence by reason of joining its territory to a county school financing district under this section and an educational service center does not lose its separate identity or legal existence by reason of creating a county school financing district that accepts or loses territory under



this section.

**Sec. 3318.01.** As used in sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Ohio facilities construction commission" means the commission created pursuant to section 123.20 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Classroom facilities" means rooms in which pupils regularly assemble in public school buildings to receive instruction and education and such facilities and building improvements for the operation and use of such rooms as may be needed in order to provide a complete educational program, and may include space within which a child care facility or a community resource center is housed. "Classroom facilities" includes any space necessary for the operation of a vocational education program for secondary students in any school district that operates such a program.

(C) "Project" means a project to construct or acquire classroom facilities, or to reconstruct or make additions to existing classroom facilities, to be used for housing the applicable school district and its functions.

(D) "School district" means a local, exempted village, or city school district as such districts are defined in Chapter 3311. of the Revised Code, acting as an agency of state government, performing essential governmental functions of state government pursuant to sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code.

For purposes of assistance provided under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, the term "school district" as used in this section and in divisions (A), (C), and (D) of section 3318.03 and in sections 3318.031, 3318.042, 3318.07, 3318.08, 3318.083, 3318.084, 3318.085, 3318.086, 3318.10, 3318.11, 3318.12, 3318.13, 3318.14, 3318.15, 3318.16, and 3318.20 of the Revised Code means a joint vocational school district established pursuant to section 3311.18 of the Revised Code.

(E) "School district board" means the board of education of a school district.

(F) "Net bonded indebtedness" means the difference between the sum of the par value of all outstanding and unpaid bonds and notes which a school district board is obligated to pay and any amounts the school district is obligated to pay under lease-purchase agreements entered into under section 3313.375 of the Revised Code, and the amount held in the sinking fund and other indebtedness retirement funds for their redemption. Notes issued for school buses in accordance with section 3327.08 of the Revised Code, notes issued in anticipation of the collection of current revenues, and bonds issued to pay final judgments shall not be considered in calculating the net bonded indebtedness.

"Net bonded indebtedness" does not include indebtedness arising from

the acquisition of land to provide a site for classroom facilities constructed, acquired, or added to pursuant to sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code or the par value of bonds that have been authorized by the electors and the proceeds of which will be used by the district to provide any part of its portion of the basic project cost.

(G) "Board of elections" means the board of elections of the county containing the most populous portion of the school district.

(H) "County auditor" means the auditor of the county in which the greatest value of taxable property of such school district is located.

(I) "Tax duplicates" means the general tax lists and duplicates prescribed by sections 319.28 and 319.29 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Required level of indebtedness" means:

(1) In the case of school districts in the first percentile, five per cent of the district's valuation for the year preceding the year in which the controlling board approved the project under section 3318.04 of the Revised Code.

(2) In the case of school districts ranked in a subsequent percentile, five per cent of the district's valuation for the year preceding the year in which the controlling board approved the project under section 3318.04 of the Revised Code, plus [two one-hundredths of one per cent multiplied by (the percentile in which the district ranks for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year in which the controlling board approved the district's project minus one)].

(K) "Required percentage of the basic project costs" means one per cent of the basic project costs times the percentile in which the school district ranks for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year in which the controlling board approved the district's project.

(L) "Basic project cost" means a cost amount determined in accordance with rules adopted under section 111.15 of the Revised Code by the Ohio facilities construction commission. The basic project cost calculation shall take into consideration the square footage and cost per square foot necessary for the grade levels to be housed in the classroom facilities, the variation across the state in construction and related costs, the cost of the installation of site utilities and site preparation, the cost of demolition of all or part of any existing classroom facilities that are abandoned under the project, the cost of insuring the project until it is completed, any contingency reserve amount prescribed by the commission under section 3318.086 of the Revised Code, and the professional planning, administration, and design fees that a school district may have to pay to undertake a classroom facilities project.

For a joint vocational school district that receives assistance under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, the basic project cost calculation for a project under those sections shall also take into account the

types of laboratory spaces and program square footages needed for the vocational education programs for high school students offered by the school district.

For a district that opts to divide its entire classroom facilities needs into segments, as authorized by section 3318.034 of the Revised Code, "basic project cost" means the cost determined in accordance with this division of a segment.

(M)(1) Except for a joint vocational school district that receives assistance under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, a "school district's portion of the basic project cost" means the amount determined under section 3318.032 of the Revised Code.

(2) For a joint vocational school district that receives assistance under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, a "school district's portion of the basic project cost" means the amount determined under division (C) of section 3318.42 of the Revised Code.

(N) "Child care facility" means space within a classroom facility in which the needs of infants, toddlers, preschool children, and school children are provided for by persons other than the parent or guardian of such children for any part of the day, including persons not employed by the school district operating such classroom facility.

(O) "Community resource center" means space within a classroom facility in which comprehensive services that support the needs of families and children are provided by community-based social service providers.

(P) "Valuation" means the total value of all property in the school district as listed and assessed for taxation on the tax duplicates.

(Q) "Percentile" means the percentile in which the school district is ranked pursuant to section 3318.011 of the Revised Code.

(R) "Installation of site utilities" means the installation of a site domestic water system, site fire protection system, site gas distribution system, site sanitary system, site storm drainage system, and site telephone and data system.

(S) "Site preparation" means the earthwork necessary for preparation of the building foundation system, the paved pedestrian and vehicular circulation system, playgrounds on the project site, and lawn and planting on the project site.

(T) "Fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3318.06.(A)** After receipt of the conditional approval of the Ohio facilities construction commission, the school district board by a majority of all of its members shall, if it desires to proceed with the project, declare all of the following by resolution:

(1) That by issuing bonds in an amount equal to the school district's portion of the basic project cost the district is unable to provide adequate classroom facilities without assistance from the state;

(2) Unless the school district board has resolved to transfer money in accordance with section 3318.051 of the Revised Code or to apply the proceeds of a property tax or the proceeds of an income tax, or a combination of proceeds from such taxes, as authorized under section 3318.052 of the Revised Code, that to qualify for such state assistance it is necessary to do either of the following:

(a) Levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation the proceeds of which shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project;

(b) Earmark for maintenance of classroom facilities from the proceeds of an existing permanent improvement tax levied under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, if such tax can be used for maintenance, an amount equivalent to the amount of the additional tax otherwise required under this section and sections 3318.05 and 3318.08 of the Revised Code.

(3) That the question of any tax levy specified in a resolution described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section, if required, shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at the next general or primary election, if there be a general or primary election not less than ninety and not more than one hundred ten days after the day of the adoption of such resolution or, if not, at a special election to be held at a time specified in the resolution which shall be not less than ninety days after the day of the adoption of the resolution and which shall be in accordance with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code.

Such resolution shall also state that the question of issuing bonds of the board shall be combined in a single proposal with the question of such tax levy. More than one election under this section may be held in any one calendar year. Such resolution shall specify both of the following:

(a) That the rate which it is necessary to levy shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, and that such tax shall be levied for a period of twenty-three years;

(b) That the proceeds of the tax shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project.

(B) A copy of a resolution adopted under division (A) of this section shall after its passage and not less than ninety days prior to the date set therein for the election be certified to the county board of elections.

The resolution of the school district board, in addition to meeting other applicable requirements of section 133.18 of the Revised Code, shall state that the amount of bonds to be issued will be an amount equal to the

school district's portion of the basic project cost, and state the maximum maturity of the bonds which may be any number of years not exceeding the term calculated under section 133.20 of the Revised Code as determined by the board. In estimating the amount of bonds to be issued, the board shall take into consideration the amount of moneys then in the bond retirement fund and the amount of moneys to be collected for and disbursed from the bond retirement fund during the remainder of the year in which the resolution of necessity is adopted.

If the bonds are to be issued in more than one series, the resolution may state, in addition to the information required to be stated under division (B)(3) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code, the number of series, which shall not exceed five, the principal amount of each series, and the approximate date each series will be issued, and may provide that no series, or any portion thereof, may be issued before such date. Upon such a resolution being certified to the county auditor as required by division (C) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code, the county auditor, in calculating, advising, and confirming the estimated average annual property tax levy under that division, shall also calculate, advise, and confirm by certification the estimated average property tax levy for each series of bonds to be issued.

Notice of the election shall include the fact that the tax levy shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each one dollar of valuation-taxable value for a period of twenty-three years, and that the proceeds of the tax shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project. The notice shall also express the rate in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value and the county auditor's estimate of the amount the tax levy is estimated to collect for each tax year it is levied, as certified pursuant to section 5705.03 of the Revised Code.

If the bonds are to be issued in more than one series, the board of education shall request from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections for each series in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code. The auditor shall certify these estimates to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

If the bonds are to be issued in more than one series, the board of education, when filing copies of the resolution with the board of elections as required by division (D) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code, may direct the board of elections to include in the notice of election the principal amount and approximate date of each series, the maximum number of years over which the principal of each series may be paid, the estimated additional average property tax levy for each series, the estimated annual collections of the tax for each series, and the first calendar year in which the tax is expected to be due for each series, in addition to the information required to be stated in the notice under divisions (E)(3)(a) ~~to (e)~~, (b), (c), (e), and (f) of section

133.18 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(2) of this section, the form of the ballot to be used at such election shall be:

"A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall bonds be issued by the ..... (here insert name of school district) school district to pay the local share of school construction under the State of Ohio Classroom Facilities Assistance Program in the principal amount of \$..... (here insert principal amount of the bond issue), to be repaid annually over a maximum period of ..... (here insert the maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid) years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to collect \$..... annually and average over the repayment period of the bond issue ..... (here insert the number of mills-estimated) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of tax valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "thirty-six cents" or "\$0.36") for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of tax-valuation fair market value to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of the bonds?"

and, unless the additional levy of taxes is not required pursuant to division (C) of section

3318.05 of the Revised Code,

"Shall an additional levy of taxes be made for a period of twenty-three years to benefit the ..... (here insert name of school district) school district, the proceeds of which shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at the rate of ..... (here insert the number of mills, which shall not be less than one-half mill) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value?"

	FOR THE BOND ISSUE AND TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE AND TAX LEVY

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(2) If authority is sought to issue bonds in more than one series and the board of education so elects, the form of the ballot shall be as prescribed in section 3318.062 of the Revised Code. If the board of education elects the form of the ballot prescribed in that section, it shall so state in the resolution

adopted under this section.

(D) If it is necessary for the school district to acquire a site for the classroom facilities to be acquired pursuant to sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code, the district board may propose either to issue bonds of the board or to levy a tax to pay for the acquisition of such site, and may combine the question of doing so with the questions specified in division (B) of this section. Bonds issued under this division for the purpose of acquiring a site are a general obligation of the school district and are Chapter 133. securities.

The form of that portion of the ballot to include the question of either issuing bonds or levying a tax for site acquisition purposes shall be one of the following:

(1) "Shall bonds be issued by the ..... (here insert name of the school district) school district to pay costs of acquiring a site for classroom facilities under the State of Ohio Classroom Facilities Assistance Program in the principal amount of \$..... (here insert principal amount of the bond issue), to be repaid annually over a maximum period of ..... (here insert maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid) years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to collect \$..... annually and to average over the repayment period of the bond issue ..... (~~here insert number of mills~~)-mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of tax valuation taxable value, which ~~amount amounts~~ to \$..... (~~here insert rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "thirty-six cents" or "\$0.36"~~) for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of valuation fair market value to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of the bonds?"

(2) "Shall an additional levy of taxes outside the ten-mill limitation be made for the benefit of the ..... (here insert name of the school district) school district for the purpose of acquiring a site for classroom facilities in the sum of \$..... (here insert annual amount the levy is to produce) estimated by the county auditor to average ..... (~~here insert number of mills~~)-mills for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, for a period of ..... (here insert number of years the millage is to be imposed) years?"

Where it is necessary to combine the question of issuing bonds of the school district and levying a tax as described in division (B) of this section with the question of issuing bonds of the school district for acquisition of a site, the question specified in that division to be voted on shall be "For the Bond Issues and the Tax Levy" and "Against the Bond Issues and the Tax Levy."

Where it is necessary to combine the question of issuing bonds of the school district and levying a tax as described in division (B) of this section

with the question of levying a tax for the acquisition of a site, the question specified in that division to be voted on shall be "For the Bond Issue and the Tax Levies" and "Against the Bond Issue and the Tax Levies."

Where the school district board chooses to combine the question in division (B) of this section with any of the additional questions described in divisions (A) to (D) of section 3318.056 of the Revised Code, the question specified in division (B) of this section to be voted on shall be "For the Bond Issues and the Tax Levies" and "Against the Bond Issues and the Tax Levies."

If a majority of those voting upon a proposition hereunder which includes the question of issuing bonds vote in favor thereof, and if the agreement provided for by section 3318.08 of the Revised Code has been entered into, the school district board may proceed under Chapter 133. of the Revised Code, with the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

**Sec. 3318.061.** This section applies only to school districts eligible to receive additional assistance under division (B)(2) of section 3318.04 of the Revised Code.

The board of education of a school district in which a tax described by division (B) of section 3318.05 and levied under section 3318.06 of the Revised Code is in effect, may adopt a resolution by vote of a majority of its members to extend the term of that tax beyond the expiration of that tax as originally approved under that section. The school district board may include in the resolution a proposal to extend the term of that tax at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value for a period of twenty-three years from the year in which the school district board and the Ohio facilities construction commission enter into an agreement under division (B)(2) of section 3318.04 of the Revised Code or in the following year, as specified in the resolution. Such a resolution may be adopted at any time before such an agreement is entered into and before the tax levied pursuant to section 3318.06 of the Revised Code expires. If the resolution is combined with a resolution to issue bonds to pay the school district's portion of the basic project cost, it shall conform with the requirements of divisions (A)(1), (2), and (3) of section 3318.06 of the Revised Code, except that the resolution also shall state that the tax levy proposed in the resolution is an extension of an existing tax levied under that section. A resolution proposing an extension adopted under this section does not take effect until it is approved by a majority of electors voting in favor of the resolution at a general, primary, or special election as provided in this section.

A tax levy extended under this section is subject to the same terms and limitations to which the original tax levied under section 3318.06 of the Revised Code is subject under that section, except the term of the extension shall be as specified in this section.



The school district board shall request from the county auditor an estimate of the extended levy's annual collections in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request. The board shall certify a copy of the resolution adopted under this section and the auditor's certification to the proper county board of elections not later than ninety days before the date set in the resolution as the date of the election at which the question will be submitted to electors. The notice of the election shall conform with the requirements of division (A)(3) of section 3318.06 of the Revised Code, except that the notice also shall state that the maintenance tax levy is an extension of an existing tax levy and the levy's estimated annual collections.

The form of the ballot shall be as follows:

"Shall the existing tax levied to pay the cost of maintaining classroom facilities constructed with the proceeds of the previously issued bonds, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at the rate of ..... (here insert the number of mills, which shall not be less than one-half mill) mills per dollar for each \$1 of tax valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, be extended until ..... (here insert the year that is twenty-three years after the year in which the district and commission will enter into an agreement under division (B)(2) of section 3318.04 of the Revised Code or the following year)?

	FOR EXTENDING THE EXISTING TAX LEVY
	AGAINST EXTENDING THE EXISTING TAX LEVY

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Section 3318.07 of the Revised Code applies to ballot questions under this section.

**Sec. 3318.062.** (A) If authority is sought to issue bonds in more than one series to pay the school district's portion of the basic project cost under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be:

"Shall bonds be issued by the ..... (here insert name of school district) school district to pay the local share of school construction under the State of Ohio Classroom Facilities Assistance Program in the total principal amount of \$..... (total principal amount of the bond issue), to be issued in ..... (number of series) series, each series to be repaid annually over not more than ..... (maximum number of years over which the principal of each series may be paid) years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds and on any notes issued in anticipation of the bonds, with annual collections and

at a rate estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of each series as follows: ..... (insert the following for each series: "the ..... series, in a principal amount of \$..... ~~dollars, requiring that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually and require ..... mills per dollar for each \$1 of tax valuation taxable value,~~ which amounts to \$..... (rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "36 cents" or "\$1.41") for each ~~one hundred dollars in tax valuation~~ \$100,000 of fair market value, commencing in ..... and first payable in .....)?"

and, unless the additional levy of taxes is not required pursuant to division (C) of section 3318.05 of the Revised Code,

"Shall an additional levy of taxes be made for a period of twenty-three years to benefit the ..... (here insert name of school district) school district, the proceeds of which shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at the rate of ..... (here insert the number of mills, which shall not be less than one-half mill) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value?

	For the bond issue
	Against the bond issue

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(B) If it is necessary for the school district to acquire a site for the classroom facilities to be acquired pursuant to sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code, the district board may propose either to issue bonds of the board or to levy a tax to pay for the acquisition of such site, and may combine the question of doing so with the questions specified in division (A) of this section. Bonds issued under this division for the purpose of acquiring a site are a general obligation of the school district and are Chapter 133. securities.

The form of that portion of the ballot to include the question of either issuing bonds or levying a tax for site acquisition purposes shall be one of the forms prescribed in division (D) of section 3318.06 of the Revised Code.

(C) Where the school district board chooses to combine the question in division (A) of this section with any of the additional questions described in divisions (A) to (D) of section 3318.056 of the Revised Code, the question specified in division (A) of this section to be voted on shall be "For the Bond Issues and the Tax Levies" and "Against the Bond Issues and the Tax Levies."

(D) If a majority of those voting upon a proposition prescribed in this section which includes the question of issuing bonds vote in favor of that issuance, and if the agreement prescribed in section 3318.08 of the Revised Code has been entered into, the school district board may proceed under Chapter 133. of the Revised Code with the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

**Sec. 3318.063.** If the board of education of a city, exempted village, or local school district that has entered into an agreement under section 3318.051 of the Revised Code to make transfers of money in lieu of levying the tax for maintenance of the classroom facilities included in the district's project determines that it no longer can continue making the transfers so agreed to and desires to rescind that agreement, the board shall adopt the resolution to submit the question of the tax levy prescribed in this section.

The resolution shall declare that the question of a tax levy specified in division (F) of section 3318.051 of the Revised Code shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at the next general or primary election, if there be a general or primary election not less than seventy-five and not more than ninety-five days after the day of the adoption of such resolution or, if not, at a special election to be held at a time specified in the resolution which shall be not less than seventy-five days after the day of the adoption of the resolution and which shall be in accordance with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. Such resolution shall specify both of the following:

(A) That the rate which it is necessary to levy shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, and that such tax shall be levied for the number of years required by division (F) of section 3318.051 of the Revised Code;

(B) That the proceeds of the tax shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project.

A copy of such resolution shall after its passage and not less than seventy-five days prior to the date set therein for the election be certified to the county board of elections.

Notice of the election shall include the levy's estimated annual collections, the fact that the tax levy shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value for the number of years required by division (F) of section 3318.051 of the Revised Code, and that the proceeds of the tax shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project. The notice shall also express the rate in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value.

The form of the ballot to be used at such election shall be:

"Shall a levy of taxes be made for a period of ..... (here insert the number of years, which shall not be less than the number required by division

(F) of section 3318.051 of the Revised Code) years to benefit the ..... (here insert name of school district) school district, the proceeds of which shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at the rate of ..... (here insert the number of mills, which shall not be less than one-half mill) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	"
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

**Sec. 3318.361.** A school district board opting to qualify for state assistance pursuant to section 3318.36 of the Revised Code through levying the tax specified in division (D)(2)(a) or (D)(4) of that section shall declare by resolution that the question of a tax levy specified in division (D)(2)(a) or (4), as applicable, of section 3318.36 of the Revised Code shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at the next general or primary election, if there be a general or primary election not less than ninety and not more than one hundred ten days after the day of the adoption of such resolution or, if not, at a special election to be held at a time specified in the resolution which shall be not less than ninety days after the day of the adoption of the resolution and which shall be in accordance with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. Such resolution shall specify both of the following:

(A) That the rate which it is necessary to levy shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, and that such tax shall be levied for a period of twenty-three years;

(B) That the proceeds of the tax shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project.

A copy of such resolution shall after its passage and not less than ninety days prior to the date set therein for the election be certified to the county board of elections.

Notice of the election shall include the levy's estimated annual collections, the fact that the tax levy shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value for a period of twenty-three years, and that the proceeds of the tax shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project. The notice shall also express the rate in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value.

The form of the ballot to be used at such election shall be:

"Shall a levy of taxes be made for a period of twenty-three years to benefit the ..... (here insert name of school district) school district, the proceeds of which shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at the rate of ..... (here insert the number of mills, which shall not be less than one-half mill) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	"
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

**Sec. 3318.45.** (A) Unless division (B) of section 3318.44 of the Revised Code applies, if a joint vocational school district board of education proposes to issue securities to generate all or part of the school district's portion of the basic project cost of the school district's project under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, the school district board shall adopt a resolution in accordance with Chapter 133. and section 3311.20 of the Revised Code. Unless the school district board seeks authority to issue securities in more than one series, the school district board shall adopt the form of the ballot prescribed in section 133.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) If authority is sought to issue bonds in more than one series, the form of the ballot shall be:

"Shall bonds be issued by the ..... (here insert name of joint vocational school district) joint vocational school district to pay the local share of school construction under the State of Ohio Joint Vocational School Facilities Assistance Program in the total principal amount of \$..... (total principal amount of the bond issue), to be issued in ..... (number of series) series, each series to be repaid annually over not more than ..... (maximum number of years over which the principal of each series may be paid) years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds and on any notes issued in anticipation of the bonds, with annual collections and at a rate estimated by the county auditor to average over the repayment period of each series as follows: ..... [insert the following for each series: "the ..... series, in a principal amount of \$..... dollars, ~~requiring that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually and require .....~~ mills per dollar for each \$1 of tax valuation taxable value, which amount amounts to \$..... (rate-expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "36 cents" or "\$1.41") for each one hundred dollars in tax valuation \$100,000 of fair market value, commencing in ..... and first payable in ....."]?"

	For the bond issue
	Against the bond issue

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(C) If it is necessary for the school district to acquire a site for the classroom facilities to be acquired pursuant to sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, the district board may propose either to issue bonds of the board or to levy a tax to pay for the acquisition of such site and may combine the question of doing so with the question specified by reference in division (A) of this section or the question specified in division (B) of this section. Bonds issued under this division for the purpose of acquiring a site are a general obligation of the school district and are Chapter 133. securities.

The form of that portion of the ballot to include the question of either issuing bonds or levying a tax for site acquisition purposes shall be one of the following:

(1) "Shall bonds be issued by the ..... (here insert name of the joint vocational school district) joint vocational school district to pay costs of acquiring a site for classroom facilities under the State of Ohio Joint Vocational School Facilities Assistance Program in the principal amount of \$..... (here insert principal amount of the bond issue), to be repaid annually over a maximum period of ..... (here insert maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid) years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to collect \$..... annually and to average over the repayment period of the bond issue ..... (here insert number of mills)-mills for each ~~one dollar \$1 of tax valuation taxable value~~, which amount amounts to \$..... (here insert rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "thirty-six cents" or "\$0.36") for each ~~one hundred dollars \$100,000 of valuation fair market value~~, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of the bonds?"

(2) "Shall an additional levy of taxes outside the ten-mill limitation be made for the benefit of the ..... (here insert name of the joint vocational school district) joint vocational school district for the purpose of acquiring a site for classroom facilities in the sum of \$..... (here insert annual amount the levy is to produce) estimated by the county auditor to collect \$..... annually and to average ..... (here insert number of mills)-mills for each ~~one hundred dollars \$1 of valuation taxable value~~, which amount amounts to \$..... (here insert rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "thirty-six cents" or "\$0.36") for each ~~one hundred dollars \$100,000 of valuation fair market value~~, for a period of ..... (here insert number of years the millage is to be imposed) years?"

Where it is necessary to combine the question of issuing bonds of the joint vocational school district as described in division (A) of this section with the question of issuing bonds of the school district for acquisition of a site, the question specified in that division to be voted on shall be "For the bond issues" and "Against the bond issues."

Where it is necessary to combine the question of issuing bonds of the joint vocational school district as described in division (A) of this section with the question of levying a tax for the acquisition of a site, the question specified in that division to be voted on shall be "For the bond issue and the tax levy" and "Against the bond issue and the tax levy."

(D) Where the school district board chooses to combine a question specified in this section with any of the additional questions described in division (C) of section 3318.44 of the Revised Code, the question to be voted on shall be "For the bond issues and the tax levies" and "Against the bond issues and the tax levies."

