(125th General Assembly)
(Amended Substitute House Bill Number 95)

AN ACT

To amend sections 9.01, 9.83, 101.34, 101.72, 101.82, 102.02, 109.32, 109.57, 109.572, 117.101, 117.16, 117.44, 117.45, 121.04, 121.08, 121.084, 121.41, 121.48, 121.62, 122.011, 122.04, 122.08, 122.17, 122.171, 122.25, 122.651, 122.658, 122.87, 122.88, 123.01, 124.03, 124.15, 124.152, 124.181, 125.05, 125.06, 125.07, 125.15, 125.91, 125.92, 125.93, 125.95, 125.96, 125.98, 127.16, 131.02, 131.23, 131.35, 145.38, 147.01, 147.37, 149.011, 149.30, 149.31, 149.33, 149.331, 149.332, 149.333, 149.34, 149.35, 153.65, 164.14, 164.27, 165.09, 166.16, 173.06, 173.061, 173.062, 173.07, 173.071, 173.14, 173.26, 175.03, 175.21, 175.22, 183.02, 306.35, 306.99, 307.86, 307.87, 307.93, 307.98, 307.981, 307.987, 311.17, 317.32, 321.24, 323.01, 323.13, 325.31, 329.03, 329.04, 329.05, 329.051, 329.06, 340.021, 340.03, 341.05, 341.25, 504.03, 504.04, 505.376, 507.09, 511.12, 515.01, 515.07, 521.05, 715.013, 718.01, 718.02, 718.05, 718.11, 718.14, 718.15, 718.151, 731.14, 731.141, 735.05, 737.03, 753.22, 901.17, 901.21, 901.22, 901.63, 902.11, 921.151, 927.53, 927.69, 929.01, 955.51, 1309.109, 1317.07, 1321.21, 1333.99, 1337.11, 1346.02, 1501.04, 1503.05, 1513.05, 1515.08, 1519.05, 1521.06, 1521.063, 1531.26, 1533.08, 1533.10, 1533.101, 1533.11, 1533.111, 1533.112, 1533.12, 1533.13, 1533.151, 1533.19, 1533.23, 1533.301, 1533.32, 1533.35, 1533.40, 1533.54, 1533.631, 1533.632, 1533.71, 1533.82, 1541.10, 1548.06, 1551.11, 1551.12, 1551.15, 1551.311, 1551.32, 1551.33, 1551.35, 1555.02,

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6111.38, and 6111.39 of the Revised Code; to amend Sections 11 and 11.04 of Am. Sub. H.B. 87 of the 125th General Assembly; to amend Section 13.05 of Am. Sub. H.B. 87 of the 125th General Assembly; to amend Section 7 of Am. Sub. H.B. 512 of the 124th General Assembly; to amend Sections 1.09 and 35.03 of H.B. 675 of the 124th General Assembly; to amend Sections 18.03, 18.04, 19.39, and 19.52 of H.B. 675 of the 124th General Assembly; to amend Section 24.43 of Am. Sub. H.B. 524 of the 124th General Assembly; to amend Section 63.37 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th General Assembly, as subsequently amended; to amend Sections 10 and 14 of Am. Sub. S.B. 242 of the 124th General Assembly; to amend Section 3 of Am. Sub. S.B. 143 of the 124th General Assembly; to amend Section 3 of Am. Sub. H.B. 215 of the 122nd General Assembly, as subsequently amended; to amend Section 3 of Am. Sub. H.B. 621 of the 122nd General Assembly, as subsequently amended; to amend Section 6 of Am. Sub. S.B. 67 of the 122nd General Assembly; to amend Section 153 of Am. Sub. H.B. 117 of the 121st General Assembly, as subsequently amended; to amend Section 27 of Sub. H.B. 670 of the 121st General Assembly, as subsequently amended; to amend Section 5 of Am. Sub. S.B. 50 of the 121st General Assembly, as subsequently amended; to amend Section 2 of Am. Sub. H.B. 71 of the 120th General Assembly; to repeal Section 16 of Am. Sub. H.B. 87 of the 125th General Assembly; to repeal Section 129 of Am. Sub. H.B. 283 of the 123rd General Assembly, as subsequently amended; to repeal Section 3 of Am. Sub. S.B. 272 of the 123rd General Assembly, as subsequently amended; to repeal Section 72 of Am. Sub. H.B. 850 of