(E) If a majority of those voting upon a proposition prescribed in this section which includes the question of issuing bonds vote in favor of that issuance and if the agreement prescribed in section 3318.08 of the Revised Code has been entered into, the school district board may proceed under Chapter 133. of the Revised Code with the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

**Sec. 3381.03.** Any county, or any two or more counties, municipal corporations, or townships, or any combination of these may create a regional arts and cultural district by the adoption of a resolution or ordinance by the board of county commissioners of each county, the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, and the board of township trustees of each township that desires to create or to join in the creation of the district. The resolution or ordinance shall state all of the following:

(A) The purposes for the creation of the district;

(B) The counties, municipal corporations, or townships that are to be included in the district;

(C) The official name by which the district shall be known;

(D) The location of the principal office of the district or the manner in which the location shall be selected;

(E) Subject to section 3381.05 of the Revised Code, the number, term, and compensation, which shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars for each board and committee meeting attended by a member, of the members of the board of trustees of the district;

(F) Subject to section 3381.05 of the Revised Code, the manner in which members of the board of trustees of the district shall be appointed; the method of filling vacancies; and the period, if any, for which a trustee

continues in office after expiration of the trustee's term pending the appointment of the trustee's successor;

(G) The manner of apportioning expenses of the district among the participating counties, municipal corporations, and townships.

The resolution or ordinance may also provide that the authority of the districts to make grants under section 3381.20 of the Revised Code may be totally or partially delegated to one or more area arts councils, as defined in section 757.03 of the Revised Code, located within the district.

The district provided for in the resolution or ordinance shall be created upon the adoption of the resolution or ordinance by the board of county commissioners of each county, the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, and the board of township trustees of each township enumerated in the resolution or ordinance. The resolution or ordinance may be amended to include additional counties, municipal corporations, or townships or for any other purpose by the adoption of an amendment by the board of county commissioners of each county, the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, and the board of township trustees of each township that has created or joined or proposes to join the district.

After each county, municipal corporation, and township has adopted a resolution or ordinance approving inclusion of additional counties, municipal corporations, or townships in the district, a copy of the resolution or ordinance shall be filed with the clerk of the board of the county commissioners of each county, the clerk of the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, and the fiscal officer of the board of trustees of each township proposed to be included in the district. The inclusion is effective when all such filing is completed unless the district to which territory is to be added has authority to levy an ad valorem tax on property within its territory, in which event the inclusion shall become effective upon voter approval of the joinder and the tax. ~~The~~

If a tax on property is to be levied, the board shall request and obtain from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, assuming that the additional territory has been added to the district. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request. The board of trustees shall promptly certify the proposal and the auditor's certification to the board or boards of elections for the purpose of having the proposal placed on the ballot at the next general or primary election that occurs not less than sixty days after the date of the meeting of the board of trustees, or at a special election held on a date specified in the certification that is not less than sixty days after the date of the meeting of the board. If territory of more than one county, municipal corporation, or township is to be added to the regional arts and cultural



district, the electors of the territories of the counties, municipal corporations, or townships which are to be added shall vote as a district, and the outcome of the election shall be determined by the vote cast in the entire district. Upon certification of a proposal to the board or boards of elections pursuant to this section, the board or boards of elections shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of the questions to the electors of the territory to be added to the district, and the election shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of tax levies under section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, except that the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall the territory within the ..... (name or names of political subdivisions to be joined) be added to ..... (name) regional arts and cultural district? And shall a(n) ..... (here insert type of tax or taxes) a property tax that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually at a rate of taxation not to exceed exceeding ..... (here insert maximum tax rate or rates) mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, be levied for purposes of such district?"

If the question is approved by a majority of the electors voting on the question, the joinder is effective immediately, and the district may extend the levy of the tax against all the taxable property within the territory that has been added. If the question is approved at a general election or at a special election occurring prior to a general election but after the fifteenth day of July in any calendar year, the district may amend its budget and resolution adopted pursuant to section 5705.34 of the Revised Code, and the levy shall be placed on the current tax list and duplicate and collected as other taxes are collected from all taxable property within the territory of the district, including the territory added as a result of the election.

The territory of a district shall be coextensive with the territory of the counties, municipal corporations, and townships included within the district, provided that the same territory may not be included in more than one regional arts and cultural district, and provided, that if a district includes only a portion of an entire county, a district may be created in the remaining portion of the same county by resolution of the board of county commissioners acting alone or in conjunction with municipal corporations and townships as provided in this section.

**Sec. 3505.06.** (A) On the questions and issues ballot shall be printed all questions and issues to be submitted at any one election together with the percentage of affirmative votes necessary for passage as required by law. Such ballot shall have printed across the top thereof, and below the stubs, "Official Questions and Issues Ballot."

(B)(1) Questions and issues shall be grouped together on the ballot

from top to bottom as provided in division (B)(1) of this section, except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2) of this section. State questions and issues shall always appear as the top group of questions and issues. In calendar year 1997, the following questions and issues shall be grouped together on the ballot, in the following order from top to bottom, after the state questions and issues:

- (a) County questions and issues;
- (b) Municipal questions and issues;
- (c) Township questions and issues;
- (d) School or other district questions and issues.

In each succeeding calendar year after 1997, each group of questions and issues described in division (B)(1)(a) to (d) of this section shall be moved down one place on the ballot except that the group that was last on the ballot during the immediately preceding calendar year shall appear at the top of the ballot after the state questions and issues. The rotation shall be performed only once each calendar year, beginning with the first election held during the calendar year. The rotation of groups of questions and issues shall be performed during each calendar year as required by division (B)(1) of this section, even if no questions and issues from any one or more such groups appear on the ballot at any particular election held during that calendar year.

(2) Questions and issues shall be grouped together on the ballot, from top to bottom, in the following order when it is not practicable to group them together as required by division (B)(1) of this section because of the type of voting machines used by the board of elections: state questions and issues, county questions and issues, municipal questions and issues, township questions and issues, and school or other district questions and issues. The particular order in which each of a group of state questions or issues is placed on the ballot shall be determined by, and certified to each board of elections by, the secretary of state.

(3) Failure of the board of elections to rotate questions and issues as required by division (B)(1) of this section does not affect the validity of the election at which the failure occurred, and is not grounds for contesting an election under section 3515.08 of the Revised Code.

(C) The particular order in which each of a group of county, municipal, township, or school district questions or issues is placed on the ballot shall be determined by the board providing the ballots.

(D) The printed matter pertaining to each question or issue on the ballot shall be enclosed at the top and bottom thereof by a heavy horizontal line across the width of the ballot. Immediately below such top line shall be printed a brief title descriptive of the question or issue below it, such as "Proposed Constitutional Amendment," "Proposed Bond Issue," "Proposed

Annexation of Territory," "Proposed Increase in Tax Rate," or such other brief title as will be descriptive of the question or issue to which it pertains, together with a brief statement of the percentage of affirmative votes necessary for passage, such as "A sixty-five per cent affirmative vote is necessary for passage," "A majority vote is necessary for passage," or such other brief statement as will be descriptive of the percentage of affirmative votes required.

(E) The questions and issues ballot need not contain the full text of the proposal to be voted upon. A condensed text that will properly describe the question, issue, or an amendment proposed by other than the general assembly shall be used as prepared and certified by the secretary of state for state-wide questions or issues or by the board for local questions or issues. If other than a full text is used, the full text of the proposed question, issue, or amendment together with the percentage of affirmative votes necessary for passage as required by law shall be posted in each polling place in some spot that is easily accessible to the voters.

(F) Each question and issue appearing on the questions and issues ballot may be consecutively numbered. The question or issue determined to appear at the top of the ballot may be designated on the face thereof by the Arabic numeral "1" and all questions and issues placed below on the ballot shall be consecutively numbered. Such numeral shall be placed below the heavy top horizontal line enclosing such question or issue and to the left of the brief title thereof.

(G) No portion of a ballot question proposing to levy a property tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation under any section of the Revised Code, including the renewal or replacement of such a levy, may be printed in boldface type or in a font size that is different from the font size of other text in the ballot question. The prohibitions in division (g) of this section do not apply to printed matter either described in division (D) of this section related to such a ballot question or located in the area of the ballot in which votes are indicated for or against that question.

**Sec. 4582.024.** After a port authority has been created, any municipal corporation, township, or county, acting by ordinance, resolution of the township trustees, or resolution of the county commissioners, respectively, which is contiguous to such port authority, or to any municipal corporation, township, or county which proposes to join such port authority at the same time and is contiguous to such port authority, or any county within which such port authority is situated, may join such port authority and thereupon the jurisdiction and territory of such port authority shall include such municipal corporation, county, or township. If more than one such political subdivision is to be joined to the port authority at the same time, then each such ordinance or resolution shall designate the political subdivisions which are to be so joined. Any territory or municipal corporation not included in a port authority

and which is annexed to a municipal corporation included within the jurisdiction and territory of a port authority shall, on such annexation and without further proceedings, be annexed to and be included in the jurisdiction and territory of such port authority. Before such political subdivision or subdivisions are joined to a port authority, other than by annexation to a municipality, the political subdivision or subdivisions theretofore comprising such port authority shall agree upon the terms and conditions pursuant to which such political subdivision or subdivisions are to be joined. For all purposes of sections 4582.01 to 4582.20, inclusive, of the Revised Code, such political subdivision or subdivisions shall be considered to have participated in the creation of such port authority, except that the initial term of any director of the port authority appointed by such a political subdivision shall be four years. After each ordinance or resolution proposing joinder to the port authority has become effective and the terms and conditions of joinder have been agreed to, the board of directors of the port authority shall by resolution either accept or reject such joinder. Such joinder shall be effective on adoption of the resolution accepting such joinder, unless the port authority to which a political subdivision or subdivisions including a county within which such port authority is located, are to be joined has authority under section 4582.14 of the Revised Code to levy a tax on property within its jurisdiction, then such joinder shall not be effective until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the electors voting on the question of such joinder. If more than one political subdivision is to be joined to the port authority, then the electors of such subdivision shall vote as a district and the majority affirmative vote shall be determined by the vote cast in such district as a whole. ~~Such~~

If a tax on property is to be levied, the board of directors of the port authority shall request and obtain from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, assuming that the additional subdivision or subdivisions have joined the port authority. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

The election shall be called by the board of directors of the port authority and shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of tax levies under section 5705.191 of the Revised Code except that the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall .....

(name or names of political subdivisions to be joined)

be joined to ..... (name) port authority and the

(~~name~~)

existing tax levy (levies) of such port authority (~~aggregating~~), that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding

..... ~~mill per dollar mill(s) for each \$1 of valuation taxable value,~~  
which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, be  
authorized to be

levied against properties within

..... "

(name or names of political subdivisions to be joined)

If the question is approved such joinder shall be immediately effective and the port authority shall be authorized to extend the levy of such tax against all the taxable property within the political subdivision or political subdivisions which have been joined. If such question is approved at a general election then the port authority may amend its budget and resolution adopted pursuant to section 5705.34 of the Revised Code and such levy shall be placed on the current tax list and duplicate and collected as other taxes are collected from all taxable property within the port authority including the political subdivision or political subdivisions joined as a result of such election.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 4582.26.** After a port authority has been created, any municipal corporation, township, county, or other political subdivision, acting by ordinance or resolution, which is contiguous to any municipal corporation, township, county, or other political subdivision which participated in the creation of such port authority or to any municipal corporation, township, county, or other political subdivision which proposes to join the port authority at the same time and is contiguous to any municipal corporation, township, county, or other political subdivision which participated in the creation of such port authority, may join such port authority, and thereupon the jurisdiction and territory of the port authority includes the municipal corporation, county, township, or other political subdivision so joining. If more than one such political subdivision is to be joined to the port authority at the same time, then each such ordinance or resolution shall designate the political subdivisions which are to be so joined. Any territory or municipal corporation not included in a port authority and which is annexed to a municipal corporation included within the jurisdiction and territory of a port authority shall, on such annexation and without further proceedings, be annexed to and be included in the jurisdiction and territory of the port authority. Before such political subdivision or subdivisions are joined to a port authority, other than by annexation to a municipal corporation, the political subdivision or subdivisions theretofore comprising such port authority shall agree upon the terms and conditions pursuant to which such political subdivision or subdivisions are to be joined. For all purposes of sections 4582.21 to 4582.59 of the Revised Code, such political subdivision or subdivisions shall be considered to have participated in the creation of such

port authority, except that the initial term of any director of the port authority appointed by such a political subdivision shall be four years. After each ordinance or resolution proposing joinder to the port authority has become effective and the terms and conditions of joinder have been agreed to, the board of directors of the port authority shall by resolution either accept or reject such joinder. Such joinder shall be effective upon adoption of the resolution accepting such joinder, unless the port authority to which a political subdivision or subdivisions, including a county within which such port authority is located, are to be joined, has authority under section 4582.40 of the Revised Code to levy a tax on property within its jurisdiction, then such joinder shall not be effective until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the electors voting on the question of the joinder. If more than one political subdivision is to be joined to the port authority, then the electors of such subdivisions shall vote as a district and the majority affirmative vote shall be determined by the vote cast in such district as a whole. ~~The~~

If a tax on property is to be levied, the board of directors of the port authority shall request and obtain from the county auditor an estimate of the levy's annual collections in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, assuming that the additional subdivision or subdivisions have joined the port authority. The auditor shall certify this estimate to the board within ten days after receiving the board's request.

The election shall be called by the board of directors of the port authority and shall be held, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided for the submission of tax levies under section 5705.191 of the Revised Code except that the question appearing on the ballot shall read:

"Shall .....

(Name or names of political subdivisions to be joined)

.....

~~be joined)~~

be joined to ..... (Name) port authority

(Name)

and the existing tax levy (levies) of such port authority

~~(aggregating), that the county auditor estimates will collect \$.....~~  
annually, at a rate not exceeding ..... mill per dollar-mill(s) for each \$1  
of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair  
market value

be authorized to be levied against properties within

.....?"

(Name or names of political subdivisions to be joined)

If the question is approved the joinder becomes immediately effective

and the port authority is authorized to extend the levy of such tax against all the taxable property within the political subdivision or political subdivisions which have been joined. If such question is approved at a general election, then the port authority may amend its budget and resolution adopted pursuant to section 5705.34 of the Revised Code and such levy shall be placed on the current tax list and duplicate and collected as other taxes are collected from all taxable property within the port authority including the political subdivision or political subdivisions joined as a result of the election.

As used in this section, "fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 5705.01.** As used in this chapter:

(A) "Subdivision" means any county; municipal corporation; township; township police district; joint police district; township fire district; joint fire district; joint ambulance district; joint emergency medical services district; fire and ambulance district; joint recreation district; township waste disposal district; township road district; community college district; technical college district; detention facility district; a district organized under section 2151.65 of the Revised Code; a combined district organized under sections 2152.41 and 2151.65 of the Revised Code; a joint-county alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health service district; a drainage improvement district created under section 6131.52 of the Revised Code; a lake facilities authority created under Chapter 353. of the Revised Code; a union cemetery district; a county school financing district; a city, local, exempted village, cooperative education, or joint vocational school district; or a regional student education district created under section 3313.83 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Municipal corporation" means all municipal corporations, including those that have adopted a charter under Article XVIII, Ohio Constitution.

(C) "Taxing authority" or "bond issuing authority" means, in the case of any county, the board of county commissioners; in the case of a municipal corporation, the council or other legislative authority of the municipal corporation; in the case of a city, local, exempted village, cooperative education, or joint vocational school district, the board of education; in the case of a community college district, the board of trustees of the district; in the case of a technical college district, the board of trustees of the district; in the case of a detention facility district, a district organized under section 2151.65 of the Revised Code, or a combined district organized under sections 2152.41 and 2151.65 of the Revised Code, the joint board of county commissioners of the district; in the case of a township, the board of township trustees; in the case of a joint police district, the joint police district board; in the case of a joint fire district, the board of fire district trustees; in the case of a joint recreation district, the joint recreation district board of trustees; in the

case of a joint-county alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health service district, the district's board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services; in the case of a joint ambulance district or a fire and ambulance district, the board of trustees of the district; in the case of a union cemetery district, the legislative authority of the municipal corporation and the board of township trustees, acting jointly as described in section 759.341 of the Revised Code; in the case of a drainage improvement district, the board of county commissioners of the county in which the drainage district is located; in the case of a lake facilities authority, the board of directors; in the case of a joint emergency medical services district, the joint board of county commissioners of all counties in which all or any part of the district lies; and in the case of a township police district, a township fire district, a township road district, or a township waste disposal district, the board of township trustees of the township in which the district is located. "Taxing authority" also means the educational service center governing board that serves as the taxing authority of a county school financing district as provided in section 3311.50 of the Revised Code, and the board of directors of a regional student education district created under section 3313.83 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Fiscal officer" in the case of a county, means the county auditor; in the case of a municipal corporation, the city auditor or village clerk, or an officer who, by virtue of the charter, has the duties and functions of the city auditor or village clerk, except that in the case of a municipal university the board of directors of which have assumed, in the manner provided by law, the custody and control of the funds of the university, the chief accounting officer of the university shall perform, with respect to the funds, the duties vested in the fiscal officer of the subdivision by sections 5705.41 and 5705.44 of the Revised Code; in the case of a school district, the treasurer of the board of education; in the case of a county school financing district, the treasurer of the educational service center governing board that serves as the taxing authority; in the case of a township, the township fiscal officer; in the case of a joint police district, the treasurer of the district; in the case of a joint fire district, the clerk of the board of fire district trustees; in the case of a joint ambulance district, the clerk of the board of trustees of the district; in the case of a joint emergency medical services district, the person appointed as fiscal officer pursuant to division (D) of section 307.053 of the Revised Code; in the case of a fire and ambulance district, the person appointed as fiscal officer pursuant to division (B) of section 505.375 of the Revised Code; in the case of a joint recreation district, the person designated pursuant to section 755.15 of the Revised Code; in the case of a union cemetery district, the clerk of the municipal corporation designated in section 759.34 of the Revised Code; in the case of a children's home district, educational service center, general health district, joint-county alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health service district, county library district, detention facility district, district organized under section 2151.65 of the Revised Code, a combined district organized



under sections 2152.41 and 2151.65 of the Revised Code, or a metropolitan park district for which no treasurer has been appointed pursuant to section 1545.07 of the Revised Code, the county auditor of the county designated by law to act as the auditor of the district; in the case of a metropolitan park district which has appointed a treasurer pursuant to section 1545.07 of the Revised Code, that treasurer; in the case of a drainage improvement district, the auditor of the county in which the drainage improvement district is located; in the case of a lake facilities authority, the fiscal officer designated under section 353.02 of the Revised Code; in the case of a regional student education district, the fiscal officer appointed pursuant to section 3313.83 of the Revised Code; and in all other cases, the officer responsible for keeping the appropriation accounts and drawing warrants for the expenditure of the moneys of the district or taxing unit.

(E) "Permanent improvement" or "improvement" means any property, asset, or improvement with an estimated life or usefulness of five years or more, including land and interests therein, and reconstructions, enlargements, and extensions thereof having an estimated life or usefulness of five years or more.

(F) "Current operating expenses" and "current expenses" mean the lawful expenditures of a subdivision, except those for permanent improvements, and except payments for interest, sinking fund, and retirement of bonds, notes, and certificates of indebtedness of the subdivision.

(G) "Debt charges" means interest, sinking fund, and retirement charges on bonds, notes, or certificates of indebtedness.

(H) "Taxing unit" means any subdivision or other governmental district having authority to levy taxes on the property in the district or issue bonds that constitute a charge against the property of the district, including conservancy districts, metropolitan park districts, sanitary districts, road districts, and other districts.

(I) "District authority" means any board of directors, trustees, commissioners, or other officers controlling a district institution or activity that derives its income or funds from two or more subdivisions, such as the educational service center, the trustees of district children's homes, the district board of health, a joint-county alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health service district's board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services, detention facility districts, a joint recreation district board of trustees, districts organized under section 2151.65 of the Revised Code, combined districts organized under sections 2152.41 and 2151.65 of the Revised Code, and other such boards.

(J) "Tax list" and "tax duplicate" mean the general tax lists and duplicates prescribed by sections 319.28 and 319.29 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Property" as applied to a tax levy means taxable property listed

on general tax lists and duplicates.

(L) "Association library district" means a territory, the boundaries of which are defined by the state library board pursuant to division (I) of section 3375.01 of the Revised Code, in which a library association or private corporation maintains a free public library.

(M) "Library district" means a territory, the boundaries of which are defined by the state library board pursuant to section 3375.01 of the Revised Code, in which the board of trustees of a county, municipal corporation, school district, or township public library maintains a free public library.

(N) "Qualifying library levy" means either of the following:

(1) A levy for the support of a library association or private corporation that has an association library district with boundaries that are not identical to those of a subdivision;

(2) A levy proposed under section 5705.23 of the Revised Code for the support of the board of trustees of a public library that has a library district with boundaries that are not identical to those of a subdivision.

(O) "School library district" means a school district in which a free public library has been established that is under the control and management of a board of library trustees as provided in section 3375.15 of the Revised Code.

(P) "Fair market value" means the true value in money of real property.

**Sec. 5705.03.** (A) The taxing authority of each subdivision may levy taxes annually, subject to the limitations of sections 5705.01 to 5705.47 of the Revised Code, on the real and personal property within the subdivision for the purpose of paying the current operating expenses of the subdivision and acquiring or constructing permanent improvements. The taxing authority of each subdivision and taxing unit shall, subject to the limitations of such sections, levy such taxes annually as are necessary to pay the interest and sinking fund on and retire at maturity the bonds, notes, and certificates of indebtedness of such subdivision and taxing unit, including levies in anticipation of which the subdivision or taxing unit has incurred indebtedness.

(B)(1) When a taxing authority determines that it is necessary to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation for any purpose authorized by the Revised Code, the taxing authority shall certify to the county auditor a resolution or ordinance requesting that the county auditor certify to the taxing authority the total current tax valuation of the subdivision, and the number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value and that rate stated in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value required to generate a specified amount of revenue, or the dollar amount of revenue, rounded to the nearest dollar, that would be generated by a specified

number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value. The auditor shall additionally certify an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest dollar, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission. The resolution or ordinance the taxing authority certifies to the county auditor shall state all of the following:

- (a) The purpose of the tax;
- (b) Whether the tax is an additional levy, a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, or a renewal or replacement of an existing tax with an increase or a decrease;
- (c) The section of the Revised Code authorizing submission of the question of the tax;
- (d) The term of years of the tax or if the tax is for a continuing period of time;
- (e) That the tax is to be levied upon the entire territory of the subdivision or, if authorized by the Revised Code, a description of the portion of the territory of the subdivision in which the tax is to be levied;
- (f) The date of the election at which the question of the tax shall appear on the ballot;
- (g) That the ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of the subdivision or, if authorized by the Revised Code, a description of the portion of the territory of the subdivision to which the ballot measure shall be submitted;
- (h) The tax year in which the tax will first be levied and the calendar year in which the tax will first be collected;
- (i) Each such county in which the subdivision has territory.

If a subdivision is located in more than one county, the county auditor shall obtain from the county auditor of each other county in which the subdivision is located the current tax valuation for the portion of the subdivision in that county. The county auditor shall issue the certification to the taxing authority within ten days after receiving the taxing authority's resolution or ordinance requesting it.

~~(2) When considering the tangible personal property component of the tax valuation of the subdivision, the county auditor shall take into account the assessment percentages prescribed in section 5711.22 of the Revised Code. The tax commissioner may issue rules, orders, or instructions directing how the assessment percentages must be utilized.~~

~~(3) Upon receiving the certification from the county auditor, the taxing~~

authority may adopt a resolution or ordinance stating the rate of the tax levy, expressed in mills for each one dollar ~~in tax valuation of taxable value and in~~ dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, as estimated by the county auditor, and that the taxing authority will proceed with the submission of the question of the tax to electors. The taxing authority shall certify this resolution or ordinance, a copy of the county auditor's ~~certification~~ certifications, and the resolution or ordinance the taxing authority adopted under division (B)(1) of this section to the proper county board of elections in the manner and within the time prescribed by the section of the Revised Code governing submission of the question. The county board of elections shall not submit the question of the tax to electors unless a copy of the county auditor's certification accompanies the resolutions or ordinances the taxing authority certifies to the board. Before requesting a taxing authority to submit a tax levy, any agency or authority authorized to make that request shall first request the certification from the county auditor provided under this section.

~~(4)~~(3) This division is supplemental to, and not in derogation of, any similar requirement governing the certification by the county auditor of the tax valuation of a subdivision or necessary tax rates for the purposes of the submission of the question of a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation, including sections 133.18 and 5705.195 of the Revised Code.

(C) All taxes levied on property shall be extended on the tax list and duplicate by the county auditor of the county in which the property is located, and shall be collected by the county treasurer of such county in the same manner and under the same laws and rules as are prescribed for the assessment and collection of county taxes. The proceeds of any tax levied by or for any subdivision when received by its fiscal officer shall be deposited in its treasury to the credit of the appropriate fund.

**Sec. 5705.192.** (A) For the purposes of this section only, "taxing authority" includes a township board of park commissioners appointed under section 511.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) A taxing authority may propose to replace an existing levy that the taxing authority is authorized to levy, regardless of the section of the Revised Code under which the authority is granted, except a school district emergency levy proposed pursuant to sections 5705.194 to 5705.197 of the Revised Code. The taxing authority may propose to replace the existing levy in its entirety at the rate at which it is authorized to be levied; may propose to replace a portion of the existing levy at a lesser rate; or may propose to replace the existing levy in its entirety and increase the rate at which it is levied. If the taxing authority proposes to replace an existing levy, the proposed levy shall be called a replacement levy and shall be so designated on the ballot. Except as otherwise provided in this division, a replacement levy shall be limited to the purpose of the existing levy, and shall appear separately

on the ballot from, and shall not be conjoined with, the renewal of any other existing levy. In the case of an existing school district levy imposed under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code for the purpose specified in division (F) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, or in the case of an existing school district levy imposed under section 5705.217 of the Revised Code for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of permanent improvements, the replacement for that existing levy may be for the same purpose or for the purpose of general permanent improvements as defined in section 5705.21 of the Revised Code. The replacement for an existing levy imposed under division (L) of section 5705.19 or section 5705.222 of the Revised Code may be for any purpose authorized for a levy imposed under section 5705.222 of the Revised Code.

The resolution proposing a replacement levy shall specify the purpose of the levy; its proposed rate expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value; whether the proposed rate is the same as the rate of the existing levy, a reduction, or an increase; the extent of any reduction or increase expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value; the first calendar year in which the levy will be due; and the term of the levy, expressed in years or, if applicable, that it will be levied for a continuing period of time.

The sections of the Revised Code governing the maximum rate and term of the existing levy, the contents of the resolution that proposed the levy, the adoption of the resolution, the arrangements for the submission of the question of the levy, and notice of the election also govern the respective provisions of the proposal to replace the existing levy, except as provided in divisions (B)(1) to ~~(4)~~(5) of this section:

(1) In the case of an existing school district levy that is imposed under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code for the purpose specified in division (F) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code or under section 5705.217 of the Revised Code for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of permanent improvements, and that is to be replaced by a levy for general permanent improvements, the term of the replacement levy may be for a continuing period of time.

(2) The date on which the election is held shall be as follows:

(a) For the replacement of a levy with a fixed term of years, the date of the general election held during the last year the existing levy may be extended on the real and public utility property tax list and duplicate, or the date of any election held in the ensuing year;

(b) For the replacement of a levy imposed for a continuing period of time, the date of any election held in any year after the year the levy to be replaced is first approved by the electors, except that only one election on the

question of replacing the levy may be held during any calendar year.

The failure by the electors to approve a proposal to replace a levy imposed for a continuing period of time does not terminate the existing continuing levy.

(3) In the case of an existing school district levy imposed under division (B) of section 5705.21, division (C) of section 5705.212, or division (J) of section 5705.218 of the Revised Code, the rates allocated to the qualifying school district and to partnering community schools each may be increased or decreased or remain the same, and the total rate may be increased, decreased, or remain the same.

(4) In the case of an existing levy imposed under division (L) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, the term may be for any number of years not exceeding ten or for a continuing period of time.

(5) In addition to other required information, the election notice shall express the levy's annual collections, as estimated and certified by the county auditor under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code.

(C) The form of the ballot at the election on the question of a replacement levy shall be as follows:

"A replacement of a tax for the benefit of ..... (name of subdivision or public library) for the purpose of ..... (the purpose stated in the resolution), that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding ..... mills for each one dollar \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (rate expressed in dollars and cents) for each one hundred dollars in valuation \$100,000 of fair market value, for ..... (number of years levy is to run, or that it will be levied for a continuous period of time)

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	"

If the replacement levy is proposed by a qualifying school district to replace an existing tax levied under division (B) of section 5705.21, division (C)(1) of section 5705.212, or division (J) of section 5705.218 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after the phrase "each one dollar \$1 of valuation taxable value," the following: "(of which ..... mills is to be allocated to partnering community schools)."

If the proposal is to replace an existing levy and increase the rate of the existing levy, the form of the ballot shall be changed by adding the words

"..... mills of an existing levy and an increase of ..... mills, to constitute" after the words "a replacement of." If the proposal is to replace only a portion of an existing levy, the form of the ballot shall be changed by adding the words "a portion of an existing levy, being a reduction of ..... mills, to constitute" after the words "a replacement of." If the existing levy is imposed under division (B) of section 5705.21, division (C)(1) of section 5705.212, or division (J) of section 5705.218 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot also shall state the portion of the total increased rate or of the total rate as reduced that is to be allocated to partnering community schools.

If the tax is to be placed on the tax list of the current tax year, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding at the end of the form the phrase ", commencing in ..... (first year the replacement tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year ..... (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)."

The question covered by the resolution shall be submitted as a separate proposition, but may be printed on the same ballot with any other proposition submitted at the same election, other than the election of officers. More than one such question may be submitted at the same election.

(D) Two or more existing levies, or any portion of those levies, may be combined into one replacement levy, so long as all of the existing levies are for the same purpose and either all are due to expire the same year or all are for a continuing period of time. The question of combining all or portions of those existing levies into the replacement levy shall appear as one ballot proposition before the electors. If the electors approve the ballot proposition, all or the stated portions of the existing levies are replaced by one replacement levy.

(E) A levy approved in excess of the ten-mill limitation under this section shall be certified to the tax commissioner. In the first year of a levy approved under this section, the levy shall be extended on the tax lists after the February settlement succeeding the election at which the levy was approved. If the levy is to be placed on the tax lists of the current year, as specified in the resolution providing for its submission, the result of the election shall be certified immediately after the canvass by the board of elections to the taxing authority, which shall forthwith make the necessary levy and certify it to the county auditor, who shall extend it on the tax lists for collection. After the first year, the levy shall be included in the annual tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

If notes are authorized to be issued in anticipation of the proceeds of the existing levy, notes may be issued in anticipation of the proceeds of the replacement levy, and such issuance is subject to the terms and limitations governing the issuance of notes in anticipation of the proceeds of the existing levy.

(F) This section does not authorize a tax to be levied in any year after

the year in which revenue is not needed for the purpose for which the tax is levied.

**Sec. 5705.195.** Within five days after the resolution is certified to the county auditor as provided by section 5705.194 of the Revised Code, the auditor shall calculate and certify to the taxing authority the annual levy, expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~valuation-fair market value~~ as well as in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation-taxable value~~, throughout the life of the levy which will be required to produce the annual amount set forth in the resolution assuming that the amount of the tax list of such subdivision remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission. ~~When considering the tangible personal property component of the tax valuation of the subdivision, the county auditor shall take into account the assessment percentages prescribed in section 5711.22 of the Revised Code. The tax commissioner may issue rules, orders, or instructions directing how the assessment percentages must be utilized.~~

Upon receiving the certification from the county auditor, if the taxing authority desires to proceed with the submission of the question it shall, not less than ninety days before the day of such election, certify its resolution, together with the amount of the average tax levy, expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~valuation-fair market value~~ as well as in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation-taxable value~~, estimated by the auditor, and the number of years the levy is to run to the board of elections of the county which shall prepare the ballots and make other necessary arrangements for the submission of the question to the voters of the subdivision.

**Sec. 5705.196.** The election provided for in section 5705.194 of the Revised Code shall be held at the regular places for voting in the district, and shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in the district for the election of county officers, provided that in any such election in which only part of the electors of a precinct are qualified to vote, the board of elections may assign voters in such part to an adjoining precinct. Such an assignment may be made to an adjoining precinct in another county with the consent and approval of the board of elections of such other county. Notice of the election shall be published in one newspaper of general circulation in the district once a week for two consecutive weeks or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. Such notice shall state the annual proceeds of the proposed levy, the purpose for which such proceeds are to be used, the number of years during which the levy shall run, and the estimated average additional tax rate



expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~valuation fair market value~~ as well as in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation taxable value~~, outside the limitation imposed by Section 2 of Article XII, Ohio Constitution, as certified by the county auditor.

**Sec. 5705.197.** The form of the ballot to be used at the election provided for in section 5705.195 of the Revised Code shall be as follows:

"Shall a levy be imposed by the ..... (here insert name of school district) for the purpose of ..... (here insert purpose of levy) in the sum of \$..... (here insert annual amount the levy is to produce) and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average ..... (~~here insert number of mills~~) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ **\$1** of ~~valuation taxable value~~, which amounts to \$..... (~~here insert rate expressed in dollars and cents~~) for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ **\$100,000** of ~~valuation fair market value~~, for a period of ..... (here insert the number of years the millage is to be imposed) years?"

	For the Tax Levy	"
	Against the Tax Levy	

~~The purpose for which the tax is to be levied shall be printed in the space indicated, in boldface type of at least twice the size of the type immediately surrounding it.~~

If the tax is to be placed on the current tax list, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after "years," the phrase ", commencing in ..... (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year ..... (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)."

If the levy submitted is a proposal to renew all or a portion of an existing levy, the form of the ballot specified in this section ~~may~~**must** be changed by adding the following at the beginning of the form, after the words "shall a levy":

(A) "Renewing an existing levy" in the case of a proposal to renew an existing levy in the same amount;

(B) "Renewing ~~\$..... dollars~~ and providing an increase of ~~\$..... dollars~~" in the case of an increase;

(C) "Renewing part of an existing levy, being a reduction of ~~\$..... dollars~~" in the case of a renewal of only part of an existing levy.

If the levy submitted is a proposal to renew all or a portion of more than one existing levy, the form of the ballot may be changed in any of the

manners provided in division (A), (B), or (C) of this section, or any combination of those manners, as appropriate, so long as the form of the ballot reflects the number of levies to be renewed, whether the amount of any of the levies will be increased or decreased, the amount of any such increase or decrease for each levy, and that none of the existing levies to be renewed will be levied after the year preceding the year in which the renewal levy is first imposed. The form of the ballot shall be changed by adding the following statement after "for a period of ..... years?" and before "For the Tax Levy" and "Against the Tax Levy":

"If approved, any remaining tax years on any of the above ..... (here insert the number of existing levies) existing levies will not be collected after ..... (here insert the current tax year or, if not the current tax year, the applicable tax year)."

**Sec. 5705.199.**(A) At any time the board of education of a city, local, exempted village, cooperative education, or joint vocational school district, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that the revenue that will be raised by all tax levies that the district is authorized to impose, when combined with state and federal revenues, will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the school district, and that it is therefore necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the school district. Such a levy shall be proposed as a substitute for all or a portion of one or more existing levies imposed under sections 5705.194 to 5705.197 of the Revised Code or under this section, by levying a tax as follows:

(1) In the initial year the levy is in effect, the levy shall be in a specified amount of money equal to the aggregate annual dollar amount of proceeds derived from the levy or levies, or portion thereof, being substituted.

(2) In each subsequent year the levy is in effect, the levy shall be in a specified amount of money equal to the sum of the following:

(a) The dollar amount of the proceeds derived from the levy in the prior year; and

(b) The dollar amount equal to the product of the total taxable value of all taxable real property in the school district in the then-current year, excluding carryover property as defined in section 319.301 of the Revised Code, multiplied by the annual levy, expressed in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, that was required to produce the annual dollar amount of the levy under this section in the prior year; provided, that the amount under division (A)(2)(b) of this section shall not be less than zero.

(B) The resolution proposing the substitute levy shall specify the annual dollar amount the levy is to produce in its initial year; the first calendar year in which the levy will be due; and the term of the levy expressed in years, which may be any number not exceeding ten, or for a continuing period

of time. The resolution shall specify the date of holding the election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after certification of the resolution to the board of elections, and which shall be consistent with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. If two or more existing levies are to be included in a single substitute levy, but are not scheduled to expire in the same year, the resolution shall specify that the existing levies to be substituted shall not be levied after the year preceding the year in which the substitute levy is first imposed.

The resolution shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of the resolution shall be necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election. A copy of the resolution shall immediately after its passage be certified to the county auditor in the manner provided by section 5705.195 of the Revised Code, and sections 5705.194 and 5705.196 of the Revised Code shall govern the arrangements for the submission of the question and other matters concerning the notice of election and the election, except as may be provided otherwise in this section.

(C) The form of the ballot to be used at the election on the question of a levy under this section shall be as follows:

"Shall a tax levy substituting for an existing levy be imposed by the ..... (here insert name of school district) for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the school district in the initial sum of \$..... (here insert the annual dollar amount the levy is to produce in its initial year), and a levy of taxes be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to require ..... (~~here insert number of mills~~) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (~~here insert rate expressed in dollars and cents~~) for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of valuation fair market value for the initial year of the tax, for a period of ..... (here insert the number of years the levy is to be imposed, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time), commencing in ..... (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year ..... (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due), with the sum of such tax to increase only if and as new land or real property improvements not previously taxed by the school district are added to its tax list?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

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If the levy submitted is a proposal to substitute all or a portion of more than one existing levy, the form of the ballot may be changed so long as the ballot reflects the number of levies to be substituted and that none of the existing levies to be substituted will be levied after the year preceding the

year in which the substitute levy is first imposed. The form of the ballot shall be modified by substituting the statement "Shall a tax levy substituting for an existing levy" with "Shall a tax levy substituting for existing levies" and adding the following statement after "added to its tax list?" and before "For the Tax Levy":

"If approved, any remaining tax years on any of the ..... (here insert the number of existing levies) existing levies will not be collected after ..... (here insert the current tax year or, if not the current tax year, the applicable tax year)."

(D) The submission of questions to the electors under this section is subject to the limitation on the number of election dates established by section 5705.214 of the Revised Code.

(E) If a majority of the electors voting on the question so submitted in an election vote in favor of the levy, the board of education may make the necessary levy within the school district at the rate and for the purpose stated in the resolution. The tax levy shall be included in the next tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

(F) A levy for a continuing period of time may be decreased pursuant to section 5705.261 of the Revised Code.

(G) A levy under this section substituting for all or a portion of one or more existing levies imposed under sections 5705.194 to 5705.197 of the Revised Code or under this section shall be treated as having renewed the levy or levies being substituted for purposes of the payments made under sections 5751.20 to 5751.22 of the Revised Code.

(H) After the approval of a levy on the current tax list and duplicate, and prior to the time when the first tax collection from the levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy. The notes shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

**Sec. 5705.21.** (A) At any time, the board of education of any city, local, exempted village, cooperative education, or joint vocational school district, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax ~~duplicate list~~ will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the school district, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for one of the purposes specified in division (A), (D), (F), (H), or (DD) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, for general permanent improvements, for the purpose of

operating a cultural center, for the purpose of providing for school safety and security, or for the purpose of providing education technology, and that the question of such additional tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election on a day to be specified in the resolution. In the case of a qualifying library levy for the support of a library association or private corporation, the question shall be submitted to the electors of the association library district. If the resolution states that the levy is for the purpose of operating a cultural center, the ballot shall state that the levy is "for the purpose of operating the..... (name of cultural center)."

As used in this division, "cultural center" means a freestanding building, separate from a public school building, that is open to the public for educational, musical, artistic, and cultural purposes; "education technology" means, but is not limited to, computer hardware, equipment, materials, and accessories, equipment used for two-way audio or video, and software; "general permanent improvements" means permanent improvements without regard to the limitation of division (F) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code that the improvements be a specific improvement or a class of improvements that may be included in a single bond issue; and "providing for school safety and security" includes but is not limited to providing for permanent improvements to provide or enhance security, employment of or contracting for the services of safety personnel, providing mental health services and counseling, or providing training in safety and security practices and responses.

A resolution adopted under this division shall be confined to a single purpose and shall specify the amount of the increase in rate that it is necessary to levy, the purpose of the levy, and the number of years during which the increase in rate shall be in effect. The number of years may be any number not exceeding five or, if the levy is for current expenses of the district or for general permanent improvements, for a continuing period of time.

(B)(1) The board of education of a qualifying school district, by resolution, may declare that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of paying the current expenses of partnering community schools and, if any of the levy proceeds are so allocated, of the district. A qualifying school district that is not a municipal school district may allocate all of the levy proceeds to partnering community schools. A municipal school district shall allocate a portion of the levy proceeds to the current expenses of the district. The resolution shall declare that the question of the additional tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election on a day to be specified in the resolution. The resolution shall state the purpose of the levy, the rate of the tax expressed in mills ~~per for each one~~ dollar of taxable value, the number of such mills to be levied for the current expenses of the partnering community schools and the number of such mills, if any, to be levied for the current expenses of the

school district, the number of years the tax will be levied, and the first year the tax will be levied. The number of years the tax may be levied may be any number not exceeding ten years, or for a continuing period of time.

The levy of a tax for the current expenses of a partnering community school under this section and the distribution of proceeds from the tax by a qualifying school district to partnering community schools is hereby determined to be a proper public purpose.

(2)(a) If any portion of the levy proceeds are to be allocated to the current expenses of the qualifying school district, the form of the ballot at an election held pursuant to division (B) of this section shall be as follows:

"Shall a levy be imposed by the..... (insert the name of the qualifying school district) for the purpose of current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding..... (insert the number of mills)-mills for each one dollar \$1 of valuation taxable value, of which..... (insert the number of mills to be allocated to partnering community schools) mills is to be allocated to partnering community schools), which amounts to:..... (insert the rate expressed in dollars and cents)-\$..... for each one hundred dollars \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, for..... (insert the number of years the levy is to be imposed, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time), beginning..... (insert first year the tax is to be levied), which will first be payable in calendar year..... (insert the first calendar year in which the tax would be payable)?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	"

(b) If all of the levy proceeds are to be allocated to the current expenses of partnering community schools, the form of the ballot shall be as follows:

"Shall a levy be imposed by the..... (insert the name of the qualifying school district) for the purpose of current expenses of partnering community schools, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding..... (insert the number of mills)-mills for each one dollar \$1 of valuation taxable value which amounts to:..... (insert the rate expressed in dollars and cents)-\$..... for each one hundred dollars \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, for..... (insert the number of years the levy is to be imposed, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time), beginning..... (insert first year the tax is to be levied), which will first be payable in calendar year..... (insert the first calendar year in which the tax would be payable)?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	"

(3) Upon each receipt of a tax distribution by the qualifying school district, the board of education shall credit the portion allocated to partnering community schools to the partnering community schools fund. All income from the investment of money in the partnering community schools fund shall be credited to that fund.

(a) If the qualifying school district is a municipal school district, the board of education shall distribute the partnering community schools amount among the then qualifying community schools not more than forty-five days after the school district receives and deposits each tax distribution. From each tax distribution, each such partnering community school shall receive a portion of the partnering community schools amount in the proportion that the number of its resident students bears to the aggregate number of resident students of all such partnering community schools as of the date of receipt and deposit of the tax distribution.

(b) If the qualifying school district is not a municipal school district, the board of education may distribute all or a portion of the amount in the partnering community schools fund during a fiscal year to partnering community schools on or before the first day of June of the preceding fiscal year. Each such partnering community school shall receive a portion of the amount distributed by the board from the partnering community schools fund during the fiscal year in the proportion that the number of its resident students bears to the aggregate number of resident students of all such partnering community schools as of the date the school district received and deposited the most recent tax distribution. On or before the fifteenth day of June of each fiscal year, the board of education shall announce an estimated allocation to partnering community schools for the ensuing fiscal year. The board is not required to allocate to partnering community schools the entire partnering community schools amount in the fiscal year in which a tax distribution is received and deposited in the partnering community schools fund. The estimated allocation shall be published on the web site of the school district and expressed as a dollar amount per resident student. The actual allocation to community schools in a fiscal year need not conform to the estimate published by the school district so long if the estimate was made in good faith.

Distributions by a school district under division (B)(3)(b) of this section shall be made in accordance with distribution agreements entered into by the board of education and each partnering community school eligible for distributions under this division. The distribution agreements shall be certified to the department of education each fiscal year before the thirtieth day of July.

Each agreement shall provide for at least three distributions by the school district to the partnering community school during the fiscal year and shall require the initial distribution be made on or before the thirtieth day of July.

(c) For the purposes of division (B) of this section, the number of resident students shall be the number of such students reported under section 3317.03 of the Revised Code and established by the department of education as of the date of receipt and deposit of the tax distribution.

(4) To the extent an agreement whereby the qualifying school district and a community school endorse each other's programs is necessary for the community school to qualify as a partnering community school under division (B)(6)(b) of this section, the board of education of the school district shall certify to the department of education the agreement along with the determination that such agreement satisfies the requirements of that division. The board's determination is conclusive.

(5) For the purposes of Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code or other laws referring to the "taxes charged and payable" for a school district, the taxes charged and payable for a qualifying school district that levies a tax under division (B) of this section includes only the taxes charged and payable under that levy for the current expenses of the school district, and does not include the taxes charged and payable for the current expenses of partnering community schools. The taxes charged and payable for the current expenses of partnering community schools shall not affect the calculation of "state education aid" as defined in section 5751.20 of the Revised Code.

(6) As used in division (B) of this section:

(a) "Qualifying school district" means a municipal school district, as defined in section 3311.71 of the Revised Code or a school district that contains within its territory a partnering community school.

(b) "Partnering community school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code that is located within the territory of the qualifying school district and meets one of the following criteria:

(i) If the qualifying school district is a municipal school district, the community school is sponsored by the district or is a party to an agreement with the district whereby the district and the community school endorse each other's programs;

(ii) If the qualifying school district is not a municipal school district, the community school is sponsored by a sponsor that was rated as "exemplary" in the ratings most recently published under section 3314.016 of the Revised Code before the resolution proposing the levy is certified to the board of elections.

(c) "Partnering community schools amount" means the product



obtained, as of the receipt and deposit of the tax distribution, by multiplying the amount of a tax distribution by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of mills per dollar of taxable value of the property tax to be allocated to partnering community schools, and the denominator of which is the total number of mills per dollar of taxable value authorized by the electors in the election held under division (B) of this section, each as set forth in the resolution levying the tax. If the resolution allocates all of the levy proceeds to partnering community schools, the "partnering schools amount" equals the amount of the tax distribution.

(d) "Partnering community schools fund" means a separate fund established by the board of education of a qualifying school district for the deposit of partnering community school amounts under this section.

(e) "Resident student" means a student enrolled in a partnering community school who is entitled to attend school in the qualifying school district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(f) "Tax distribution" means a distribution of proceeds of the tax authorized by division (B) of this section under section 321.24 of the Revised Code and distributions that are attributable to that tax under sections 323.156 and 4503.068 of the Revised Code or other applicable law.

(C) A resolution adopted under this section shall specify the date of holding the election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after the adoption and certification of the resolution and which shall be consistent with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code.

A resolution adopted under this section may propose to renew one or more existing levies imposed under division (A) or (B) of this section or to increase or decrease a single levy imposed under either such division.

If the board of education imposes one or more existing levies for the purpose specified in division (F) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, the resolution may propose to renew one or more of those existing levies, or to increase or decrease a single such existing levy, for the purpose of general permanent improvements.

If the resolution proposes to renew two or more existing levies, the levies shall be levied for the same purpose. The resolution shall identify those levies and the rates at which they are levied. The resolution also shall specify that the existing levies shall not be extended on the tax lists after the year preceding the year in which the renewal levy is first imposed, regardless of the years for which those levies originally were authorized to be levied.

If the resolution proposes to renew an existing levy imposed under division (B) of this section, the rates allocated to the qualifying school district and to partnering community schools each may be increased or decreased or remain the same, and the total rate may be increased, decreased, or remain the

same. The resolution and notice of election shall specify the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the partnering community schools and the number of the mills, if any, to be levied for the current expenses of the qualifying school district.