the 122nd General Assembly; and to repeal Section 11 of Am. Sub. S.B. 50 of the 121st General Assembly, as subsequently amended; to repeal Section 3 of Am. Sub. S.B. 238 of the 123rd General Assembly; and to repeal Section 3 of Sub. H.B. 403 of the 123rd General Assembly; to levy taxes and provide for implementation of those levies, to make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs; to amend the version of section 921.22 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect July 1, 2004, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date; to amend the version of section 2305.234 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2004, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date; to amend the version of section 3332.04 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect July 1, 2003; to amend the version of section 3734.44 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2004, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date; to amend the versions of sections 307.93, 2152.19, 2743.191, 2743.51, 2929.38, 4506.14, 4506.15, 4506.16, 4506.20, 4511.33, 4511.62, 4511.63, and 4511.75 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect January 1, 2004; to amend the version of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2004, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date; to amend the version of section 5101.28 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2004, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date; to amend the version

of section 5743.45 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2004, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date; to amend the version of section 5739.033 of the Revised Code as it results from Am. Sub. S.B. 143 of the 124th General Assembly, as amended by H.B. 675 of the 124th General Assembly; to terminate certain provisions of this act on December 31, 2013, by repealing section 4723.063 of the Revised Code on that date; and to terminate certain provisions of this act on October 1, 2006, by repealing section 5111.161 of the Revised Code on that date.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

This act has two parts, labeled Part I and Part II, that are integral phases of this act.

Part I

SECTION 1. That sections 9.01, 9.83, 101.34, 101.72, 101.82, 102.02, 109.32, 109.57, 109.572, 117.101, 117.16, 117.44, 117.45, 121.04, 121.08, 121.084, 121.41, 121.48, 121.62, 122.011, 122.04, 122.08, 122.17, 122.171, 122.25, 122.651, 122.658, 122.87, 122.88, 123.01, 124.03, 124.15, 124.152, 124.181, 125.05, 125.06, 125.07, 125.15, 125.91, 125.92, 125.93, 125.95, 125.96, 125.98, 127.16, 131.02, 131.23, 131.35, 145.38, 147.01, 147.37, 149.011, 149.30, 149.31, 149.33, 149.331, 149.332, 149.333, 149.34, 149.35, 153.65, 164.14, 164.27, 165.09, 166.16, 173.06, 173.061, 173.062, 173.07, 173.071, 173.14, 173.26, 175.03, 175.21, 175.22, 183.02, 306.35, 306.99, 307.86, 307.87, 307.93, 307.98, 307.981, 307.987, 311.17, 317.32, 321.24, 323.01, 323.13, 325.31, 329.03, 329.04, 329.05, 329.051, 329.06, 340.021, 340.03, 341.05, 341.25, 504.03, 504.04, 505.376, 507.09, 511.12, 515.01, 515.07, 521.05, 715.013, 718.01, 718.02, 718.05, 718.11, 718.14, 718.15, 718.151, 731.14, 731.141, 735.05, 737.03, 753.22, 901.17, 901.21, 901.22, 901.63, 902.11, 921.151, 927.53, 927.69, 929.01, 955.51, 1309.109, 1317.07, 1321.21, 1333.99, 1337.11, 1346.02, 1501.04, 1503.05, 1513.05, 1515.08, 1519.05, 1521.06, 1521.063, 1531.26, 1533.08, 1533.10, 1533.101, 1533.11, 1533.111, 1533.112, 1533.12, 1533.13, 1533.151, 1533.19,