A resolution adopted under this section shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of the resolution shall be necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election. A copy of the resolution shall immediately after its passing be certified to the board of elections of the proper county in the manner provided by section 5705.25 of the Revised Code. That section shall govern the arrangements for the submission of such question and other matters concerning the election to which that section refers, including publication of notice of the election, except that the election shall be held on the date specified in the resolution. In the case of a resolution adopted under division (B) of this section, the publication of notice of that election shall state the number of the mills, if any, to be levied for the current expenses of partnering community schools and the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the qualifying school district. If a majority of the electors voting on the question so submitted in an election vote in favor of the levy, the board of education may make the necessary levy within the school district or, in the case of a qualifying library levy for the support of a library association or private corporation, within the association library district, at the additional rate, or at any lesser rate in excess of the ten-mill limitation on the tax list, for the purpose stated in the resolution. A levy for a continuing period of time may be reduced pursuant to section 5705.261 of the Revised Code. The tax levy shall be included in the next tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

(D)(1) After the approval of a levy on the current tax list and duplicate for current expenses, for recreational purposes, for community centers provided for in section 755.16 of the Revised Code, or for a public library of the district under division (A) of this section, and prior to the time when the first tax collection from the levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy.

(2) After the approval of a levy for general permanent improvements for a specified number of years or for permanent improvements having the purpose specified in division (F) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the levy remaining to be collected in each year over a period of five years after the issuance of the notes.

The notes shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their

issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(3) After approval of a levy for general permanent improvements for a continuing period of time, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected in each year over a specified period of years, not exceeding ten, after the issuance of the notes.

The notes shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed ten years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(4) After the approval of a levy on the current tax list and duplicate under division (B) of this section, and prior to the time when the first tax collection from the levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy for the current expenses of the school district and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy and allocated to the school district. The portion of the levy proceeds to be allocated to partnering community schools under that division shall not be included in the estimated proceeds anticipated under this division and shall not be used to pay debt charges on any anticipation notes.

The notes shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(E) The submission of questions to the electors under this section is subject to the limitation on the number of election dates established by section 5705.214 of the Revised Code.

(F) The board of education of any school district that levies a tax under this section for the purpose of providing for school safety and security may report to the department of education how the district is using revenue from that tax.

**Sec. 5705.212.** (A)(1) The board of education of any school district, at any time and by a vote of two-thirds of all of its members, may declare by resolution that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the present and future requirements of the school district, that it is necessary to levy not more than five taxes in excess of that limitation for current expenses, and that each of the proposed taxes first will be levied in a different year, over a specified period of time. The board shall identify the taxes proposed under this section as follows: the first tax to be levied shall be called the "original

tax." Each tax subsequently levied shall be called an "incremental tax." The rate of each incremental tax shall be identical, but the rates of such incremental taxes need not be the same as the rate of the original tax. The resolution also shall state that the question of these additional taxes shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election. The resolution shall specify separately for each tax proposed: the amount of the increase in rate that it is necessary to levy, expressed separately for the original tax and each incremental tax; that the purpose of the levy is for current expenses; the number of years during which the original tax shall be in effect; a specification that the last year in which the original tax is in effect shall also be the last year in which each incremental tax shall be in effect; and the year in which each tax first is proposed to be levied. The original tax may be levied for any number of years not exceeding ten, or for a continuing period of time. The resolution shall specify the date of holding the special election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after the adoption and certification of the resolution and shall be consistent with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) The board of education, by a vote of two-thirds of all of its members, may adopt a resolution proposing to renew taxes levied other than for a continuing period of time under division (A)(1) of this section. Such a resolution shall provide for levying a tax and specify all of the following:

(a) That the tax shall be called and designated on the ballot as a renewal levy;

(b) The rate of the renewal tax, which shall be a single rate that combines the rate of the original tax and each incremental tax into a single rate. The rate of the renewal tax shall not exceed the aggregate rate of the original and incremental taxes.

(c) The number of years, not to exceed ten, that the renewal tax will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;

(d) That the purpose of the renewal levy is for current expenses;

(e) Subject to the certification and notification requirements of section 5705.251 of the Revised Code, that the question of the renewal levy shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at the general election held during the last year the original tax may be extended on the real and public utility property tax list and duplicate or at a special election held during the ensuing year.

(3) A resolution adopted under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section shall go into immediate effect upon its adoption and no publication of the resolution is necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election. Immediately after its adoption, a copy of the resolution shall be certified to the board of elections of the proper county in the manner provided by division (A) of section 5705.251 of the Revised Code, and that division shall govern

the arrangements for the submission of the question and other matters concerning the election to which that section refers. The election shall be held on the date specified in the resolution. If a majority of the electors voting on the question so submitted in an election vote in favor of the taxes or a renewal tax, the board of education, if the original or a renewal tax is authorized to be levied for the current year, immediately may make the necessary levy within the school district at the authorized rate, or at any lesser rate in excess of the ten-mill limitation, for the purpose stated in the resolution. No tax shall be imposed prior to the year specified in the resolution as the year in which it is first proposed to be levied. The rate of the original tax and the rate of each incremental tax shall be cumulative, so that the aggregate rate levied in any year is the sum of the rates of both the original tax and all incremental taxes levied in or prior to that year under the same proposal. A tax levied for a continuing period of time under this section may be reduced pursuant to section 5705.261 of the Revised Code.

(B) Notwithstanding section 133.30 of the Revised Code, after the approval of a tax to be levied in the current or the succeeding year and prior to the time when the first tax collection from that levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy. The notes shall be sold as provided in Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. If anticipation notes are issued, they shall mature serially and in substantially equal amounts during each year over a period not to exceed five years; and the amount necessary to pay the interest and principal as the anticipation notes mature shall be deemed appropriated for those purposes from the levy, and appropriations from the levy by the board of education shall be limited each fiscal year to the balance available in excess of that amount.

If the auditor of state has certified a deficit pursuant to section 3313.483 of the Revised Code, the notes authorized under this section may be sold in accordance with Chapter 133. of the Revised Code, except that the board may sell the notes after providing a reasonable opportunity for competitive bidding.

(C)(1) The board of education of a qualifying school district, at any time and by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that it is necessary to levy not more than five taxes in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the current expenses of partnering community schools and, if any of the levy proceeds are so allocated, of the school district, and that each of the proposed taxes first will be levied in a different year, over a specified period of time. A qualifying school district that is not a municipal school district may allocate all of the levy proceeds to partnering community schools. A municipal school district shall allocate a portion of the levy proceeds to the current expenses of the district. The board shall identify the taxes proposed

under this division in the same manner as in division (A)(1) of this section. The rate of each incremental tax shall be identical, but the rates of such incremental taxes need not be the same as the rate of the original tax. In addition to the specifications required of the resolution in division (A) of this section, the resolution shall state the number of the mills to be levied each year for the current expenses of the partnering community schools and the number of the mills, if any, to be levied each year for the current expenses of the school district. The number of mills for the current expenses of partnering community schools shall be the same for each of the incremental taxes, and the number of mills for the current expenses of the qualifying school district shall be the same for each of the incremental taxes.

The levy of taxes for the current expenses of a partnering community school under division (C) of this section and the distribution of proceeds from the tax by a qualifying school district to partnering community schools is hereby determined to be a proper public purpose.

(2) The board of education, by a vote of two-thirds of all of its members, may adopt a resolution proposing to renew taxes levied other than for a continuing period of time under division (C)(1) of this section. In such a renewal levy, the rates allocated to the qualifying school district and to partnering community schools each may be increased or decreased or remain the same, and the total rate may be increased, decreased, or remain the same. In addition to the requirements of division (A)(2) of this section, the resolution shall state the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the partnering community schools and the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the school district.

(3) A resolution adopted under division (C)(1) or (2) of this section is subject to the rules and procedures prescribed by division (A)(3) of this section.

(4) The proceeds of each tax levied under division (C)(1) or (2) of this section shall be credited and distributed in the manner prescribed by division (B)(3) of section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, and divisions (B)(4), (5), and (6) of that section apply to taxes levied under division (C) of this section.

(5) Notwithstanding section 133.30 of the Revised Code, after the approval of a tax to be levied under division (C)(1) or (2) of this section, in the current or succeeding year and prior to the time when the first tax collection from that levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy for the current expenses of the qualifying school district and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy and allocated to the school district. The portion of levy proceeds to be allocated to partnering community schools shall not be included in the estimated proceeds anticipated under this division

and shall not be used to pay debt charges on any anticipation notes.

The notes shall be sold as provided in Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. If anticipation notes are issued, they shall mature serially and in substantially equal amounts during each year over a period not to exceed five years. The amount necessary to pay the interest and principal as the anticipation notes mature shall be deemed appropriated for those purposes from the levy, and appropriations from the levy by the board of education shall be limited each fiscal year to the balance available in excess of that amount.

If the auditor of state has certified a deficit pursuant to section 3313.483 of the Revised Code, the notes authorized under this section may be sold in accordance with Chapter 133. of the Revised Code, except that the board may sell the notes after providing a reasonable opportunity for competitive bidding.

As used in division (C) of this section, "qualifying school district" and "partnering community schools" have the same meanings as in section 5705.21 of the Revised Code.

(D) The submission of questions to the electors under this section is subject to the limitation on the number of election dates established by section 5705.214 of the Revised Code.

(E) When a school board certifies a resolution to the county auditor under division (B)(1) of section 5705.03 of the Revised Code proposing to levy a tax under division (A)(1) or (C)(1) of this section, the county auditor shall certify, within ten days after receiving the board's request, an estimate of both the levy's annual collections for the tax year for which the original tax applies and the levies' aggregate annual collections for the tax year for which the final incremental tax applies, in both cases rounded to the nearest dollar, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission. If a school district is located in more than one county, the county auditor shall obtain from the county auditor of each other county in which the district is located the current tax valuation for the portion of the district in that county.

**Sec. 5705.213.** (A)(1) The board of education of any school district, at any time and by a vote of two-thirds of all of its members, may declare by resolution that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the present and future requirements of the school district and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation for current expenses. The resolution also shall state that the question of the additional tax shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election. The resolution shall specify, for

each year the levy is in effect, the amount of money that the levy is proposed to raise, which may, for years after the first year the levy is made, be expressed in terms of a dollar or percentage increase over the prior year's amount. The resolution also shall specify that the purpose of the levy is for current expenses, the number of years during which the tax shall be in effect which may be for any number of years not exceeding ten, and the year in which the tax first is proposed to be levied. The resolution shall specify the date of holding the special election, which shall not be earlier than ninety-five days after the adoption and certification of the resolution to the county auditor and not earlier than ninety days after certification to the board of elections. The date of the election shall be consistent with the requirements of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) The board of education, by a vote of two-thirds of all of its members, may adopt a resolution proposing to renew a tax levied under division (A)(1) of this section. Such a resolution shall provide for levying a tax and specify all of the following:

(a) That the tax shall be called and designated on the ballot as a renewal levy;

(b) The amount of the renewal tax, which shall be no more than the amount of tax levied during the last year the tax being renewed is authorized to be in effect;

(c) The number of years, not to exceed ten, that the renewal tax will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;

(d) That the purpose of the renewal levy is for current expenses;

(e) Subject to the certification and notification requirements of section 5705.251 of the Revised Code, that the question of the renewal levy shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at the general election held during the last year the tax being renewed may be extended on the real and public utility property tax list and duplicate or at a special election held during the ensuing year.

(3) A resolution adopted under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section shall go into immediate effect upon its adoption and no publication of the resolution is necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election. Immediately after its adoption, a copy of the resolution shall be certified to the county auditor of the proper county, who shall, within five days, calculate and certify to the board of education the estimated levy, for the first year, and for each subsequent year for which the tax is proposed to be in effect. The estimates shall be made both in mills for each one dollar of valuation, taxable value and in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value. In making the estimates, the auditor shall assume that the amount of the tax list remains throughout the life of the levy, the same as the tax list for the current year. If the tax list for the current year is not



determined, the auditor shall base the auditor's estimates on the estimated amount of the tax list for the current year as submitted to the county budget commission.

If the board desires to proceed with the submission of the question, it shall certify its resolution, with the estimated tax levy expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and dollars and cents per for each one hundred thousand dollars of valuation-fair market value for each year that the tax is proposed to be in effect, to the board of elections of the proper county in the manner provided by division (A) of section 5705.251 of the Revised Code. Section 5705.251 of the Revised Code shall govern the arrangements for the submission of the question and other matters concerning the election to which that section refers. The election shall be held on the date specified in the resolution. If a majority of the electors voting on the question so submitted in an election vote in favor of the tax, and if the tax is authorized to be levied for the current year, the board of education immediately may make the additional levy necessary to raise the amount specified in the resolution or a lesser amount for the purpose stated in the resolution.

(4) The submission of questions to the electors under this section is subject to the limitation on the number of election dates established by section 5705.214 of the Revised Code.

(B) Notwithstanding sections 133.30 and 133.301 of the Revised Code, after the approval of a tax to be levied in the current or the succeeding year and prior to the time when the first tax collection from that levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy. The notes shall be sold as provided in Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. If anticipation notes are issued, they shall mature serially and in substantially equal amounts during each year over a period not to exceed five years; and the amount necessary to pay the interest and principal as the anticipation notes mature shall be deemed appropriated for those purposes from the levy, and appropriations from the levy by the board of education shall be limited each fiscal year to the balance available in excess of that amount.

If the auditor of state has certified a deficit pursuant to section 3313.483 of the Revised Code, the notes authorized under this section may be sold in accordance with Chapter 133. of the Revised Code, except that the board may sell the notes after providing a reasonable opportunity for competitive bidding.

**Sec. 5705.215.** (A) The governing board of an educational service center that is the taxing authority of a county school financing district, upon receipt of identical resolutions adopted within a sixty-day period by a

majority of the members of the board of education of each school district that is within the territory of the county school financing district, may submit a tax levy to the electors of the territory in the same manner as a school board may submit a levy under division (C) of section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, except that:

(1) The levy may be for a period not to exceed ten years, or, if the levy is solely for the purpose or purposes described in division (A)(2)(a), (c), or (f) of this section, for a continuing period of time.

(2) The purpose of the levy shall be one or more of the following:

(a) For current expenses for the provision of special education and related services within the territory of the district;

(b) For permanent improvements within the territory of the district for special education and related services;

(c) For current expenses for specified educational programs within the territory of the district;

(d) For permanent improvements within the territory of the district for specified educational programs;

(e) For permanent improvements within the territory of the district;

(f) For current expenses for school safety and security and mental health services, including training and employment of or contracting for the services of safety personnel, mental health personnel, social workers, and counselors.

(B) If the levy provides for but is not limited to current expenses, the resolutions shall apportion the annual rate of the levy between current expenses and the other purposes. The apportionment need not be the same for each year of the levy, but the respective portions of the rate actually levied each year for current expenses and the other purposes shall be limited by that apportionment.

(C) Prior to the application of section 319.301 of the Revised Code, the rate of a levy that is limited to, or to the extent that it is apportioned to, purposes other than current expenses shall be reduced in the same proportion in which the district's total valuation increases during the life of the levy because of additions to such valuation that have resulted from improvements added to the tax list and duplicate.

(D) After the approval of a county school financing district levy under this section, the taxing authority may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of such levy and may from time to time during the life of such levy, but in any given year prior to the time when the tax collection from such levy can be made for that year, issue anticipation notes in an amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected in each year up to a period of five years after the date of the issuance of such notes, less an

amount equal to the proceeds of such levy obligated for each year by the issuance of anticipation notes, provided that the total amount maturing in any one year shall not exceed fifty per cent of the anticipated proceeds of the levy for that year. Each issue of notes shall be sold as provided in Chapter 133. of the Revised Code, and shall, except for ~~such the~~ limitation that the total amount of such notes maturing in any one year shall not exceed fifty per cent of the anticipated proceeds of such levy for that year, mature serially in substantially equal installments during each year over a period not to exceed five years after their issuance.

(E)(1) In a resolution to be submitted to the taxing authority of a county school financing district under division (A) of this section calling for a ballot issue on the question of the levying of a tax for a continuing period of time by the taxing authority, the board of education of a school district that is part of the territory of the county school financing district also may propose to reduce the rate of one or more of that school district's property taxes levied for a continuing period of time in excess of the ten-mill limitation. The reduction in the rate of a property tax may be any amount, expressed in mills ~~per for~~ each one dollar of valuation taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, not exceeding the rate at which the tax is authorized to be levied. The reduction in the rate of a tax shall first take effect in the same year that the county school financing district tax takes effect, and shall continue for each year that the county school financing district tax is in effect. A board of education's resolution proposing to reduce the rate of one or more of its school district property taxes shall specifically identify each such tax and shall state for each tax the maximum rate at which it currently may be levied and the maximum rate at which it could be levied after the proposed reduction, expressed in mills ~~per for each one dollar of valuation taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value~~.

Before submitting the resolution to the taxing authority of the county school financing district, the board of education of the school district shall certify a copy of it to the tax commissioner and the county auditor. Within ten days of receiving the copy, (a) the tax commissioner shall certify to the board the reduction in the school district's total effective tax rate for each class of property that would have resulted if the proposed reduction in the rate or rates had been in effect the previous year and (b) the county auditor shall certify an estimate of the levy's annual collections beginning for the first tax year for which the reduction applies, rounded to the nearest dollar, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the reduced levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission.

If a school district is located in more than one county, the county

auditor shall obtain from the county auditor of each other county in which the district is located the current tax valuation for the portion of the district in that county. After

After receiving the certification these certifications from the commissioner and the auditor, the board may amend its resolution to change the proposed property tax rate reduction before submitting the resolution to the financing district taxing authority, provided the board certifies a copy of the amended resolution to the county auditor with a request to provide the information required under division (E)(1)(b) of this section and transmits that estimate to the taxing authority. As used in this paragraph, "effective tax rate" has the same meaning as in section 323.08 of the Revised Code.

If the board of education of a school district that is part of the territory of a county school financing district adopts a resolution proposing to reduce the rate of one or more of its property taxes in conjunction with the levying of a tax by the financing district, the resolution submitted by the board to the taxing authority of the financing district under division (A) of this section does not have to be identical in this respect to the resolutions submitted by the boards of education of the other school districts that are part of the territory of the county school financing district.

(2) Each school district that is part of the territory of a county school financing district may tailor to its own situation a proposed reduction in one or more property tax rates in conjunction with the proposed levying of a tax by the county school financing district; if one such school district proposes a reduction in one or more tax rates, another school district may propose a reduction of a different size or may propose no reduction. Within each school district that is part of the territory of the county school financing district, the electors shall vote on one ballot issue combining the question of the levying of the tax by the taxing authority of the county school financing district with, if any such reduction is proposed, the question of the reduction in the rate of one or more taxes of the school district. If a majority of the electors of the county school financing district voting on the question of the proposed levying of a tax by the taxing authority of the financing district vote to approve the question, any tax reductions proposed by school districts that are part of the territory of the financing district also are approved.

(3) The form of the ballot for an issue proposing to levy a county school financing district tax in conjunction with the reduction of the rate of one or more school district taxes shall be as follows:

"Shall the ..... (name of the county school financing district) be authorized to levy an additional tax for ..... (purpose stated in the resolutions), that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding ..... mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (rate expressed in dollars and cents) for each

~~one hundred dollars \$100,000 of valuation fair market value~~, for a continuing period of time? If the county school financing district tax is approved, the rate of an existing tax currently levied by the ..... (name of the school district of which the elector is a resident) at the rate of ..... mills ~~for each one dollar of valuation~~ shall be reduced to ..... mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to a reduction from \$..... to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, until any such time as the county school financing district tax is decreased or repealed.

	For the issue	"
	Against the issue	

If the board of education of the school district proposes to reduce the rate of more than one of its existing taxes, the second sentence of the ballot language shall be modified for residents of that district to express the rates at which those taxes currently are levied and the rates to which they would be reduced, as well as each levy's estimated annual collections as provided by the county auditor under division (E)(1)(b) of this section. If the board of education of the school district does not propose to reduce the rate of any of its taxes, the second sentence of the ballot language shall not be used for residents of that district. In any case, the first sentence of the ballot language shall be the same for all the electors in the county school financing district, but the second sentence shall be different in each school district depending on whether and in what amount the board of education of the school district proposes to reduce the rate of one or more of its property taxes.

(4) If the rate of a school district property tax is reduced pursuant to this division, the tax commissioner shall compute the percentage required to be computed for that tax under division (D) of section 319.301 of the Revised Code each year the rate is reduced as if the tax had been levied in the preceding year at the rate to which it has been reduced. If the reduced rate of a tax is increased under division (E)(5) of this section, the commissioner shall compute the percentage required to be computed for that tax under division (D) of section 319.301 of the Revised Code each year the rate is increased as if the tax had been levied in the preceding year at the rate to which it has been increased.

(5) After the levying of a county school financing district tax in conjunction with the reduction of the rate of one or more school district taxes is approved by the electors under this division, if the rate of the county school financing district tax is decreased pursuant to an election under section 5705.261 of the Revised Code, the rate of each school district tax that had been reduced shall be increased by the number of mills obtained by

multiplying the number of mills of the original reduction by the same percentage that the financing district tax rate is decreased. If the county school financing district tax is repealed pursuant to an election under section 5705.261 of the Revised Code, each school district may resume levying the property taxes that had been reduced at the full rate originally approved by the electors. A reduction in the rate of a school district property tax under this division is a reduction in the rate at which the board of education may levy that tax only for the period during which the county school financing district tax is levied prior to any decrease or repeal under section 5705.261 of the Revised Code. The resumption of the authority of the board of education to levy an increased or the full rate of tax does not constitute the levying of a new tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation.

(F) If a county school financing district has a tax in effect under this section, the territory of a city, local, or exempted village school district that is not a part of the county school financing district shall not become a part of the county school financing district unless approved by the electors of the city, local, or exempted village school district in accordance with division (C) of section 3311.50 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 5705.218.** (A) The board of education of a city, local, or exempted village school district, at any time by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that it may be necessary for the school district to issue general obligation bonds for permanent improvements. The resolution shall state all of the following:

- (1) The necessity and purpose of the bond issue;
- (2) The date of the special election at which the question shall be submitted to the electors;
- (3) The amount, approximate date, estimated rate of interest, and maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid;
- (4) The necessity of levying a tax outside the ten-mill limitation to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities.

On adoption of the resolution, the board shall certify a copy of it to the county auditor. The county auditor promptly shall estimate and certify to the board the average annual property tax rate, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, required throughout the stated maturity of the bonds to pay debt charges on the bonds and the amount the levy is estimated to collect for each tax year it is levied, in the same manner as under division (C) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) After receiving the county auditor's certification under division (A) of this section, the board of education of the city, local, or exempted

village school district, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that the amount of taxes that can be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the present and future requirements of the school district; that it is necessary to issue general obligation bonds of the school district for permanent improvements and to levy an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities; that it is necessary for a specified number of years or for a continuing period of time to levy additional taxes in excess of the ten-mill limitation to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of permanent improvements or to pay for current operating expenses, or both; and that the question of the bonds and taxes shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after certification of the resolution to the board of elections, and the date of which shall be consistent with section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. The resolution shall specify all of the following:

(1) The county auditor's estimate of the average annual property tax rate required throughout the stated maturity of the bonds to pay debt charges on the bonds;

(2) The proposed rate of the tax, if any, for current operating expenses expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, the first year the tax will be levied, and the number of years it will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;

(3) The proposed rate of the tax, if any, for permanent improvements expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, the first year the tax will be levied, and the number of years it will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time.

The resolution shall apportion the annual rate of the tax between current operating expenses and permanent improvements, if both taxes are proposed. The apportionment may but need not be the same for each year of the tax, but the respective portions of the rate actually levied each year for current operating expenses and permanent improvements shall be limited by the apportionment. The resolution shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of it is necessary other than that provided in the notice of election. The board of education shall certify a copy of the resolution, along with copies of the auditor's ~~estimate~~ estimates and its resolution under division (A) of this section, to the board of elections immediately after its adoption.