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5747.31, 5747.80, 5901.021, 6101.09, 6109.21, 6111.06, 6115.09, 6117.02, 6119.10, 6301.05, and 6301.07 be amended; that sections 3301.33 (3301.40), 3701.145 (3701.0210), 4104.46 (4104.48), 5101.211 (5101.214), 5101.212 (5101.215), 5108.06 (5108.04), 5108.07 (5108.05), 5111.08 (5111.071), 5111.16 (5111.08), 5111.252 (5123.199), 5115.02 (5115.04), 5115.04 (5115.02), 5115.07 (5115.06), 5115.13 (5115.07), and 5115.15 (5115.23) be amended for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses; and that new sections 125.831, 718.03, 3301.31, 3301.33, 3317.11, 3318.052, 4104.42, 4104.43, 4104.46, 5101.211, 5101.212, 5101.213, 5108.06, 5108.07, 5111.16, 5111.173, 5115.13, 5709.211, 5709.23, 5709.24, and 5739.034 and sections 9.24, 9.75, 107.12, 107.31, 107.32, 107.33, 121.36, 122.041, 122.90, 123.152, 124.183, 125.073, 125.832, 125.833, 131.41, 145.381, 153.691, 173.08, 307.676, 317.36, 319.63, 511.181, 718.021, 718.051, 718.121, 901.85, 927.701, 1346.04, 1346.05, 1346.06, 1346.07, 1346.08, 1346.09, 1346.10, 1501.25, 1711.131, 2113.041, 2117.061, 3301.34, 3301.35, 3301.36, 3301.37, 3301.38, 3307.353, 3309.345, 3311.059, 3314.083, 3318.024, 3333.121, 3333.16, 3333.38, 3379.11, 3501.011, 3506.20, 3701.029, 3701.61, 3702.63, 3770.073, 4104.47, 4115.21, 4303.205, 4511.198, 4707.24, 4723.063, 4723.81, 4723.82, 4723.83, 4723.84, 4723.85, 4723.86, 4723.87, 4723.88, 5101.12, 5101.1410, 5101.20, 5101.201, 5101.216, 5101.221, 5101.222, 5101.241, 5101.242, 5101.243, 5101.271, 5103.155, 5108.051, 5108.11, 5108.12, 5111.0113, 5111.025, 5111.083, 5111.151, 5111.161, 5111.172, 5111.174, 5111.175, 5111.211, 5111.88, 5111.911, 5111.912, 5111.913, 5111.95, 5111.96, 5111.97, 5115.12, 5115.14, 5115.22, 5123.196, 5123.198, 5123.1910, 5123.38, 5123.851, 5126.058, 5139.44, 5502.03, 5515.08, 5703.56, 5703.57, 5703.80, 5709.201, 5709.212, 5717.011, 5733.0511, 5733.55, 5733.56, 5733.57, 5735.053, 5741.25, 5743.051, and 5747.026 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 9.01. When any officer, office, court, commission, board, institution, department, agent, or employee of the state, ~~or~~ of a county, or of any other political subdivision~~,~~ who is charged with the duty or authorized or required by law to record, preserve, keep, maintain, or file any record, document, plat, court file, paper, or instrument in writing, or to make or furnish copies of any ~~thereof~~ of them, deems it necessary or advisable, when recording ~~any such document, plat, court file, paper, or instrument in writing,~~ or ~~when~~ making a copy or reproduction of any ~~thereof~~ of them or of any such record, for the purpose of recording or copying, preserving, and protecting ~~the same~~ them, reducing space required for storage, or any similar purpose, to do so by means of any photostatic, photographic, miniature

photographic, film, microfilm, or microphotographic process, or perforated tape, magnetic tape, other magnetic means, electronic data processing, machine readable means, or graphic or video display, or any combination ~~thereof~~ of those processes, means, or displays, which correctly and accurately copies, records, or reproduces, or provides a medium of copying, recording, or reproducing, the original record, document, plat, court file, paper, or instrument in writing, such use of any ~~such photographic or electromagnetic~~ of those processes, means, or displays for any such purpose~~,~~ is hereby authorized. Any such records, copies, or reproductions may be made in duplicate, and ~~such~~ the duplicates shall be stored in different buildings. The film or paper used for ~~this~~ a process shall comply with the minimum standards of quality approved for permanent photographic records by the national bureau of standards. All such records, copies, or reproductions shall carry a certificate of authenticity and completeness, on a form specified by the director of administrative services through the state records ~~administrator~~ program.

Any such officer, office, court, commission, board, institution, department, agent, or employee of the state, of a county, or of any other political subdivision may purchase or rent required equipment for any such photographic process and may enter into contracts with private concerns or other governmental agencies for the development of film and the making of reproductions ~~thereof~~ of film as a part of any such photographic process. When so recorded, or copied or reproduced to reduce space required for storage or filing of such records, ~~said~~ such photographs, microphotographs, microfilms, perforated tape, magnetic tape, other magnetic means, electronic data processing, machine readable means, graphic or video display, or ~~any~~ combination ~~thereof~~ of these processes, means, or displays, or films, or prints made therefrom, when properly identified by the officer by whom or under whose supervision ~~the same~~ they were made, or who has ~~the~~ their custody ~~thereof~~, have the same effect at law as the original record or of a record made by any other legally authorized means, and may be offered in like manner and shall be received in evidence in any court where ~~such~~ the original record, or record made by other legally authorized means, could have been so introduced and received. Certified or authenticated copies or prints of such photographs, microphotographs, films, microfilms, perforated tape, magnetic tape, other magnetic means, electronic data processing, machine readable means, graphic or video display, or ~~any~~ combination ~~thereof~~ of these processes, means, or displays, shall be admitted in evidence equally with the original ~~photographs, microphotographs, films, or microfilms~~.

Such photographs, microphotographs, microfilms, or films shall be placed and kept in conveniently accessible, fireproof, and insulated files, cabinets, or containers, and provisions shall be made for preserving, safekeeping, using, examining, exhibiting, projecting, and enlarging ~~the same~~ them whenever requested, during office hours.

All persons utilizing the methods described in this section for keeping records and information shall keep and make readily available to the public the machines and equipment necessary to reproduce the records and information in a readable form.

Sec. 9.24. (A) No state agency and no political subdivision shall award a contract for goods, services, or construction, paid for in whole or in part with state funds, to a person against whom a finding for recovery has been issued by the auditor of state, if the finding for recovery is unresolved.

(B) For purposes of this section, a finding for recovery is unresolved unless one of the following criteria applies:

(1) The money identified in the finding for recovery is paid in full to the state agency or political subdivision to whom the money was owed;

(2) The debtor has entered into a repayment plan that is approved by the attorney general and the state agency or political subdivision to whom the money identified in the finding for recovery is owed. A repayment plan may include a provision permitting a state agency or political subdivision to withhold payment to a debtor for goods, services, or construction provided to or for the state agency or political subdivision pursuant to a contract that is entered into with the debtor after the date the finding for recovery was issued.

(3) The attorney general waives a repayment plan described in division (B)(2) of this section for good cause;

(4) The debtor and state agency or political subdivision to whom the money identified in the finding for recovery is owed have agreed to a payment plan established through an enforceable settlement agreement.

(5) The state agency or political subdivision desiring to enter into a contract with a debtor certifies, and the attorney general concurs, that all of the following are true:

(a) Essential services the state agency or political subdivision is seeking to obtain from the debtor cannot be provided by any other person besides the debtor;

(b) Awarding a contract to the debtor for the essential services described in division (B)(5)(a) is in the best interest of the state;

(c) Good faith efforts have been made to collect the money identified in the finding of recovery.

(6) The debtor has commenced an action to contest the finding for recovery and a final determination on the action has not yet been reached.

(C) The attorney general shall submit an initial report to the auditor of state, not later than December 1, 2003, indicating the status of collection for all findings for recovery issued by the auditor of state for calendar years 2001, 2002, and 2003. Beginning on January 1, 2004, the attorney general shall submit to the auditor of state, on the first day of every January, April, July, and October, a list of all findings for recovery that have been resolved in accordance with division (B) of this section during the calendar quarter preceding the submission of the list and a description of the means of resolution.

(D) The auditor of state shall maintain a database, accessible to the public, listing persons against whom an unresolved finding for recovery has been issued, and the amount of the money identified in the unresolved finding for recovery. The auditor of state shall have this database operational on or before January 1, 2004. The initial database shall contain the information required under this division for calendar years 2001, 2002, and 2003.

Beginning January 15, 2004, the auditor of state shall update the database by the fifteenth day of every January, April, July, and October to reflect resolved findings for recovery that are reported to the auditor of state by the attorney general on the first day of the same month pursuant to division (C) of this section.

(E) Before awarding a contract for goods, services, or construction, paid for in whole or in part with state funds, a state agency or political subdivision shall verify that the person to whom the state agency or political subdivision plans to award the contract does not appear in the database described in division (D) of this section.