(C) The board of elections shall make the arrangements for the submission to the electors of the school district of the question proposed

under division (B) or (J) of this section, and the election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in the district for the election of county officers. The resolution shall be put before the electors as one ballot question, with a favorable vote indicating approval of the bond issue, the levy to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities, the current operating expenses levy, the permanent improvements levy, and the levy for the current expenses of a qualifying school district and of partnering community schools, as those levies may be proposed. The board of elections shall publish notice of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If a board of elections operates and maintains a web site, that board also shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice of election shall state all of the following:

- (1) The principal amount of the proposed bond issue;
  - (2) The permanent improvements for which the bonds are to be issued;
  - (3) The maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid;
  - (4) The estimated additional average annual property tax rate to pay the debt charges on the bonds, as certified by the county auditor and expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value;
  - (5) The proposed rate of the additional tax, if any, for current operating expenses expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value and, if the question is proposed under division (J) of this section, the portion of the rate to be allocated to the school district and the portion to be allocated to partnering community schools;
  - (6) The number of years the current operating expenses tax will be in effect, or that it will be in effect for a continuing period of time;
  - (7) The proposed rate of the additional tax, if any, for permanent improvements expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value;
  - (8) The number of years the permanent improvements tax will be in effect, or that it will be in effect for a continuing period of time;
  - (9) The annual estimated collections of the debt levy and, if applicable, the current operating expenses levy and permanent improvements levy, as certified by the county auditor;
  - (10) The time and place of the special election.
- (D) The form of the ballot for an election under this section is as



follows:

"Shall the ..... school district be authorized to do the following:

(1) Issue bonds for the purpose of ..... in the principal amount of \$....., to be repaid annually over a maximum period of ..... years, and levy a property tax outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to collect \$..... annually and to average over the bond repayment period ..... mills for each ~~one dollar \$1 of tax valuation~~ taxable value, which amounts to \$..... ~~(rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "36 cents" or "\$1.41")~~ for each \$100-~~\$100,000 of tax valuation~~ fair market value, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?"

If either a levy for permanent improvements or a levy for current operating expenses is proposed, or both are proposed, the ballot also shall contain the following language, as appropriate:

"(2) Levy an additional property tax to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of permanent improvements, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding ..... mills for each ~~one dollar \$1 of tax valuation~~ taxable value, which amounts to \$..... ~~(rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents)~~ for each \$100-~~\$100,000 of tax valuation~~ fair market value, for ..... (number of years of the levy, or a continuing period of time)?

(3) Levy an additional property tax to pay current operating expenses, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding ..... mills for each ~~one dollar \$1 of tax valuation~~ taxable value, which amounts to \$..... ~~(rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents)~~ for each \$100-~~\$100,000 of tax valuation~~ fair market value, for ..... (number of years of the levy, or a continuing period of time)?

	FOR THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY (OR LEVIES)
	AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY (OR LEVIES)

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If the question is proposed under division (J) of this section, the form of the ballot shall be modified as prescribed by division (J)(4) of this section.

(E) The board of elections promptly shall certify the results of the election to the tax commissioner and the county auditor of the county in which the school district is located. If a majority of the electors voting on the

question vote for it, the board of education may proceed with issuance of the bonds and with the levy and collection of the property tax or taxes at the additional rate or any lesser rate in excess of the ten-mill limitation. Any securities issued by the board of education under this section are Chapter 133. securities, as that term is defined in section 133.01 of the Revised Code.

(F)(1) After the approval of a tax for current operating expenses under this section and prior to the time the first collection and distribution from the levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of such levy and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the tax to be collected during the first year of the levy.

(2) After the approval of a tax under this section for permanent improvements having a specific purpose, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of such tax and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the tax remaining to be collected in each year over a period of five years after issuance of the notes.

(3) After the approval of a tax under this section for general permanent improvements as defined under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of such tax and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the tax to be collected in each year over a specified period of years, not exceeding ten, after issuance of the notes.

Anticipation notes under this section shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code. Notes issued under division (F)(1) or (2) of this section shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance. Notes issued under division (F)(3) of this section shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed ten years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(G) A tax for current operating expenses or for permanent improvements levied under this section for a specified number of years may be renewed or replaced in the same manner as a tax for current operating expenses or for permanent improvements levied under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code. A tax for current operating expenses or for permanent improvements levied under this section for a continuing period of time may be decreased in accordance with section 5705.261 of the Revised Code.

(H) The submission of a question to the electors under this section is subject to the limitation on the number of elections that can be held in a year under section 5705.214 of the Revised Code.

(I) A school district board of education proposing a ballot measure

under this section to generate local resources for a project under the school building assistance expedited local partnership program under section 3318.36 of the Revised Code may combine the questions under division (D) of this section with a question for the levy of a property tax to generate moneys for maintenance of the classroom facilities acquired under that project as prescribed in section 3318.361 of the Revised Code.

(J)(1) After receiving the county auditor's ~~certification~~ certifications under division (A) of this section, the board of education of a qualifying school district, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of paying the current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools, as defined in section 5705.21 of the Revised Code; that it is necessary to issue general obligation bonds of the school district for permanent improvements of the district and to levy an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities; and that the question of the bonds and taxes shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after certification of the resolution to the board of elections, and the date of which shall be consistent with section 3505.01 of the Revised Code.

The levy of taxes for the current expenses of a partnering community school under division (J) of this section and the distribution of proceeds from the tax by a qualifying school district to partnering community schools is hereby determined to be a proper public purpose.

(2) The tax for the current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools is subject to the requirements of divisions (B) (3), (4), and (5) of section 5705.21 of the Revised Code.

(3) In addition to the required specifications of the resolution under division (B) of this section, the resolution shall express the rate of the tax in mills ~~per for each one~~ per for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, state the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the partnering community schools and the number of the mills to be levied for the current expenses of the school district, specify the number of years (not exceeding ten) the tax will be levied or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time, and state the first year the tax will be levied.

The resolution shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of it is necessary other than that provided in the notice of election. The board of education shall certify a copy of the resolution, along with copies of the auditor's estimate and its resolution under division (A) of this section, to the board of elections immediately after its adoption.

(4) The form of the ballot shall be modified by replacing the ballot

form set forth in division (D)(3) of this section with the following:

"Levy an additional property tax for the purpose of the current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding ..... (~~insert the number of mills~~)-mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value (of which ..... (insert the number of mills to be allocated to partnering community schools) mills is to be allocated to partnering community schools), which amounts to \$..... (~~insert the rate expressed in dollars and cents~~) for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, for ..... (insert the number of years the levy is to be imposed, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time)?

	FOR THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY (OR LEVIES)
	AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY (OR LEVIES)

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(5) After the approval of a tax for the current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools under division (J) of this section, and prior to the time the first collection and distribution from the levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy for the current expenses of the school district and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy and allocated to the school district. The portion of levy proceeds to be allocated to partnering community schools shall not be included in the estimated proceeds anticipated under this division and shall not be used to pay debt charges on any anticipation notes.

The notes shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(6) A tax for the current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools levied under division (J) of this section for a specified number of years may be renewed or replaced in the same manner as a tax for the current expenses of a school district and of partnering community schools levied under division (B) of section 5705.21 of the Revised Code. A tax for the current expenses of the school district and of partnering community schools levied under this division for a continuing period of time may be decreased in accordance with section 5705.261 of the Revised Code.

(7) The proceeds from the issuance of the general obligation bonds under division (J) of this section shall be used solely to pay for permanent

improvements of the school district and not for permanent improvements of partnering community schools.

**Sec. 5705.219.** (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Eligible school district" means a city, local, or exempted village school district in which the taxes charged and payable for current expenses on residential/agricultural real property in the tax year preceding the year in which the levy authorized by this section will be submitted for elector approval or rejection are greater than two per cent of the taxable value of the residential/agricultural real property.

(2) "Residential/agricultural real property" and "nonresidential/agricultural real property" means the property classified as such under section 5713.041 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Effective tax rate" and "taxes charged and payable" have the same meanings as in division (B) of section 319.301 of the Revised Code.

(B) On or after January 1, 2010, but before January 1, 2015, the board of education of an eligible school district, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may adopt a resolution proposing to convert existing levies imposed for the purpose of current expenses into a levy raising a specified amount of tax money by repealing all or a portion of one or more of those existing levies and imposing a levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation that will raise a specified amount of money for current expenses of the district.

The board of education shall certify a copy of the resolution to the tax commissioner not later than one hundred five days before the election upon which the repeal and levy authorized by this section will be proposed to the electors. Within ten days after receiving the copy of the resolution, the tax commissioner shall determine each of the following and certify the determinations to the board of education:

(1) The dollar amount to be raised by the proposed levy, which shall be the product of:

(a) The difference between the aggregate effective tax rate for residential/agricultural real property for the tax year preceding the year in which the repeal and levy will be proposed to the electors and twenty mills ~~per~~ for each one dollar of taxable value;

(b) The total taxable value of all property on the tax list of real and public utility property for the tax year preceding the year in which the repeal and levy will be proposed to the electors.

(2) The estimated tax rate of the proposed levy.

(3) The existing levies and any portion of an existing levy to be repealed upon approval of the question. Levies shall be repealed in reverse chronological order from most recently imposed to least recently imposed until the sum of the effective tax rates repealed for residential/agricultural real

property is equal to the difference calculated in division (B)(1)(a) of this section.

(4) The sum of the following:

(a) The total taxable value of nonresidential/agricultural real property for the tax year preceding the year in which the repeal and levy will be proposed to the electors multiplied by the difference between (i) the aggregate effective tax rate for nonresidential/agricultural real property for the existing levies and any portion of an existing levy to be repealed and (ii) the amount determined under division (B)(1)(a) of this section, but not less than zero;

(b) The total taxable value of public utility tangible personal property for the tax year preceding the year in which the repeal and levy will be proposed to the electors multiplied by the difference between (i) the aggregate voted tax rate for the existing levies and any portion of an existing levy to be repealed and (ii) the amount determined under division (B)(1)(a) of this section, but not less than zero.

(C) Upon receipt of the certification from the tax commissioner under division (B) of this section, a majority of the members of the board of education may adopt a resolution proposing the repeal of the existing levies as identified in the certification and the imposition of a levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation that will raise annually the amount certified by the commissioner. If the board determines that the tax should be for an amount less than that certified by the commissioner, the board may request that the commissioner redetermine the rate under division (B)(2) of this section on the basis of the lesser amount the levy is to raise as specified by the board. The amount certified under division (B)(4) and the levies to be repealed as certified under division (B)(3) of this section shall not be redetermined. Within ten days after receiving a timely request specifying the lesser amount to be raised by the levy, the commissioner shall redetermine the rate and recertify it to the board as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section. Only one such request may be made by the board of education of an eligible school district.

The resolution shall state the first calendar year in which the levy will be due; the existing levies and any portion of an existing levy that will be repealed, as certified by the commissioner; the term of the levy expressed in years, which may be any number not exceeding ten, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time; and the date of the election, which shall be the date of a primary or general election.

Immediately upon its passage, the resolution shall go into effect and shall be certified by the board of education to the county auditor of the proper county. The county auditor and the board of education shall proceed as required under section 5705.195 of the Revised Code. No publication of the resolution is necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election.

Section 5705.196 of the Revised Code shall govern the matters concerning the election. The submission of a question to the electors under this section is subject to the limitation on the number of election dates established by section 5705.214 of the Revised Code.

(D) The form of the ballot to be used at the election provided for in this section shall be as follows:

"Shall the existing levy of ..... (insert the voted millage rate of the levy to be repealed), currently being charged against residential and agricultural property by the ..... (insert the name of school district) at a rate of ..... (insert the residential/agricultural real property effective tax rate of the levy being repealed) for the purpose of ..... (insert the purpose of the existing levy) be repealed, and shall a levy be imposed by the ..... (insert the name of school district) in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the necessary requirements of the school district in the sum of ..... (insert the annual amount the levy is to produce), estimated by the tax commissioner to require ..... (insert the number of mills) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to ..... (insert the rate expressed in dollars and cents) for each one hundred dollars of valuation for the initial year of the tax, for a period of ..... (insert the number of years the levy is to be imposed, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time), commencing in ..... (insert the first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year ..... (insert the first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)?

	FOR THE REPEAL AND TAX
	AGAINST THE REPEAL AND TAX

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If the question submitted is a proposal to repeal all or a portion of more than one existing levy, the form of the ballot shall be modified by substituting the statement "shall the existing levy of" with "shall existing levies of" and inserting the aggregate voted and aggregate effective tax rates to be repealed.

(E) If a majority of the electors voting on the question submitted in an election vote in favor of the repeal and levy, the result shall be certified immediately after the canvass by the board of elections to the board of education. The board of education may make the levy necessary to raise the amount specified in the resolution for the purpose stated in the resolution and shall certify it to the county auditor, who shall extend it on the current year tax lists for collection. After the first year, the levy shall be included in the annual tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

(F) A levy imposed under this section for a continuing period of time may be decreased or repealed pursuant to section 5705.261 of the Revised

Code. If a levy imposed under this section is decreased, the amount calculated under division (B)(4) of this section and paid under section 5705.2110 of the Revised Code shall be decreased by the same proportion as the levy is decreased. If the levy is repealed, no further payments shall be made to the district under that section.

(G) At any time, the board of education, by a vote of two-thirds of all of its members, may adopt a resolution to renew a tax levied under this section. The resolution shall provide for levying the tax and specifically all of the following:

(1) That the tax shall be called, and designated on the ballot as, a renewal levy;

(2) The amount of the renewal tax, which shall be no more than the amount of tax previously collected;

(3) The number of years, not to exceed ten, that the renewal tax will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;

(4) That the purpose of the renewal tax is for current expenses.

The board shall certify a copy of the resolution to the board of elections not later than ninety days before the date of the election at which the question is to be submitted, which shall be the date of a primary or general election.

(H) The form of the ballot to be used at the election on the question of renewing a levy under this section shall be as follows:

"Shall a tax levy renewing an existing levy of ..... (insert the annual dollar amount the levy is to produce each year), estimated to require ..... (insert the number of mills) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, be imposed by the ..... (insert the name of school district) for the purpose of current expenses for a period of ..... (insert the number of years the levy is to be imposed, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time), commencing in ..... (insert the first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year ..... (insert the first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)?"

	FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE RENEWAL OF THE TAX LEVY

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If the levy submitted is to be for less than the amount of money previously collected, the form of the ballot shall be modified to add "and reducing" after "renewing" and to add before "estimated to require" the



statement "be approved at a tax rate necessary to produce \$..... (insert the lower annual dollar amount the levy is to produce each year)."

**Sec. 5705.233.**(A) As used in this section, "criminal justice facility" means any facility located within the county in which a tax is levied under this section and for which the board of commissioners of such county may make an appropriation under section 307.45 of the Revised Code.

(B) The board of county commissioners of any county, at any time, may declare by resolution that it may be necessary for the county to issue general obligation bonds for permanent improvements to a criminal justice facility, including the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, or maintenance of such a facility. The resolution shall state all of the following:

- (1) The necessity and purpose of the bond issue;
- (2) The date of the general or special election at which the question shall be submitted to the electors;
- (3) The amount, approximate date, estimated rate of interest, and maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid;
- (4) The necessity of levying a tax outside the ten-mill limitation to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities.

On adoption of the resolution, the board of county commissioners shall certify a copy of it to the county auditor. The county auditor promptly shall estimate and certify to the board the average annual property tax rate, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, required throughout the stated maturity of the bonds to pay debt charges on the bonds and the amount the levy is estimated to collect for each tax year it is levied, in the same manner as under division (C) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code. ~~Division~~ Except as provided in division (C) of this section, division (B) of section 5705.03 of the Revised Code does not apply to tax levy proceedings initiated under this section.

(C) After receiving the county auditor's certification under division (B) of this section and, if applicable, section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, the board of county commissioners may declare by resolution that the amount of taxes that can be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the present and future criminal justice requirements of the county; that it is necessary to issue general obligation bonds of the county for permanent improvements to a criminal justice facility and to levy an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities; that it is necessary for a specified number of years or for a continuing period of time to levy additional taxes in excess of the ten-mill limitation to provide funds for the acquisition,

construction, enlargement, renovation, maintenance, and financing of permanent improvements to such a criminal justice facility or to pay for operating expenses of the facility and other criminal justice services for which the board may make an appropriation under section 307.45 of the Revised Code, or both; and that the question of the bonds and taxes shall be submitted to the electors of the county at a general or special election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after certification of the resolution to the board of elections, and the date of which shall be consistent with section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. The resolution shall specify all of the following:

(1) The county auditor's estimate of the average annual property tax rate required throughout the stated maturity of the bonds to pay debt charges on the bonds;

(2) The proposed rate of the tax, if any, for operating expenses and criminal justice services, the first year the tax will be levied, and the number of years it will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;

(3) The proposed rate of the tax, if any, for permanent improvements to a criminal justice facility, the first year the tax will be levied, and the number of years it will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time.

The resolution shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of it is necessary other than that provided in the notice of election, except that division (B) of section 5705.03 of the Revised Code applies if the resolution proposes an additional tax for operating expenses and criminal justice services or permanent improvements. The board of county commissioners shall certify, immediately after its adoption, a copy of the resolution, along with copies of the auditor's estimate-certifications under division (B) of this section or section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, if applicable, and ~~its~~ the board's resolution under division (B) of this section, to the board of elections ~~immediately after its adoption.~~

(D) The board of elections shall make the arrangements for the submission of the question proposed under division (C) of this section to the electors of the county, and the election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in the county for the election of county officers. The resolution shall be put before the electors as one ballot question, with a favorable vote indicating approval of the bond issue, the levy to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities, the operating expenses and criminal justice services levy, and the permanent improvements levy, as those levies may be proposed. The board of elections shall publish notice of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the county once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, before the election. If a board of elections operates and

maintains a web site, that board also shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days before the election. The notice of election shall state all of the following:

- (1) The principal amount of the proposed bond issue;
- (2) The permanent improvements for which the bonds are to be issued;
- (3) The maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid;
- (4) The estimated additional average annual property tax rate, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, to pay the debt charges on the bonds, as certified by the county auditor;
- (5) The proposed rate of the additional tax, if any, for operating expenses and criminal justice services;
- (6) The number of years the operating expenses or criminal justice services tax will be in effect, or that it will be in effect for a continuing period of time;
- (7) The proposed rate of the additional tax, if any, for permanent improvements;
- (8) The number of years the permanent improvements tax will be in effect, or that it will be in effect for a continuing period of time;
- (9) The estimated annual collections of the debt levy and, if applicable, the current operating expenses or criminal justice services levy and permanent improvements levy, as certified by the county auditor;
- (10) The time and place of the election.

(E) The form of the ballot for an election under this section is as follows:

"Shall ..... be authorized to do the following:

(1) Issue bonds for the purpose of ..... in the principal amount of \$....., to be repaid annually over a maximum period of ..... years, and levy a property tax outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the county auditor to collect \$..... annually and to average over the bond repayment period ..... mills for each one-dollar \$1 of tax valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... ~~(rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "36 cents" or "\$1.41")~~ for each \$100-\$100,000 of ~~tax valuation~~ fair market value, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?"

If either a levy for permanent improvements or a levy for operating expenses and criminal justice services is proposed, or both are proposed, the ballot also shall contain the following language, as appropriate:

"(2) Levy an additional property tax to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, maintenance, and financing of permanent improvements to a criminal justice facility, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding ..... mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of tax valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents) for each ~~\$100~~ \$100,000 of tax valuation fair market value, for ..... (number of years of the levy, or a continuing period of time)?

(3) Levy an additional property tax to pay operating expenses of a criminal justice facility and provide other criminal justice services, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding ..... mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of tax valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents) for each ~~\$100~~ \$100,000 of tax valuation fair market value, for ..... (number of years of the levy, or a continuing period of time)?

FOR THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY (OR LEVIES)

AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE AND LEVY (OR LEVIES)"

(F) The board of elections promptly shall certify the results of the election to the tax commissioner and the county auditor. If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote for it, the board of county commissioners may proceed with issuance of the bonds and the levy and collection of the property tax for the debt service on the bonds and any anticipatory securities in the same manner and subject to the same limitations as for securities issued under section 133.18 of the Revised Code, and with the levy and collection of the property tax or taxes for operating expenses and criminal justice services and for permanent improvements at the additional rate or any lesser rate in excess of the ten-mill limitation. Any securities issued by the board of commissioners under this section are Chapter 133. securities, as that term is defined in section 133.01 of the Revised Code.

(G)(1) After the approval of a tax for operating expenses and criminal justice services under this section and before the time the first collection and distribution from the levy can be made, the board of county commissioners may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the tax to be collected during the first year of the levy.

(2) After the approval of a tax under this section for permanent improvements to a criminal justice facility, the board of county commissioners may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the tax and issue anticipation notes in a principal amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the total estimated proceeds of the tax remaining to be collected in each year over a period of five years after issuance of the notes.

Anticipation notes under this section shall be issued as provided in

section 133.24 of the Revised Code. Notes issued under division (G) of this section shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(H) A tax for operating expenses and criminal justice services or for permanent improvements levied under this section for a specified number of years may be renewed or replaced in the same manner as a tax for current operating expenses or permanent improvements levied under section 5705.19 of the Revised Code. A tax levied under this section for a continuing period of time may be decreased in accordance with section 5705.261 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 5705.25.** (A) A copy of any resolution adopted as provided in section 5705.19 or 5705.2111 of the Revised Code shall be certified by the taxing authority to the board of elections of the proper county not less than ninety days before the general election in any year, and the board shall submit the proposal to the electors of the subdivision at the succeeding November election. In the case of a qualifying library levy, the board shall submit the question to the electors of the library district or association library district. Except as otherwise provided in this division, a resolution to renew an existing levy, regardless of the section of the Revised Code under which the tax was imposed, shall not be placed on the ballot unless the question is submitted at the general election held during the last year the tax to be renewed may be extended on the real and public utility property tax list and duplicate, or at any election held in the ensuing year. The limitation of the foregoing sentence does not apply to a resolution to renew and increase or to renew part of an existing levy that was imposed under section 5705.191 of the Revised Code to supplement the general fund for the purpose of making appropriations for one or more of the following purposes: for public assistance, human or social services, relief, welfare, hospitalization, health, and support of general hospitals. The limitation of the second preceding sentence also does not apply to a resolution that proposes to renew two or more existing levies imposed under section 5705.222 or division (L) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, or under section 5705.21 or 5705.217 of the Revised Code, in which case the question shall be submitted on the date of the general or primary election held during the last year at least one of the levies to be renewed may be extended on the real and public utility property tax list and duplicate, or at any election held during the ensuing year. For purposes of this section, a levy shall be considered to be an "existing levy" through the year following the last year it can be placed on that tax list and duplicate.

The board shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of such questions to the electors of such subdivision, library district, or association library district, and the election shall be conducted, canvassed,

and certified in the same manner as regular elections in such subdivision, library district, or association library district for the election of county officers. Notice of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the subdivision, library district, or association library district once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice shall state the purpose, the levy's estimated annual collections, the proposed increase in rate expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value as well as in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, the number of years during which the increase will be in effect, the first month and year in which the tax will be levied, and the time and place of the election.

(B) The form of the ballots cast at an election held pursuant to division (A) of this section shall be as follows:

"An additional tax for the benefit of (name of subdivision or public library) ..... for the purpose of (purpose stated in the resolution) ....., that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding ..... mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to ~~(rate expressed in dollars and cents)~~ \$..... for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, for ..... (life of indebtedness or number of years the levy is to run).

	For the Tax Levy	"
	Against the Tax Levy	

(C) If the levy is to be in effect for a continuing period of time, the notice of election and the form of ballot shall so state instead of setting forth a specified number of years for the levy.

If the tax is to be placed on the current tax list, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after the statement of the number of years the levy is to run, the phrase ", commencing in ..... (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year ..... (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)."

If the levy submitted is a proposal to renew, increase, or decrease an existing levy, the form of the ballot specified in division (B) of this section ~~may~~ must be changed by substituting for the words "An additional" at the beginning of the form, the words "A renewal of a" in case of a proposal to renew an existing levy in the same amount; the words "A renewal of ..... mills and an increase of ..... mills for each \$1 of taxable value to constitute a"

in the case of an increase; or the words "A renewal of part of an existing levy, being a reduction of ..... mills for each \$1 of taxable value, to constitute a" in the case of a decrease in the proposed levy.

If the levy submitted is a proposal to renew two or more existing levies imposed under section 5705.222 or division (L) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, or under section 5705.21 or 5705.217 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot specified in division (B) of this section shall be modified by substituting for the words "an additional tax" the words "a renewal of ....(insert the number of levies to be renewed) existing taxes."

If the levy submitted is a levy under section 5705.72 of the Revised Code or a proposal to renew, increase, or decrease an existing levy imposed under that section, the name of the subdivision shall be "the unincorporated area of ..... (name of township)."

The question covered by such resolution shall be submitted as a separate proposition but may be printed on the same ballot with any other proposition submitted at the same election, other than the election of officers. More than one such question may be submitted at the same election.

(D) A levy voted in excess of the ten-mill limitation under this section shall be certified to the tax commissioner. In the first year of the levy, it shall be extended on the tax lists after the February settlement succeeding the election. If the additional tax is to be placed upon the tax list of the current year, as specified in the resolution providing for its submission, the result of the election shall be certified immediately after the canvass by the board of elections to the taxing authority, who shall make the necessary levy and certify it to the county auditor, who shall extend it on the tax lists for collection. After the first year, the tax levy shall be included in the annual tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

**Sec. 5705.251.** (A) A copy of a resolution adopted under section 5705.212 or 5705.213 of the Revised Code shall be certified by the board of education to the board of elections of the proper county not less than ninety days before the date of the election specified in the resolution, and the board of elections shall submit the proposal to the electors of the school district at a special election to be held on that date. The board of elections shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of the question or questions to the electors of the school district, and the election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in the school district for the election of county officers. Notice of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the subdivision once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election.

(1) In the case of a resolution adopted under section 5705.212 of the Revised Code, the notice shall state separately, for each tax being proposed, the purpose; the proposed increase in rate, expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred ~~thousand~~ dollars of valuation fair market value as well as in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value; the number of years during which the increase will be in effect; and the first calendar year in which the tax will be due. The notice shall also state the original tax's estimated annual collections and the estimated aggregate annual collections of all such taxes. For an election on the question of a renewal levy, the notice shall state the purpose; the levy's estimated annual collections; the proposed rate, expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred ~~thousand~~ dollars of valuation fair market value as well as in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value; and the number of years the tax will be in effect. If the resolution is adopted under division (C) of that section, the rate of each tax being proposed shall be expressed as both the total rate and the portion of the total rate to be allocated to the qualifying school district and the portion to be allocated to partnering community schools.

(2) In the case of a resolution adopted under section 5705.213 of the Revised Code, the notice shall state the purpose; the amount proposed to be raised by the tax in the first year it is levied; the estimated average additional tax rate for the first year it is proposed to be levied, expressed in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value and in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred ~~thousand~~ dollars of valuation fair market value; the number of years during which the increase will be in effect; and the first calendar year in which the tax will be due. The notice also shall state the amount by which the amount to be raised by the tax may be increased in each year after the first year. The amount of the allowable increase may be expressed in terms of a dollar increase over, or a percentage of, the amount raised by the tax in the immediately preceding year. For an election on the question of a renewal levy, the notice shall state the purpose; the amount proposed to be raised by the tax; the estimated tax rate, expressed in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value and in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred ~~thousand~~ dollars of valuation fair market value; and the number of years the tax will be in effect.

In any case, the notice also shall state the time and place of the election.

(B)(1) The form of the ballot in an election on taxes proposed under section 5705.212 of the Revised Code shall be as follows:

"Shall the ..... school district be authorized to levy taxes for current expenses, the aggregate rate of which may increase in ..... (number) increment(s) of not more than ..... mill(s) for each ~~dollar \$1~~ of valuation taxable value, from an original rate of ..... mill(s) for each ~~dollar \$1~~ of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... ~~(rate expressed in dollars and~~



~~cents) for each one hundred dollars \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, to a maximum rate of ..... mill(s) for each dollar \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (rate expressed in dollars and cents) for each one hundred dollars \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually?~~ The original tax is first proposed to be levied in ..... (the first year of the tax), and the incremental tax in ..... (the first year of the increment) (if more than one incremental tax is proposed in the resolution, the first year that each incremental tax is proposed to be levied shall be stated in the preceding format, and the increments shall be referred to as the first, second, third, or fourth increment, depending on their number). The aggregate rate of tax so authorized will ..... (insert either, "expire with the original rate of tax which shall be in effect for ..... years" or "be in effect for a continuing period of time").

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If the tax is proposed by a qualifying school district under division (C) (1) of section 5705.212 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after the phrase "~~each dollar \$1 of valuation taxable value,~~" the following: "(of which ..... mills is to be allocated to partnering community schools)."

(2) The form of the ballot in an election on the question of a renewal levy under section 5705.212 of the Revised Code shall be as follows:

"Shall the ..... school district be authorized to renew a tax for current expenses, ~~that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually,~~ at a rate not exceeding ..... mills for each ~~dollar \$1 of valuation taxable value,~~ which amounts to \$..... ~~(rate expressed in dollars and cents) for each one hundred dollars \$100,000 of valuation fair market value,~~ for ..... (number of years the levy shall be in effect, or a continuing period of time)?

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	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

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If the tax is proposed by a qualifying school district under division (C) (2) of section 5705.212 of the Revised Code and the total rate and the rates allocated to the school district and partnering community schools are to remain the same as those of the levy being renewed, the form of the ballot

shall be modified by adding, after the phrase "each ~~dollar \$1 of valuation taxable value~~," the following: "(of which ..... mills is to be allocated to partnering community schools)." If the total rate is to be increased, the form of the ballot shall state that the proposal is to renew the existing tax with an increase in rate and shall state the increase in rate, the total rate resulting from the increase, and, of that rate, the portion of the rate to be allocated to partnering community schools. If the total rate is to be decreased, the form of the ballot shall state that the proposal is to renew a part of the existing tax and shall state the reduction in rate, the total rate resulting from the decrease, and, of that rate, the portion of the rate to be allocated to partnering community schools.

(3) If a tax proposed by a ballot form prescribed in division (B)(1) or (2) of this section is to be placed on the current tax list, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after the statement of the number of years the levy is to be in effect, the phrase ", commencing in ..... (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year ..... (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)."

(C) The form of the ballot in an election on a tax proposed under section 5705.213 of the Revised Code shall be as follows:

"Shall the ..... school district be authorized to levy the following tax for current expenses? The tax will first be levied in ..... (year) to raise \$..... (~~dollars~~). In the ..... (number of years) following years, the tax will increase by not more than ..... (per cent or dollar amount of increase) each year, so that, during ..... (last year of the tax), the tax will raise approximately ..... (dollars). The county auditor estimates that the rate ~~of the tax per dollar of valuation~~ will be ..... mill(s) for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$..... ~~per one hundred dollars for each \$100,000 of valuation fair market value~~, both during ..... (first year of the tax) and ..... mill(s) for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$..... ~~per one hundred dollars for each \$100,000 of valuation fair market value~~, during ..... (last year of the tax). The tax will not be levied after ..... (year).

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The form of the ballot in an election on the question of a renewal levy under section 5705.213 of the Revised Code shall be as follows:

"Shall the ..... school district be authorized to renew a tax for current expenses which will raise \$..... (~~dollars~~), estimated by the county auditor to be ..... mills for each ~~dollar \$1 of valuation taxable value~~, which amounts to \$..... (~~rate expressed in dollars and cents~~) ~~for each one hundred~~

~~dollars \$100,000 of valuation fair market value?~~ The tax shall be in effect for ..... (the number of years the levy shall be in effect, or a continuing period of time).

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If the tax is to be placed on the current tax list, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding, after the statement of the number of years the levy is to be in effect, the phrase ", commencing in ..... (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year ..... (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)."

(D) The question covered by a resolution adopted under section 5705.212 or 5705.213 of the Revised Code shall be submitted as a separate question, but may be printed on the same ballot with any other question submitted at the same election, other than the election of officers. More than one question may be submitted at the same election.

(E) Taxes voted in excess of the ten-mill limitation under division (B) or (C) of this section shall be certified to the tax commissioner. If an additional tax is to be placed upon the tax list of the current year, as specified in the resolution providing for its submission, the result of the election shall be certified immediately after the canvass by the board of elections to the board of education. The board of education immediately shall make the necessary levy and certify it to the county auditor, who shall extend it on the tax list for collection. After the first year, the levy shall be included in the annual tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

**Sec. 5705.261. (A)** The question of decrease of an increased rate of levy approved for a continuing period of time by the voters of a subdivision or, in the case of a qualifying library levy, the voters of the library district or association library district, may be initiated by the filing of a petition with the board of elections of the proper county not less than ninety days before the general election in any year requesting that an election be held on such question. Such petition shall state the amount of the proposed decrease in the rate of levy and shall be signed by qualified electors residing in the subdivision, library district, or association library district equal in number to at least ten per cent of the total number of votes cast in the subdivision, library district, or association library district for the office of governor at the most recent general election for that office. Only one such petition may be filed during each five-year period following the election at which the voters approved the increased rate for a continuing period of time.

After determination by it that such petition is valid, the board of

elections shall ~~submit~~ do both of the following:

(1) Request that the county auditor certify to the board an estimate of the levy's annual collections in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code. If the subdivision, library district, or association library district is located in more than one county, the county auditor shall obtain from the county auditor of each other county in which the subdivision or district is located the tax valuation applicable to the portion of the subdivision or district in that county.

The county auditor shall certify such information to the board of elections within ten days after receiving the board's request.

(2) Submit the question to the electors of the subdivision, library district, or association library district at the succeeding general election pursuant to division (B) of this section. The-

(B) The election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in such subdivision, library district, or association library district for county offices. Notice of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice shall state the purpose, the levy's estimated annual collections, the amount of the proposed decrease in rate, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, and the time and place of the election. The form of the ballot cast at such election shall be prescribed by the secretary of state but must include all information required to be included in the notice. The question covered by ~~such~~ the petition shall be submitted as a separate proposition but it may be printed on the same ballot with any other propositions submitted at the same election other than the election of officers. If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the question of a decrease at such election approve the proposed decrease in rate, the result of the election shall be certified immediately after the canvass by the board of elections to the appropriate taxing authority, which shall thereupon, after the current year, cease to levy such increased rate or levy such tax at such reduced rate upon the ~~duplicate tax list~~ of the subdivision, library district, or association library district. If notes have been issued in anticipation of the collection of such levy, the taxing authority shall continue to levy and collect under authority of the election authorizing the original levy such amounts as will be sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such anticipation notes as the same fall due.

In the case of a levy for the current expenses of a qualifying school district and of partnering community schools imposed under section 5705.192, division (B) of section 5705.21, division (C) of section 5705.212,

or division (J) of section 5705.218 of the Revised Code for a continuing period of time, the rate allocated to the school district and to partnering community schools shall each be decreased by a number of mills per dollar that is proportionate to the decrease in the rate of the levy in proportion to the rate at which the levy was imposed before the decrease.

**Sec. 5705.55.** (A) The board of directors of a lake facilities authority, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may at any time declare by resolution that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the authority, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for any of the purposes specified in divisions (A), (B), (F), and (H) of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, and that the question of such additional tax levy shall be submitted by the board to the electors residing within the boundaries of the impacted lake district on the day of a primary or general election. The resolution shall conform to section 5705.19 of the Revised Code, except that the tax levy may be in effect for no more than five years, as set forth in the resolution, unless the levy is for the payment of debt charges, and the total number of mills levied for each dollar of taxable valuation that may be levied under this section for any tax year shall not exceed one mill. If the levy is for the payment of debt charges, the levy shall be for the life of the bond indebtedness.

The resolution shall specify the date of holding the election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after the adoption and certification of the resolution to the board of elections. The resolution shall not include a levy on the current tax list and duplicate unless the election is to be held at or prior to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the current tax year.

The resolution shall be certified to the board of elections of the proper county or counties not less than ninety days before the date of the election. The resolution shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of the resolution shall be necessary other than that provided in the notice of election. Section 5705.25 of the Revised Code shall govern the arrangements for the submission of such question and other matters concerning the election, to which that section refers, except that the election shall be held on the date specified in the resolution. If a majority of the electors voting on the question so submitted in an election vote in favor of the levy, the board of directors may forthwith make the necessary levy within the boundaries of the impacted lake district at the additional rate in excess of the ten-mill limitation on the tax list, for the purpose stated in the resolution. The tax levy shall be included in the next annual tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

(B) The form of the ballot in an election held on the question of levying a tax proposed pursuant to this section shall be as follows or in any

other form acceptable to the secretary of state:

"A tax for the benefit of (name of lake facilities authority) ..... for the purpose of ....., that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, at a rate not exceeding ..... mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to (~~rate expressed in dollars and cents~~) \$..... for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, for ..... (life of indebtedness or number of years the levy is to run).

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(C) On approval of the levy, notes may be issued in anticipation of the collection of the proceeds of the tax levy, other than the proceeds to be received for the payment of bond debt charges, in the amount and manner and at the times as are provided in section 5705.193 of the Revised Code, for the issuance of notes by a county in anticipation of the proceeds of a tax levy. The lake facilities authority may borrow money in anticipation of the collection of current revenues as provided in section 133.10 of the Revised Code.

(D) If a tax is levied under this section in a tax year, no other taxing authority of a subdivision or taxing unit, including a port authority, may levy a tax on property in the impacted lake district in the same tax year if the purpose of the levy is substantially the same as the purpose for which the lake facilities authority of the impacted lake district was created.

**Sec. 5748.01.** As used in this chapter:

(A) "School district income tax" means an income tax adopted under one of the following:

(1) Former section 5748.03 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to its repeal by Amended Substitute House Bill No. 291 of the 115th general assembly;

(2) Section 5748.03 of the Revised Code as enacted in Substitute Senate Bill No. 28 of the 118th general assembly;

(3) Section 5748.08 of the Revised Code as enacted in Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 17 of the 122nd general assembly;

(4) Section 5748.021 of the Revised Code;

(5) Section 5748.081 of the Revised Code;

(6) Section 5748.09 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Individual" means an individual subject to the tax levied by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Estate" means an estate subject to the tax levied by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Taxable year" means a taxable year as defined in division (M) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Taxable income" means:

(1) In the case of an individual, one of the following, as specified in the resolution imposing the tax:

(a) Ohio adjusted gross income for the taxable year as defined in division (A) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code, less the exemptions provided by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code, plus any amount deducted under division (A)(31) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code for the taxable year;

(b) Wages, salaries, tips, and other employee compensation to the extent included in Ohio adjusted gross income as defined in section 5747.01 of the Revised Code, and net earnings from self-employment, as defined in section 1402(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, to the extent included in Ohio adjusted gross income.

(2) In the case of an estate, taxable income for the taxable year as defined in division (S) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Resident" of the school district means:

(1) An individual who is a resident of this state as defined in division (I) of section 5747.01 of the Revised Code during all or a portion of the taxable year and who, during all or a portion of such period of state residency, is domiciled in the school district or lives in and maintains a permanent place of abode in the school district;

(2) An estate of a decedent who, at the time of death, was domiciled in the school district.

(G) "School district income" means:

(1) With respect to an individual, the portion of the taxable income of an individual that is received by the individual during the portion of the taxable year that the individual is a resident of the school district and the school district income tax is in effect in that school district. An individual may have school district income with respect to more than one school district.

(2) With respect to an estate, the taxable income of the estate for the portion of the taxable year that the school district income tax is in effect in that school district.

(H) "Taxpayer" means an individual or estate having school district income upon which a school district income tax is imposed.

(I) "School district purposes" means any of the purposes for which a tax may be levied pursuant to division (A) of section 5705.21 of the Revised

Code, including the combined purposes authorized by section 5705.217 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Fair market value" has the same meaning as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 5748.02.** (A) The board of education of any school district, except a joint vocational school district, may declare, by resolution, the necessity of raising annually a specified amount of money for school district purposes. The resolution shall specify whether the income that is to be subject to the tax is taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in divisions (E)(1)(a) and (2) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code or taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of that section. A copy of the resolution shall be certified to the tax commissioner no later than one hundred days prior to the date of the election at which the board intends to propose a levy under this section. Upon receipt of the copy of the resolution, the tax commissioner shall estimate both of the following:

(1) The property tax rate that would have to be imposed in the current year by the district to produce an equivalent amount of money;

(2) The income tax rate that would have had to have been in effect for the current year to produce an equivalent amount of money from a school district income tax.

Within ten days of receiving the copy of the board's resolution, the commissioner shall prepare these estimates and certify them to the board. Upon receipt of the certification, the board may adopt a resolution proposing an income tax under division (B) of this section at the estimated rate contained in the certification rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one per cent. The commissioner's certification applies only to the board's proposal to levy an income tax at the election for which the board requested the certification. If the board intends to submit a proposal to levy an income tax at any other election, it shall request another certification for that election in the manner prescribed in this division.

(B)(1) Upon the receipt of a certification from the tax commissioner under division (A) of this section, a majority of the members of a board of education may adopt a resolution proposing the levy of an annual tax for school district purposes on school district income. The proposed levy may be for a continuing period of time or for a specified number of years. The resolution shall set forth the purpose for which the tax is to be imposed, the rate of the tax, which shall be the rate set forth in the commissioner's certification rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one per cent, the number of years the tax will be levied or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time, the date on which the tax shall take effect, which shall be the first day of January of any year following the year in which the question is submitted, and the date of the election at which the proposal shall be submitted to the electors



of the district, which shall be on the date of a primary, general, or special election the date of which is consistent with section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. The resolution shall specify whether the income that is to be subject to the tax is taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in divisions (E)(1)(a) and (2) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code or taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of that section. The specification shall be the same as the specification in the resolution adopted and certified under division (A) of this section.

If the tax is to be levied for current expenses and permanent improvements, the resolution shall apportion the annual rate of the tax. The apportionment may be the same or different for each year the tax is levied, but the respective portions of the rate actually levied each year for current expenses and for permanent improvements shall be limited by the apportionment.

If the board of education currently imposes an income tax pursuant to this chapter that is due to expire and a question is submitted under this section for a proposed income tax to take effect upon the expiration of the existing tax, the board may specify in the resolution that the proposed tax renews the expiring tax. Two or more expiring income taxes may be renewed under this paragraph if the taxes are due to expire on the same date. If the tax rate being proposed is no higher than the total tax rate imposed by the expiring tax or taxes, the resolution may state that the proposed tax is not an additional income tax.

(2) A board of education adopting a resolution under division (B)(1) of this section proposing a school district income tax for a continuing period of time and limited to the purpose of current expenses may propose in that resolution to reduce the rate or rates of one or more of the school district's property taxes levied for a continuing period of time in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses. The reduction in the rate of a property tax may be any amount, expressed in mills per for each one dollar in valuation taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars in fair market value, not exceeding the rate at which the tax is authorized to be levied. The reduction in the rate of a tax shall first take effect for the tax year that includes the day on which the school district income tax first takes effect, and shall continue for each tax year that both the school district income tax and the property tax levy are in effect.

In addition to the matters required to be set forth in the resolution under division (B)(1) of this section, a resolution containing a proposal to reduce the rate of one or more property taxes shall state for each such tax the maximum rate at which it currently may be levied and the maximum rate at which the tax could be levied after the proposed reduction, expressed in mills per for each one dollar in valuation taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars in fair market value, and that the tax is levied for a

continuing period of time.

A board proposing to reduce the rate of one or more property taxes under division (B)(2) of this section shall comply with division (B) of section 5705.03 of the Revised Code.

If a board of education proposes to reduce the rate of one or more property taxes under division (B)(2) of this section, the board, when it makes the certification required under division (A) of this section, shall designate the specific levy or levies to be reduced, the maximum rate at which each levy currently is authorized to be levied, and the rate by which each levy is proposed to be reduced. The tax commissioner, when making the certification to the board under division (A) of this section, also shall certify the reduction in the total effective tax rate for current expenses for each class of property that would have resulted if the proposed reduction in the rate or rates had been in effect the previous tax year. As used in this paragraph, "effective tax rate" has the same meaning as in section 323.08 of the Revised Code.

(C) A resolution adopted under division (B) of this section shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of the resolution shall be necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election. Immediately after its adoption and at least ninety days prior to the election at which the question will appear on the ballot, a copy of the resolution and, if applicable, the county auditor's certifications under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code shall be certified to the board of elections of the proper county, which shall submit the proposal to the electors on the date specified in the resolution. The form of the ballot shall be as provided in section 5748.03 of the Revised Code. Publication of notice of the election shall be made in a newspaper of general circulation in the county once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice shall contain the time and place of the election and the question to be submitted to the electors. The question covered by the resolution shall be submitted as a separate proposition, but may be printed on the same ballot with any other proposition submitted at the same election, other than the election of officers.

(D) No board of education shall submit the question of a tax on school district income to the electors of the district more than twice in any calendar year. If a board submits the question twice in any calendar year, one of the elections on the question shall be held on the date of the general election.

(E)(1) No board of education may submit to the electors of the district the question of a tax on school district income on the taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code if that tax would be in addition to an existing tax on the taxable income

of individuals and estates as defined in divisions (E)(1)(a) and (2) of that section.

(2) No board of education may submit to the electors of the district the question of a tax on school district income on the taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in divisions (E)(1)(a) and (2) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code if that tax would be in addition to an existing tax on the taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of that section.

**Sec. 5748.03.(A)** The form of the ballot on a question submitted to the electors under section 5748.02 of the Revised Code shall be as follows:

"Shall an annual income tax of ..... (state the proposed rate of tax) on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by ..... (state the name of the school district), for ..... (state the number of years the tax would be levied, or that it would be levied for a continuing period of time), beginning ..... (state the date the tax would first take effect), for the purpose of ..... (state the purpose of the tax)?"

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(B)(1) If the question submitted to electors proposes a school district income tax only on the taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be modified by stating that the tax is to be levied on the "earned income of individuals residing in the school district" in lieu of the "school district income of individuals and of estates."

(2) If the question submitted to electors proposes to renew one or more expiring income tax levies, the ballot shall be modified by adding the following language immediately after the name of the school district that would impose the tax: "to renew an income tax (or income taxes) expiring at the end of ..... (state the last year the existing income tax or taxes may be levied)."

(3) If the question includes a proposal under division (B)(2) of section 5748.02 of the Revised Code to reduce the rate of one or more school district property taxes, the ballot shall state that the purpose of the school district income tax is for current expenses, and the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding the following language immediately after the statement of the purpose of the proposed income tax: ", and shall the rate of an existing tax on property, currently levied for the purpose of current expenses at the rate of ..... mills, be REDUCED to ..... mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which

amounts to a reduction from \$..... to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, the reduction continuing until any such time as the income tax is repealed." In lieu of "for the tax" and "against the tax," the phrases "for the issue" and "against the issue," respectively, shall be used. If a board of education proposes a reduction in the rates of more than one tax, the ballot language shall be modified accordingly to express the rates at which those taxes currently are levied and the rates to which the taxes will be reduced.

(C) The board of elections shall certify the results of the election to the board of education and to the tax commissioner. If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote in favor of it, the income tax, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5747. of the Revised Code, and the reduction in the rate or rates of existing property taxes if the question included such a reduction shall take effect on the date specified in the resolution. If the question approved by the voters includes a reduction in the rate of a school district property tax, the board of education shall not levy the tax at a rate greater than the rate to which the tax is reduced, unless the school district income tax is repealed in an election under section 5748.04 of the Revised Code.

(D) If the rate at which a property tax is levied and collected is reduced pursuant to a question approved under this section, the tax commissioner shall compute the percentage required to be computed for that tax under division (D) of section 319.301 of the Revised Code each year the rate is reduced as if the tax had been levied in the preceding year at the rate at which it has been reduced. If the rate of a property tax increases due to the repeal of the school district income tax pursuant to section 5748.04 of the Revised Code, the tax commissioner, for the first year for which the rate increases, shall compute the percentage as if the tax in the preceding year had been levied at the rate at which the tax was authorized to be levied prior to any rate reduction.

**Sec. 5748.04.**(A) The question of the repeal of a school district income tax levied for more than five years may be initiated not more than once in any five-year period by filing with the board of elections of the appropriate counties not later than ninety days before the general election in any year after the year in which it is approved by the electors a petition requesting that an election be held on the question. The petition shall be signed by qualified electors residing in the school district levying the income tax equal in number to ten per cent of those voting for governor at the most recent gubernatorial election.

The board of elections shall determine whether the petition is valid, and if it so determines, it shall ~~submit~~ do both of the following:

(1) Submit the question to the electors of the district at the next

general election;

(2) If the rate of one or more property tax levies was reduced for the duration of the income tax levy pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 5748.02 of the Revised Code, request that the county auditor certify to the board an estimate of the levies' annual collections for the first year in which the levies are increased in the same manner as required for a tax levy under section 5705.03 of the Revised Code.

The county auditor shall certify such information to the board of elections within ten days after receiving the board's request. If a school district is located in more than one county, the county auditor shall obtain from the county auditor of each other county in which the district is located the tax valuation applicable to the portion of the district in that county. The

The election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections for county offices in the county. Notice of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, the board of elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice shall state the purpose, time, and place of the election and the question to be submitted to the electors. The form of the ballot cast at the election shall be as follows:

"Shall the annual income tax of ..... per cent, currently levied on the school district income of individuals and estates by ..... (state the name of the school district) for the purpose of ..... (state purpose of the tax), be repealed?"

	For repeal of the income tax
	Against repeal of the income tax

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(B)(1) If the tax is imposed on taxable income as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be modified by stating that the tax currently is levied on the "earned income of individuals residing in the school district" in lieu of the "school district income of individuals and estates."

(2) If the rate of one or more property tax levies was reduced for the duration of the income tax levy pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 5748.02 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be modified by adding the following language immediately after "repealed": ", and shall the rate of an existing tax on property for the purpose of current expenses, which rate was reduced for the duration of the income tax, be INCREASED from ..... mills

to ..... mills ~~per one dollar for each \$1 of valuation taxable value which amounts to an increase from \$..... to \$..... for each \$100,000 of fair market value, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$..... annually, beginning in .....~~ (state the first year for which the rate of the property tax will increase)." In lieu of "for repeal of the income tax" and "against repeal of the income tax," the phrases "for the issue" and "against the issue," respectively, shall be substituted.

(3) If the rate of more than one property tax was reduced for the duration of the income tax, the ballot language shall be modified accordingly to express the rates at which those taxes currently are levied and the rates to which the taxes would be increased.

(C) The question covered by the petition shall be submitted as a separate proposition, but it may be printed on the same ballot with any other proposition submitted at the same election other than the election of officers. If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the question vote in favor of it, the result shall be certified immediately after the canvass by the board of elections to the board of education of the school district and the tax commissioner, who shall thereupon, after the current year, cease to levy the tax, except that if notes have been issued pursuant to section 5748.05 of the Revised Code the tax commissioner shall continue to levy and collect under authority of the election authorizing the levy an annual amount, rounded upward to the nearest one-fourth of one per cent, as will be sufficient to pay the debt charges on the notes as they fall due.

(D) If a school district income tax repealed pursuant to this section was approved in conjunction with a reduction in the rate of one or more school district property taxes as provided in division (B)(2) of section 5748.02 of the Revised Code, then each such property tax may be levied after the current year at the rate at which it could be levied prior to the reduction, subject to any adjustments required by the county budget commission pursuant to Chapter 5705. of the Revised Code. Upon the repeal of a school district income tax under this section, the board of education may resume levying a property tax, the rate of which has been reduced pursuant to a question approved under section 5748.02 of the Revised Code, at the rate the board originally was authorized to levy the tax. A reduction in the rate of a property tax under section 5748.02 of the Revised Code is a reduction in the rate at which a board of education may levy that tax only for the period during which a school district income tax is levied prior to any repeal pursuant to this section. The resumption of the authority to levy the tax upon such a repeal does not constitute a tax levied in excess of the one per cent limitation prescribed by Section 2 of Article XII, Ohio Constitution, or in excess of the ten-mill limitation.

(E) This section does not apply to school district income tax levies that are levied for five or fewer years.

**Sec. 5748.08.** (A) The board of education of a city, local, or exempted village school district, at any time by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that it may be necessary for the school district to do all of the following:

(1) Raise a specified amount of money for school district purposes by levying an annual tax on school district income;

(2) Issue general obligation bonds for permanent improvements, stating in the resolution the necessity and purpose of the bond issue and the amount, approximate date, estimated rate of interest, and maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid;

(3) Levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities;

(4) Submit the question of the school district income tax and bond issue to the electors of the district at a special election.

The resolution shall specify whether the income that is to be subject to the tax is taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in divisions (E) (1)(a) and (2) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code or taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of that section.

On adoption of the resolution, the board shall certify a copy of it to the tax commissioner and the county auditor no later than one hundred five days prior to the date of the special election at which the board intends to propose the income tax and bond issue. Not later than ten days of receipt of the resolution, the tax commissioner, in the same manner as required by division (A) of section 5748.02 of the Revised Code, shall estimate the rates designated in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of that section and certify them to the board. Not later than ten days of receipt of the resolution, the county auditor shall estimate and certify to the board the average annual property tax rate required throughout the stated maturity of the bonds to pay debt charges on the bonds and the amount the levy is estimated to collect for each tax year it is levied, in the same manner as under division (C) of section 133.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) On receipt of the tax commissioner's and county auditor's certifications prepared under division (A) of this section, the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may adopt a resolution proposing for a specified number of years or for a continuing period of time the levy of an annual tax for school district purposes on school district income and declaring that the amount of taxes that can be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the present and future requirements of the school district; that it is necessary to issue general obligation bonds of the school district for specified permanent improvements and to levy an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to pay the

debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities; and that the question of the bonds and taxes shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after certification of the resolution to the board of elections, and the date of which shall be consistent with section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. The resolution shall specify all of the following:

(1) The purpose for which the school district income tax is to be imposed and the rate of the tax, which shall be the rate set forth in the tax commissioner's certification rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one per cent;

(2) Whether the income that is to be subject to the tax is taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in divisions (E)(1)(a) and (2) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code or taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of that section. The specification shall be the same as the specification in the resolution adopted and certified under division (A) of this section.

(3) The number of years the tax will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;

(4) The date on which the tax shall take effect, which shall be the first day of January of any year following the year in which the question is submitted;

(5) The amount of the estimated average annual property tax levy, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value, as certified by the county auditor under division (A) of this section;

(6) The amount the property tax is estimated to collect for each tax year it is levied, as certified by the county auditor's estimate of the average annual property tax rate required throughout the stated maturity of the bonds to pay debt charges on the bonds auditor under division (A) of this section.

(C) A resolution adopted under division (B) of this section shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of the resolution shall be necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election. Immediately after its adoption and at least ninety days prior to the election at which the question will appear on the ballot, the board of education shall certify a copy of the resolution, along with copies of the auditor's estimate and its resolution under division (A) of this section, to the board of elections of the proper county. The board of education shall make the arrangements for the submission of the question to the electors of the school district, and the election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in the district for the election of county officers.

The resolution shall be put before the electors as one ballot question, with a majority vote indicating approval of the school district income tax, the



bond issue, and the levy to pay debt charges on the bonds and any anticipatory securities. The board of elections shall publish the notice of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web site, it also shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice of election shall state all of the following:

- (1) The questions to be submitted to the electors;
- (2) The rate of the school district income tax;
- (3) The principal amount of the proposed bond issue;
- (4) The permanent improvements for which the bonds are to be issued;
- (5) The maximum number of years over which the principal of the bonds may be paid;
- (6) The estimated annual collections of the property tax, as certified by the county auditor;
- (7) The estimated additional average annual property tax rate to pay the debt charges on the bonds, as certified by the county auditor, and expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value and in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of fair market value;

~~(7)(8)~~ The time and place of the special election.

(D) The form of the ballot on a question submitted to the electors under this section shall be as follows:

"Shall the ..... school district be authorized to do both of the following:

(1) Impose an annual income tax of ..... (state the proposed rate of tax) on the school district income of individuals and of estates, for ..... (state the number of years the tax would be levied, or that it would be levied for a continuing period of time), beginning ..... (state the date the tax would first take effect), for the purpose of ..... (state the purpose of the tax)?

(2) Issue bonds for the purpose of ..... in the principal amount of \$....., to be repaid annually over a maximum period of ..... years, and levy a property tax outside the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to collect \$.... annually and to average over the bond repayment period ..... mills for each one dollar \$1 of tax valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... ~~(rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "36 cents" or "\$1.41")~~ for each \$100-\$100,000 of tax valuation fair market value, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

	FOR THE INCOME TAX AND BOND ISSUE
	AGAINST THE INCOME TAX AND BOND ISSUE

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(E) If the question submitted to electors proposes a school district income tax only on the taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be modified by stating that the tax is to be levied on the "earned income of individuals residing in the school district" in lieu of the "school district income of individuals and of estates."

(F) The board of elections promptly shall certify the results of the election to the tax commissioner and the county auditor of the county in which the school district is located. If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote in favor of it, the income tax and the applicable provisions of Chapter 5747. of the Revised Code shall take effect on the date specified in the resolution, and the board of education may proceed with issuance of the bonds and with the levy and collection of the property taxes to pay debt charges on the bonds, at the additional rate or any lesser rate in excess of the ten-mill limitation. Any securities issued by the board of education under this section are Chapter 133. securities, as that term is defined in section 133.01 of the Revised Code.

(G) After approval of a question under this section, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the school district income tax in accordance with section 5748.05 of the Revised Code. Any anticipation notes under this division shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(H) The question of repeal of a school district income tax levied for more than five years may be initiated and submitted in accordance with section 5748.04 of the Revised Code.

(I) No board of education shall submit a question under this section to the electors of the school district more than twice in any calendar year. If a board submits the question twice in any calendar year, one of the elections on the question shall be held on the date of the general election.

**Sec. 5748.09.**(A) The board of education of a city, local, or exempted village school district, at any time by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may declare by resolution that it may be necessary for the school district to do all of the following:

(1) Raise a specified amount of money for school district purposes by

levying an annual tax on school district income;

(2) Levy an additional property tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the district, stating in the resolution the amount of money to be raised each year for such purpose;

(3) Submit the question of the school district income tax and property tax to the electors of the district at a special election.

The resolution shall specify whether the income that is to be subject to the tax is taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in divisions (E) (1)(a) and (2) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code or taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of that section.

On adoption of the resolution, the board shall certify a copy of it to the tax commissioner and the county auditor not later than one hundred days prior to the date of the special election at which the board intends to propose the income tax and property tax. Not later than ten days after receipt of the resolution, the tax commissioner, in the same manner as required by division (A) of section 5748.02 of the Revised Code, shall estimate the rates designated in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of that section and certify them to the board. Not later than ten days after receipt of the resolution, the county auditor, in the same manner as required by section 5705.195 of the Revised Code, shall make the calculation specified in that section and certify it to the board.

(B) On receipt of the tax commissioner's and county auditor's certifications prepared under division (A) of this section, the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, may adopt a resolution declaring that the amount of taxes that can be raised by all tax levies the district is authorized to impose, when combined with state and federal revenues, will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the present and future requirements of the school district, and that it is therefore necessary to levy, for a specified number of years or for a continuing period of time, an annual tax for school district purposes on school district income, and to levy, for a specified number of years not exceeding ten or for a continuing period of time, an additional property tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the district, and declaring that the question of the school district income tax and property tax shall be submitted to the electors of the school district at a special election, which shall not be earlier than ninety days after certification of the resolution to the board of elections, and the date of which shall be consistent with section 3501.01 of the Revised Code. The resolution shall specify all of the following:

(1) The purpose for which the school district income tax is to be imposed and the rate of the tax, which shall be the rate set forth in the tax

commissioner's certification rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one per cent;

(2) Whether the income that is to be subject to the tax is taxable income of individuals and estates as defined in divisions (E)(1)(a) and (2) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code or taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of that section. The specification shall be the same as the specification in the resolution adopted and certified under division (A) of this section.

(3) The number of years the school district income tax will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;

(4) The date on which the school district income tax shall take effect, which shall be the first day of January of any year following the year in which the question is submitted;

(5) The amount of money it is necessary to raise for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the district for each year the property tax is to be imposed;

(6) The number of years the property tax will be levied, or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;

(7) The tax list upon which the property tax shall be first levied, which may be the current year's tax list;

(8) The amount of the average tax levy, expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred ~~thousand~~ dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value as well as in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, estimated by the county auditor under division (A) of this section.

(C) A resolution adopted under division (B) of this section shall go into immediate effect upon its passage, and no publication of the resolution shall be necessary other than that provided for in the notice of election. Immediately after its adoption and at least ninety days prior to the election at which the question will appear on the ballot, the board of education shall certify a copy of the resolution, along with copies of the county auditor's certification and the resolution under division (A) of this section, to the board of elections of the proper county. The board of education shall make the arrangements for the submission of the question to the electors of the school district, and the election shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the same manner as regular elections in the district for the election of county officers.

The resolution shall be put before the electors as one ballot question, with a majority vote indicating approval of the school district income tax and the property tax. The board of elections shall publish the notice of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district once a week for two consecutive weeks, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, prior to the election. If the board of elections operates and maintains a web

site, also shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election. The notice of election shall state all of the following:

(1) The questions to be submitted to the electors as a single ballot question;

(2) The rate of the school district income tax;

(3) The number of years the school district income tax will be levied or that it will be levied for a continuing period of time;

(4) The annual proceeds of the proposed property tax levy for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the district;

(5) The number of years during which the property tax levy shall be levied, or that it shall be levied for a continuing period of time;

(6) The estimated average additional tax rate of the property tax, expressed in dollars ~~and cents~~ for each one hundred thousand dollars of ~~valuation~~ fair market value as well as in mills for each one dollar of ~~valuation~~ taxable value, outside the limitation imposed by Section 2 of Article XII, Ohio Constitution, as certified by the county auditor;

(7) The time and place of the special election.

(D) The form of the ballot on a question submitted to the electors under this section shall be as follows:

"Shall the ..... school district be authorized to do both of the following:

(1) Impose an annual income tax of ..... (state the proposed rate of tax) on the school district income of individuals and of estates, for ..... (state the number of years the tax would be levied, or that it would be levied for a continuing period of time), beginning ..... (state the date the tax would first take effect), for the purpose of ..... (state the purpose of the tax)?

(2) Impose a property tax levy outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the district in the sum of \$..... (here insert annual amount the levy is to produce), estimated by the county auditor to average ..... (here insert number of mills)-mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (here insert rate expressed in dollars and cents) for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, for ..... (state the number of years the tax is to be imposed or that it will be imposed for a continuing period of time), commencing in ..... (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year ..... (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)?

	FOR THE INCOME TAX AND PROPERTY TAX
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	AGAINST THE INCOME TAX AND PROPERTY TAX	"
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If the question submitted to electors proposes a school district income tax only on the taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be modified by stating that the tax is to be levied on the "earned income of individuals residing in the school district" in lieu of the "school district income of individuals and of estates."

(E) The board of elections promptly shall certify the results of the election to the tax commissioner and the county auditor of the county in which the school district is located. If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote in favor of it:

(1) The income tax and the applicable provisions of Chapter 5747. of the Revised Code shall take effect on the date specified in the resolution.

(2) The board of education of the school district may make the additional property tax levy necessary to raise the amount specified on the ballot for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the district. The property tax levy shall be included in the next tax budget that is certified to the county budget commission.

(F)(1) After approval of a question under this section, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the school district income tax in accordance with section 5748.05 of the Revised Code. Any anticipation notes under this division shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(2) After the approval of a question under this section and prior to the time when the first tax collection from the property tax levy can be made, the board of education may anticipate a fraction of the proceeds of the levy and issue anticipation notes in an amount not exceeding the total estimated proceeds of the levy to be collected during the first year of the levy. Any anticipation notes under this division shall be issued as provided in section 133.24 of the Revised Code, shall have principal payments during each year after the year of their issuance over a period not to exceed five years, and may have a principal payment in the year of their issuance.

(G)(1) The question of repeal of a school district income tax levied for more than five years may be initiated and submitted in accordance with section 5748.04 of the Revised Code.

(2) A property tax levy for a continuing period of time may be reduced in the manner provided under section 5705.261 of the Revised Code.

(H) No board of education shall submit a question under this section to the electors of the school district more than twice in any calendar year. If a board submits the question twice in any calendar year, one of the elections on the question shall be held on the date of the general election.

(I) If the electors of the school district approve a question under this section, and if the last calendar year the school district income tax is in effect and the last calendar year of collection of the property tax are the same, the board of education of the school district may propose to submit under this section the combined question of a school district income tax to take effect upon the expiration of the existing income tax and a property tax to be first collected in the calendar year after the calendar year of last collection of the existing property tax, and specify in the resolutions adopted under this section that the proposed taxes would renew the existing taxes. The form of the ballot on a question submitted to the electors under division (I) of this section shall be as follows:

"Shall the ..... school district be authorized to do both of the following:

(1) Impose an annual income tax of ..... (state the proposed rate of tax) on the school district income of individuals and of estates to renew an income tax expiring at the end of ..... (state the last year the existing income tax may be levied) for ..... (state the number of years the tax would be levied, or that it would be levied for a continuing period of time), beginning ..... (state the date the tax would first take effect), for the purpose of ..... (state the purpose of the tax)?

(2) Impose a property tax levy renewing an existing levy outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements of the district in the sum of \$..... (here insert annual amount the levy is to produce), estimated by the county auditor to average ..... (here insert number of mills) mills for each ~~one dollar~~ \$1 of valuation taxable value, which amounts to \$..... (here insert rate expressed in dollars and cents) for each ~~one hundred dollars~~ \$100,000 of valuation fair market value, for ..... (state the number of years the tax is to be imposed or that it will be imposed for a continuing period of time), commencing in ..... (first year the tax is to be levied), first due in calendar year ..... (first calendar year in which the tax shall be due)?

If the question submitted to electors proposes a school district income tax only on the taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1)(b) of section 5748.01 of the Revised Code, the form of the ballot shall be modified by stating that the tax is to be levied on the "earned income of individuals residing in the school district" in lieu of the "school district income of individuals and of estates."

The question of a renewal levy under this division shall not be placed on the ballot unless the question is submitted on a date on which a special election may be held under section 3501.01 of the Revised Code, except for the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February and August, during the last year the property tax levy to be renewed may be extended on the real and public utility property tax list and duplicate, or at any election held in the ensuing year.

(J) If the electors of the school district approve a question under this section, the board of education of the school district may propose to renew either or both of the existing taxes as individual ballot questions in accordance with section 5748.02 of the Revised Code for the school district income tax, or section 5705.194 of the Revised Code for the property tax.

**Section 130.\_\_\_\_.** That existing sections 133.18, 306.32, 306.322, 345.01, 345.03, 345.04, 505.37, 505.48, 505.481, 511.27, 511.28, 511.34, 513.18, 755.181, 1545.041, 1545.21, 1711.30, 3311.50, 3318.01, 3318.06, 3318.061, 3318.062, 3318.063, 3318.361, 3318.45, 3381.03, 3505.06, 4582.024, 4582.26, 5705.01, 5705.03, 5705.192, 5705.195, 5705.196, 5705.197, 5705.199, 5705.21, 5705.212, 5705.213, 5705.215, 5705.218, 5705.219, 5705.233, 5705.25, 5705.251, 5705.261, 5705.55, 5748.01, 5748.02, 5748.03, 5748.04, 5748.08, and 5748.09 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

**Section 130.\_\_\_\_.** Sections 130.\_\_\_\_ and 130.\_\_\_\_ of this act apply to elections held on or after the one hundredth day after the effective date of those sections."

After line 97660, insert:

"Section 133.18 of the Revised Code as amended by both Am. Sub. H.B. 48 of the 128th General Assembly and Am. Sub. H.B. 153 of the 129th General Assembly."

After line 97708, insert:

"Section 5705.218 of the Revised Code as amended by both Am. Sub. H.B. 59 and Sub. H.B. 167 of the 130th General Assembly."

In line 88688, delete "\$2,500,000" and insert "\$3,750,000"

In line 19552, after the underlined period insert "If the county accepts funds under this section, the adult parole authority is relieved of its duties to supervise offenders placed on community control by courts of that county"



under division (A)(2) of section 2929.15 of the Revised Code."

In line 21090, delete "if" and insert ", unless"

In line 21092, after "(B)" insert "or (C)"; after "Code" insert an underlined comma

In line 21117, delete "if" and insert "unless"

In line 21118, after "(B)" insert "or (C)"

In line 21119, after "or" insert "to"

In line 98 of the title, after "4779.08," insert "4928.02,"

In line 293, after "4779.08," insert "4928.02,"

After line 58833, insert:

**"Sec. 4928.02.** It is the policy of this state to do the following throughout this state:

(A) Ensure the availability to consumers of adequate, reliable, safe, efficient, nondiscriminatory, and reasonably priced retail electric service;

(B) Ensure the availability of unbundled and comparable retail electric service that provides consumers with the supplier, price, terms, conditions, and quality options they elect to meet their respective needs;

(C) Ensure diversity of electricity supplies and suppliers, by giving consumers effective choices over the selection of those supplies and suppliers and by encouraging the development of distributed and small generation facilities;

(D) Encourage innovation and market access for cost-effective supply- and demand-side retail electric service including, but not limited to, demand-side management, time-differentiated pricing, waste energy recovery systems, smart grid programs, and implementation of advanced metering infrastructure;

(E) Encourage cost-effective and efficient access to information regarding the operation of the transmission and distribution systems of electric utilities in order to promote both effective customer choice of retail electric service and the development of performance standards and targets for service quality for all consumers, including annual achievement reports written in plain language;

(F) Ensure that an electric utility's transmission and distribution systems are available to a customer-generator or owner of distributed generation, so that the customer-generator or owner can market and deliver the electricity it produces;

(G) Recognize the continuing emergence of competitive electricity markets through the development and implementation of flexible regulatory treatment;

(H) Ensure effective competition in the provision of retail electric service by avoiding anticompetitive subsidies flowing from a noncompetitive retail electric service to a competitive retail electric service or to a product or service other than retail electric service, and vice versa, including by prohibiting the recovery of any generation-related costs through distribution or transmission rates;

(I) Ensure retail electric service consumers protection against unreasonable sales practices, market deficiencies, and market power;

(J) Provide coherent, transparent means of giving appropriate incentives to technologies that can adapt successfully to potential environmental mandates;

(K) Encourage implementation of distributed generation across customer classes through regular review and updating of administrative rules governing critical issues such as, but not limited to, interconnection standards, standby charges, and net metering;

(L) Protect at-risk populations, including, but not limited to, when considering the implementation of any new advanced energy or renewable energy resource;

(M) Encourage the education of small business owners in this state regarding the use of, and encourage the use of, energy efficiency programs and alternative energy resources in their businesses;

(N) Facilitate the state's effectiveness in the global economy.

(O) Encourage cost-effective, timely, and efficient access to and sharing of customer usage data with customers and competitive suppliers to promote customer choice and grid modernization.

(P) Ensure that a customer's data is provided in a standard format and provided to third parties in as close to real time as is economically justifiable in order to spur economic investment and improve the energy options of individual customers.

In carrying out this policy, the commission shall consider rules as they apply to the costs of electric distribution infrastructure, including, but not limited to, line extensions, for the purpose of development in this state."

In line 82884, after "4779.08," insert "4928.02,"

After line 92566, insert:

"(5) For purposes of the calculations made in division (E) of this section, the Chancellor shall only include subsidy-eligible students identified as residents of the state of Ohio in any term of their studies, as reported through the Higher Education Information (HEI) system student enrollment file, except that, for fiscal year 2020, any student included in the state share of instruction calculations prior to July 1, 2019, shall continue to be included in

the calculations in division (E) of this section subject to the limitations of the three-year average time period that is used for determining final fiscal year 2020 allocations. For purposes of the calculation made in division (E) of this section for fiscal year 2021 and beyond, the Chancellor shall not include nonresident students as subsidy-eligible except for those students otherwise identified as subsidy-eligible in division (A)(2) of this section."

In line 178 of the title, after "5126.053," insert "5162.138, 5162.139,"

In line 179 of the title, after "5166.09," insert "5166.43, 5166.50,"

In line 180 of the title, after "5167.104," insert "5167.105, 5167.106,"

In line 181 of the title, delete "5167.15,"; after "5167.22," insert "5167.29, 5167.35, 5167.36,"

In line 353, after "5126.053," insert "5162.138, 5162.139,"; after "5166.09," insert "5166.43, 5166.50,"

In line 354, after "5167.104," insert "5167.105, 5167.106,"

In line 355, delete "5167.15,"; after "5167.22," insert "5167.29, 5167.35, 5167.36,"

In line 49963, after "shall" delete the balance of the line

Delete line 49964

In line 49965, delete "to"

In line 49966, delete "by direct data transfer or"

After line 65680, insert:

**Sec. 5162.138.** At the end of each year that the shared savings program established under section 5167.35 of the Revised Code is operated, the department of medicaid shall complete a report detailing the department's findings and recommendations regarding the program for that year. The department shall submit the reports to the governor and, in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, the general assembly.

**Sec. 5162.139.** At the end of each year that the quality incentive program established under section 5167.36 of the Revised Code is operated, the department of medicaid shall complete a report detailing the department's findings and recommendations regarding the program for that year. The department shall submit the reports to the governor and, in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, the general assembly.

After line 66888, insert:

""Enrollee" has the same meaning as in section 5167.01 of the Revised Code."

After line 66914, insert:

""Medicaid MCO plan" has the same meaning as in section 5167.01

of the Revised Code."

After line 67063, insert:

"Sec. 5166.43. The medicaid director shall establish a medicaid waiver component under which medicaid MCO plans may cover any service or product that would have a beneficial effect on the health of enrollees and, because of the beneficial effect, is likely to reduce the per recipient per month costs under the plan by the end of the first three years that the service or product is covered.

Sec. 5166.50. (A) The medicaid director shall request that the United States secretary of health and human services enter into an enforceable agreement with the director that provides for no federal financial participation to be withheld due to any of the following:

(1) Implementation of sections 5167.35 and 5167.36 of the Revised Code;

(2) For the purpose of section 5167.10 of the Revised Code, enrollment of individuals designated for participation in the care management system pursuant to section 5167.03 of the Revised Code in medicaid managed care organizations that are regional networks consisting of hospitals.

(B) Unless the agreement specified in division (A) of this section is in effect:

(1) Sections 5167.35 and 5167.36 of the Revised Code shall not be implemented.

(2) For the purpose of section 5167.10 of the Revised Code, the department shall not enroll individuals designated for participation in the care management system pursuant to section 5167.03 of the Revised Code in medicaid managed care organizations that are regional networks consisting of hospitals."

In line 67147, strike through ", including health"

In line 67148, strike through "insuring corporations,"

In line 67171, after the period insert "The managed care organizations with which the department may enter into contracts include both of the following:

(A) Health insuring corporations;

(B) Subject to section 5166.50 of the Revised Code, regional networks consisting of hospitals that accept a capitated payment from the department that is not more than ninety per cent of the lowest capitated payment made to a medicaid managed care organization that is a health insuring corporation."

After line 67206, insert:

"Sec. 5167.105. If a medicaid managed care organization establishes a

payment rate for a service covered by its medicaid MCO plan that is greater than the payment rate for the service under the fee-for-service component of the medicaid program, the organization shall require any provider of the service that seeks to be part of the organization's provider panel available to the organization's enrollees to enter into a value-based contract with the organization.

**Sec. 5167.106.** A medicaid managed care organization shall not permit a provider to be part of the organization's provider panel available to the organization's enrollees unless the provider assures the organization that the provider, once a member of the provider panel, will, in accordance with section 3962.05 of the Revised Code, provide to the organization the information specified in that section if the provider chooses to have the organization provide to the organization's enrollees the reasonable, good faith cost estimate described in section 3962.04 of the Revised Code."

Delete lines 67355 through 67360

In line 67466, strike through the first "the" and insert "an"; strike through "derived from" and insert "equal to ninety per cent of"

After line 67525, insert:

**"Sec. 5167.29. (A) As used in this section:**

(1) "Covered health care" means a health care product, service, or procedure covered by a medicaid MCO plan.

(2) "Emergency service" has the same meaning as in section 1753.28 of the Revised Code.

(3) "High quality and efficient participating provider" means a participating provider to which both of the following apply:

(a) The provider has a high rating under division (C) of this section.

(b) The cost to a medicaid managed care organization for covered health care the provider furnishes to an enrollee is less than the cost the organization would have incurred if the enrollee had obtained the covered health care from another participating provider with which the enrollee initially scheduled an appointment for the covered health care.

(4) "Participating provider" means a provider who is a member of a medicaid managed care organization's provider panel.

(B) Each medicaid managed care organization shall establish and implement a program that incentivizes enrollees to obtain covered health care from high quality and efficient participating providers. The incentives shall be in the form of points awarded to enrollees under division (E) of this section which the organization shall enable the enrollees to redeem for merchandise available through the organization's internet web site.

(C) As part of the program instituted under this section, a medicaid

managed care organization shall do both of the following:

(1) Rate participating providers based on quality metrics. The quality metrics for hospitals shall be the measures used for the medicare hospital value-based purchasing program. The department of medicaid shall establish the quality metrics for other types of providers. In rating participating providers, an organization shall award providers between one and five stars based on the providers' scores on the quality metrics.

(2) Establish on the organization's internet web site a system under which enrollees rate and provide comments about participating providers after appointments with the providers. The system shall be similar to internet web sites that enable consumers to rate and provide comments about commercial products. The organization shall encourage enrollees to use the system after each appointment with a participating provider. The system shall enable all enrollees to see the ratings and comments that other enrollees have made for each participating provider.

(D) A medicaid managed care organization shall provide an enrollee all of the following before any covered health care, other than an emergency service, is furnished to the enrollee by a participating provider with which the enrollee has scheduled an appointment for the covered health care:

(1) A reasonable, good faith cost estimate for the covered health care described in section 3962.04 of the Revised Code, regardless of whether the provider also provides the cost estimate to the enrollee or the enrollee's representative;

(2) The provider's quality rating under division (C)(1) of this section and average enrollee rating under division (C)(2) of this section;

(3) The address of the organization's internet web site at which the enrollee may access the enrollee rating system established under division (C)(2) of this section so that the enrollee can read the ratings and comments made by other enrollees about the provider and other participating providers;

(4) A list of high quality and efficient participating providers who could furnish the covered health care to the enrollee and the providers' quality ratings under division (C)(1) of this section and average enrollee ratings under division (C)(2) of this section.

(E)(1) Subject to division (E)(2) of this section, a medicaid managed care organization shall award points to an enrollee if the enrollee cancels an appointment for covered health care with a participating provider that is not a high quality and efficient participating provider and instead obtains the covered health care from a high quality and efficient participating provider. The number of points awarded shall be sufficient to incentivize the enrollee to cancel the initial appointment and obtain the covered health care from the high quality and efficient participating provider.

(2) A medicaid managed care organization shall monitor enrollees' behavior under the program to thwart abuse of the program. An enrollee found to have abused or attempted to abuse the program shall not be awarded points.

(F) The department of medicaid shall monitor each medicaid managed care organization as the organization establishes and implements the program under this section and determine the effectiveness of each organization's program.

**Sec. 5167.35. (A)** As used in this section:

(1) "Mandatory services" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Optional services" has the same meaning as in section 5164.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Specified states" means the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

(B) This section is subject to section 5166.50 of the Revised Code.

(C) The department of medicaid shall establish the shared savings bonus program. Under the program, the department shall, subject to division (D) of this section, do both of the following before the beginning of each fiscal year:

(1) Determine the average of the per recipient capitated payment rate, not including any shared savings bonus received under division (D) of this section, for each medicaid managed care organization for the three fiscal years immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made;

(2) Determine the average per recipient cost to the medicaid programs in the specified states for the eligibility groups that are designated for participation in the care management system pursuant to section 5167.03 of the Revised Code for the three fiscal years immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made.

(D) In making the determinations under divisions (C)(1) and (2) of this section, the department shall include only the costs for mandatory services and the costs for those optional services that are covered by the medicaid program in this state and the medicaid programs in all of the specified states.

(E)(1) Subject to division (E)(3) of this section, the amount of a medicaid managed care organization's shared savings bonus for a fiscal year shall be determined as follows:

(a) Subtract the organization's three-year average determined under division (C)(1) of this section for the fiscal year from the three-year average

determined under division (C)(2) of this section for the fiscal year;

(b) Subject to division (E)(2) of this section, subtract the organization's three-year average determined under division (C)(1) of this section for the fiscal year from the organization's initial three-year average determined under that division;

(c) Determine the sum of the differences determined under divisions (E)(1)(a) and (b) of this section;

(d) Multiply the sum determined under division (E)(1)(c) of this section by twenty per cent.

(2) The amount determined under division (E)(1)(b) of this section for a medicaid managed care organization for the first fiscal year that the determination is made for the organization shall be zero.

(3) If the amount determined under division (E)(1)(c) of this section for a medicaid managed care organization for the first or second fiscal year for which the determination is made is a negative number, the organization's shared savings bonus for that fiscal year shall be zero. If the amount determined under that division for a medicaid managed care organization for the third or a subsequent fiscal year for which the determination is made is a negative number, the department shall terminate the organization's contract with the department and enter into a contract with another managed care organization under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code. The effective date of the contract termination shall be the same as the effective date of the contract with the other managed care organization so as to avoid a disruption in medicaid recipients' access to services under the care management system.

**Sec. 5167.36.** (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Assignment share percentage" means the percentage of medicaid recipients who are randomly assigned to enroll in a particular participating MCO's medicaid MCO plan under division (D) of this section.

(2) "Participating MCO" means a medicaid managed care organization participating in the quality incentive program established under this section.

(B) This section is subject to section 5166.50 of the Revised Code.

(C) The department of medicaid shall establish the quality incentive program. Under the program, if a medicaid recipient participating in the care management system does not select a medicaid MCO plan in which to enroll, the department shall randomly assign the recipient to enroll in a medicaid MCO plan offered by one of the participating MCOs. The number of recipients randomly assigned to enroll in each participating MCO's medicaid MCO plan shall be determined in accordance with that participating MCO's assignment share percentage calculated under division (D) of this section for the year the enrollment takes place.

All of the following shall participate in the quality incentive program:



(1) Each medicaid managed care organization that has a contract under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code on the effective date of this section;

(2) Other managed care organizations that become medicaid managed care organizations after the effective date of this section and are selected by the department.

(D)(1) During the first calendar year that the quality incentive program is operated, the assignment share percentage shall be the same for all of the participating MCOs. Each year thereafter, each participating MCO shall be ranked according to the number of points it is awarded under division (E) of this section, and each participating MCO's assignment share percentage shall be adjusted as follows:

(a) The assignment share percentage of the participating MCO ranked at the top shall be increased by twenty-five per cent.

(b) The assignment share percentage of the participating MCO ranked at the bottom shall be decreased by twenty-five per cent.

(c) The assignment share percentage of all of the other participating MCOs shall be increased or decreased in a corresponding, linear, and proportional manner based on their ranks.

(2) If a medicaid managed care organization becomes a participating MCO after the other participating MCOs' assignment share percentages have been assigned, the department shall do both of the following:

(a) Assign to the new participating MCO an initial assignment share percentage which shall be the percentage determined by dividing one hundred by the total number of participating MCOs;

(b) Adjust the assignment share percentages of all of the other participating MCOs proportionally.

(E)(1) The department shall award points annually to each participating MCO based on health and quality metrics taken from the previous calendar year. Subject to divisions (E)(2) and (3) of this section, the department shall determine how points are awarded to participating MCOs. The number of points awarded to a participating MCO based on quality metrics shall not be more than twenty per cent of the total number of points awarded to the participating MCO.

(2) The health metrics used to determine the number of points awarded to a participating MCO shall include the following health measurements for the group of medicaid recipients who have been randomly assigned under division (C) of this section to enroll in a medicaid MCO plan offered by the participating MCO:

(a) Smoking rate;

(b) Infant mortality rate;

(c) Hemoglobin a1c levels;

(d) Obesity rate;

(e) Incidence of relapse of alcohol or drug addiction;

(f) Health measurements developed by the department in consultation with groups representing individuals with developmental disabilities.

(3) The quality metrics used to determine the number of points awarded to a participating MCO shall include the following quality measurements as measured through a survey established by the department:

(a) How promptly the participating MCO pays claims for services rendered to enrollees;

(b) The participating MCO's responsiveness to provider and enrollee requests;

(c) Provider user satisfaction;

(d) The effectiveness of the participating MCO's program established under section 5167.29 of the Revised Code;

(e) Any other measurements the department considers appropriate.

(4) The department shall publish each participating MCO's point totals annually and provide the information to medicaid recipients before they enroll in a medicaid MCO plan.

(F) If, for the second or a subsequent calendar year that the quality incentive program is operated, a participating MCO's assignment share percentage is decreased under division (D)(1) of this section to an amount that is equal to or less than fifty per cent of its assignment share percentage for the first calendar year that the program is operated, the department shall terminate the participating MCO's participation in the program.

(G) A participating MCO shall not treat medicaid recipients who are randomly assigned to enroll in the participating MCO's medicaid MCO plan under division (C) of this section differently than how the participating MCO treats medicaid recipients who select the plan on their own."

After line 89942, insert:

**"Section 333.195. SHARED SAVINGS BONUS AND QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAMS**

Each contract that the Department of Medicaid enters into with a managed care organization under section 5167.10 of the Revised Code during the periods that the Shared Savings Bonus Program and Quality Incentive Program are operated under sections 5167.35 and 5167.36 of the Revised Code shall include terms about the programs that are consistent with those sections."

Delete lines 97646 through 97648

Managers on the Part of the  
House of Representatives

/S/ SCOTT OELSLAGER  
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/S/ JIM BUTLER  
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/S/ \_\_\_\_\_  
JACK CERA

Managers on the Part of the  
Senate

/S/ MATTHEW DOLAN  
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/S/ DAVID E. BURKE  
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/S/ SEAN O'BRIEN  
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The question being, "Shall the report of the committee of conference be agreed to?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 75, nays 17, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Antani	Baldrige	Blair	Blessing
Boyd	Brinkman	Butler	Callender
Carfagna	Cera	Clites	Cross
Crossman	Cupp	DeVitis	Edwards
Galonski	Ghanbari	Ginter	Green
Greenspan	Grendell	Hambley	Hicks-Hudson
Hillyer	Holmes, A.	Hoops	Howse
Jones	Jordan	Kick	Koehler
Lanese	Lang	LaRe	Lipps
Liston	Manchester	Manning, D.	Manning, G.
McClain	Merrin	Miranda	O'Brien
Oelslager	Patton	Perales	Plummer
Powell	Reineke	Richardson	Riedel
Robinson	Roemer	Rogers	Romanchuk
Ryan	Scherer	Seitz	Sheehy
Smith, R.	Smith, T.	Stein	Stoltzfus
Strahorn	Sweeney	Sykes	Upchurch
Vitale	Weinstein	West	Wiggam
Wilkin	Zeltwanger		Householder-75

Those who voted in the negative were: Representatives

Becker	Boggs	Brent	Brown
Crawley	Denson	Hood	Ingram
Keller	Kelly	Leland	Lepore-Hagan
Lightbody	Miller, A.	Russo	Smith, K.
			Sobecki-17

The report of the committee of conference was agreed to.

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Representative Edwards moved that majority party members asking leave to be absent or absent the week of Wednesday, July 17, 2019, be excused, so long as a written request is on file in the majority leadership offices.

The motion was agreed to.

Representative Hicks-Hudson moved that minority party members asking leave to be absent or absent the week of Wednesday, July 17, 2019, be excused, so long as a written request is on file in the minority leadership offices.

The motion was agreed to.

Representative Butler moved that House Rule 66, pertaining to bills being placed on the calendar, be suspended and that **Sub. S. B. No. 57**-Senators Hill, Huffman, S., et al., be taken up for immediate consideration the third time.

The question being, "Shall the motion be agreed to?"

The motion was agreed to without objection.

### **BILLS FOR THIRD CONSIDERATION**

**Sub. S. B. No. 57**-Senators Hill, Huffman, S.

Cosponsors: Senators O'Brien, Uecker, Eklund, Schuring, Hackett, Brenner, Fedor, Antonio, Hoagland, Coley, Craig, Dolan, Gavarone, Huffman, M., Kunze, Lehner, Manning, Peterson, Sykes, Thomas, Williams, Wilson, Yuko  
Representatives Koehler, Clites, Jones

To amend sections 109.572, 924.01, 3719.01, 3719.41, 4729.01, 4776.01, and 5713.30, to enact sections 924.212, 928.01, 928.02, 928.03, 928.04, 928.05, 928.06, 928.07, and 928.99 of the Revised Code to establish conditions and requirements governing the regulation of hemp and hemp products, to amend the version of section 109.572 that is scheduled to take effect on September 20, 2019, and the versions of sections 3719.01, 3719.41, and 4729.01 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect on March 22, 2020, to continue the provisions of this act on and after those dates, was taken up for consideration the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Representative Koehler moved to amend, amendment 1006, as follows:

In line 13 of the title, after "dates" insert ", and to declare an emergency"

The question being, "Shall the motion to amend be agreed to?"

The motion was agreed to and the bill so amended.

The question being, "Shall the emergency clause stand as part of the bill as

amended?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 82, nays 7, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Baldrige	Becker	Blair	Blessing
Boggs	Boyd	Brent	Brown
Butler	Callender	Cera	Clites
Crawley	Cross	Crossman	Cupp
Denson	DeVitis	Edwards	Ghanbari
Ginter	Green	Greenspan	Grendell
Hambley	Hicks-Hudson	Hillyer	Holmes, A.
Hoops	Jones	Jordan	Keller
Kick	Koehler	Lanese	Lang
LaRe	Leland	Lightbody	Lipps
Liston	Manchester	Manning, D.	Manning, G.
McClain	Merrin	Miller, A.	Miranda
O'Brien	Oelslager	Patton	Perales
Plummer	Reineke	Richardson	Riedel
Robinson	Roemer	Rogers	Romanchuk
Russo	Ryan	Scherer	Seitz
Sheehy	Smith, K.	Smith, R.	Smith, T.
Sobecki	Stein	Stoltzfus	Strahorn
Sweeney	Sykes	Upchurch	Vitale
Weinstein	West	Wiggam	Wilkin
Zeltwanger			Householder-82

Representatives Antani, Brinkman, Hood, Howse, Ingram, Kelly, and Powell voted in the negative-7.

Having received the required Constitutional majority, the emergency clause stood as part of the bill as amended.

The question being, "Shall the bill as amended pass as an emergency measure?"

Representative Howse moved to amend, amendment 1005, as follows:

In line 744, delete the underlined comma

Delete lines 745 through 747

In line 748, delete everything before the underlined semicolon

Delete lines 749 through 753

In line 754, delete "(I)" and insert "(H)"

In line 758, delete "(J)" and insert "(I)"

In line 762, delete "(K)" and insert "(J)"

In line 765, delete "(L)" and insert "(K)"

In line 770, delete "(M)" and insert "(L)"

In line 773, delete "(N)" and insert "(M)"

In line 777, delete "(O)" and insert "(N)"

In line 781, delete "(P)" and insert "(O)"  
 In line 783, delete "(Q)" and insert "(P)"  
 In line 791, delete "(R)" and insert "(Q)"  
 In line 799, delete "(R)" and insert "(Q)"  
 In line 800, delete "(S)" and insert "(R)"  
 In line 802, delete "(T)" and insert "(S)"  
 In line 810, delete "(U)" and insert "(T)"  
 In line 812, delete "(V)" and insert "(U)"  
 In line 815, delete "(W)" and insert "(V)"  
 In line 817, delete "(X)" and insert "(W)"  
 In line 819, delete "(Y)" and insert "(X)"  
 In line 822, delete "(Z)" and insert "(Y)"  
 In line 824, delete "(AA)" and insert "(Z)"  
 In line 826, delete "(BB)" and insert "(AA)"

The question being, "Shall the motion to amend be agreed to?"

Representative Butler moved that the motion be laid on the table.

The question being, "Shall the motion to amend be laid on the table?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 58, nays 34, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Baldrige	Becker	Blessing	Brown
Butler	Callender	Carfagna	Cross
Cupp	DeVitis	Edwards	Ghanbari
Ginter	Green	Greenspan	Grendell
Hambley	Hillyer	Holmes, A.	Hood
Hoops	Jones	Jordan	Keller
Kick	Koehler	Lanese	Lang
LaRe	Leland	Lipps	Manchester
Manning, D.	Manning, G.	McClain	Merrin
Oelslager	Patton	Perales	Plummer
Reineke	Richardson	Riedel	Roemer
Romanchuk	Ryan	Scherer	Seitz
Smith, R.	Smith, T.	Sobecki	Stein
Stoltzfus	Vitale	Wiggam	Wilkin
Zeltwanger			Householder-58

Those who voted in the negative were: Representatives

Antani	Blair	Boggs	Boyd
Brent	Brinkman	Cera	Clites
Crawley	Crossman	Denson	Galonski
Hicks-Hudson	Howse	Ingram	Kelly
Lepore-Hagan	Lightbody	Liston	Miller, A.
Miranda	O'Brien	Powell	Robinson

Rogers	Russo	Sheehy	Smith, K.
Strahorn	Sweeney	Sykes	Upchurch
Weinstein			West-34

The motion to amend was laid on the table.

The question recurring, "Shall the bill as amended pass as an emergency measure?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 89, nays 3, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Antani	Baldrige	Becker	Blair
Blessing	Boggs	Boyd	Brent
Brinkman	Brown	Butler	Callender
Carfagna	Cera	Clites	Crawley
Cross	Crossman	Cupp	Denson
DeVitis	Edwards	Galonski	Ghanbari
Ginter	Green	Greenspan	Grendell
Hambley	Hicks-Hudson	Hillyer	Holmes, A.
Hoops	Howse	Ingram	Jones
Jordan	Kelly	Kick	Koehler
Lanese	Lang	LaRe	Leland
Lepore-Hagan	Lightbody	Lipps	Liston
Manchester	Manning, D.	Manning, G.	McClain
Merrin	Miller, A.	Miranda	O'Brien
Oelslager	Patton	Perales	Plummer
Reineke	Richardson	Riedel	Robinson
Roemer	Rogers	Romanchuk	Russo
Ryan	Scherer	Seitz	Sheehy
Smith, K.	Smith, R.	Smith, T.	Sobecki
Stein	Stoltzfus	Strahorn	Sweeney
Sykes	Upchurch	Vitale	Weinstein
West	Wiggam	Wilkin	Zeltwanger
			Householder-89

Representatives Hood, Keller, and Powell voted in the negative-3.

Having received the required constitutional majority, the bill passed as an emergency measure.

Representative Koehler moved to amend the title as follows:

Add the names: "Baldrige, Blessing, Boggs, Callender, Carfagna, Cera, Crawley, Cross, Crossman, Denson, Galonski, Green, Grendell, Hambley, Hoops, Ingram, Jordan, Kick, Lanese, Lang, Lepore-Hagan, Lightbody, Manning, D., Manning, G., McClain, Miller, A., Miranda, O'Brien, Patton, Perales, Reineke, Richardson, Robinson, Rogers, Ryan, Scherer, Seitz, Sheehy, Smith, K., Smith, R., Smith, T., Stein, Stoltzfus, Strahorn, Upchurch, Weinstein, West, Wiggam, Wilkin."

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

The title as amended was agreed to.

On motion of Representative Butler, the House recessed.

The House met pursuant to recess.

**S. B. No. 4**-Senators Rulli, Kunze.

Cosponsors: Senators Hottinger, Antonio, Brenner, Craig, Dolan, Eklund, Fedor, Gavarone, Hackett, Hill, Hoagland, Huffman, S., Lehner, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Peterson, Sykes, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Yuko  
Representatives Blessing, Jones, Robinson, Crawley, Patterson, Sobecki, Scherer, Perales, Rogers.

To amend Section 237.30 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly and Section 237.10 of H.B. 529 of the 132 General Assembly, as subsequently amended, to make a capital appropriation for school facilities assistance, was taken up for consideration the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Representative Oelslager moved that **S. B. No. 4**-Senators Rulli, Kunze, et al., be informally passed and retain its place on the calendar.

The motion was agreed to without objection.

#### Message from the Senate

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred in the passage of the following bill:

**Am. H. B. No. 50** - Representative Greenspan

Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Arndt, Blessing, Boyd, Brent, Brown, Callender, Carfagna, Clites, Crawley, Crossman, Galonski, Ginter, Hicks-Hudson, Holmes, A., Holmes, G., Hoops, Howse, Jones, Kent, Kick, Lang, LaTourette, Lepore-Hagan, Lightbody, Manning, D., Miller, A., Miller, J., Patterson, Reineke, Richardson, Robinson, Roemer, Rogers, Russo, Scherer, Seitz, Sheehy, Skindell, Smith, K., Sobecki, Stein, Stoltzfus, Sweeney, Upchurch, Weinstein, West, Wiggam, Wilkin  
Senators Coley, Hoagland, Antonio, Burke, Craig, Dolan, Eklund, Hackett, Kunze, Maharath, O'Brien, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Yuko

To enact section 339.062 of the Revised Code to require that all rights to and interests in charter county hospital employee discoveries, inventions, or patents are the property of the charter county hospital.

Attest:

Vincent L. Keeran,  
Clerk.

#### Message from the Senate

Mr. Speaker:



I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on matters of difference between the two houses on:

**Am. Sub. H. B. No. 80** - Representative Oelslager – et al.

Attest: Vincent L. Keeran,  
Clerk.

Message from the Senate

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on matters of difference between the two houses on:

**Am. Sub. H. B. No. 166** - Representative Oelslager – et al.

Attest: Vincent L. Keeran,  
Clerk.

Message from the Senate

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred in the House amendments to:

**Am. Sub. S. B. No. 57** - Senators Hill, Huffman, S. – et al.

Attest: Vincent L. Keeran,  
Clerk.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER**

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, on July 17, 2019, signed the following:

**Am. Sub. H. B. No. 166**-Representative Oelslager - et al.

**Am. Sub. S. B. No. 57**-Senators Hill, Huffman, S. - et al.

On motion of Representative Butler, the House adjourned until Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Attest: BRADLEY J. YOUNG,  
Clerk.