(F) As used in this section:

(1) "State agency" has the same meaning as in section 9.66 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Finding for recovery" means a determination issued by the auditor of state, contained in a report the auditor of state gives to the attorney general pursuant to section 117.28 of the Revised Code, that public money has been illegally expended, public money has been collected but not been accounted for, public money is due but has not been collected, or public property has been converted or misappropriated.

(3) "Debtor" means a person against whom a finding for recovery has been issued.

Sec. 9.75. As used in this section, "dangerous drug" has the same

meaning as in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.

If a state agency seeks to enter into or administer an agreement or cooperative arrangement to create or join a multiple-state prescription drug purchasing program to negotiate discounts for dangerous drugs and intends to contract with a person to administer the multiple-state prescription drug purchasing program, it shall do so through a competitive bidding process. A state agency seeking to enter into a contract with a person to administer the multiple-state prescription drug purchasing program may not enter into the contract with out controlling board approval.

Sec. 9.83. (A) The state and any political subdivision may procure a policy or policies of insurance insuring its officers and employees against liability for injury, death, or loss to person or property that arises out of the operation of an automobile, truck, motor vehicle with auxiliary equipment, self-propelling equipment or trailer, aircraft, or watercraft by the officers or employees while engaged in the course of their employment or official responsibilities for the state or the political subdivision. The state is authorized to expend funds to pay judgments that are rendered in any court against its officers or employees and that result from such operation, and is authorized to expend funds to compromise claims for liability against its officers or employees that result from such operation. No insurer shall deny coverage under such a policy, and the state shall not refuse to pay judgments or compromise claims, on the ground that an automobile, truck, motor vehicle with auxiliary equipment, self-propelling equipment or trailer, aircraft, or watercraft was not being used in the course of an officer's or employee's employment or official responsibilities for the state or a political subdivision unless the officer or employee who was operating an automobile, truck, motor vehicle with auxiliary equipment, or self-propelling equipment or trailer is convicted of a violation of section 124.71 of the Revised Code as a result of the same events.

(B) ~~Such funds~~ Funds shall be reserved as ~~are~~ necessary, in the exercise of sound and prudent actuarial judgment, to cover potential expense, fees, damage, loss, or other liability. The superintendent of insurance may recommend or, if the state requests of the superintendent, shall recommend, a specific amount for any period of time that, in the superintendent's opinion, represents such a judgment.

(C) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the department of administrative services to purchase liability insurance for all state vehicles in a single policy of insurance or to cover all state vehicles under a single plan of self-insurance.

(D) Insurance procured by the state pursuant to this section shall be

procured as provided in section 125.03 of the Revised Code.

(E) For purposes of liability insurance procured under this section to cover the operation of a motor vehicle by a prisoner for whom the insurance is procured, "employee" includes a prisoner in the custody of the department of rehabilitation and correction who is enrolled in a work program that is established by the department pursuant to section 5145.16 of the Revised Code and in which the prisoner is required to operate a motor vehicle, as defined in section 4509.01 of the Revised Code, and who is engaged in the operation of a motor vehicle in the course of the work program.

(F) There is hereby created in the state treasury the vehicle liability fund. All contributions collected by the director of administrative services under division (I) of this section shall be deposited into the fund. The fund shall be used to provide insurance and self-insurance for the state under this section. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to it.

(G) The director of administrative services, through the office of risk management, shall operate the vehicle liability fund on an actuarially sound basis.

(H) Reserves shall be maintained in the vehicle liability fund in any amount that is necessary and adequate, in the exercise of sound and prudent actuarial judgment, to cover potential liability claims, expenses, fees, or damages. Money in the fund may be applied to the payment of liability claims that are filed against the state in the court of claims and determined in the manner provided in Chapter 2743. of the Revised Code. The director of administrative services may procure the services of a qualified actuarial firm for the purpose of recommending the specific amount of money that is required to maintain adequate reserves for a specified period of time.

(I) The director of administrative services shall collect from each state agency or any participating state body its contribution to the vehicle liability fund for the purpose of purchasing insurance or administering self-insurance programs for coverage authorized under this section. The amount of the contribution shall be determined by the director, with the approval of the director of budget and management. It shall be based upon actuarial assumptions and the relative risk and loss experience of each state agency or participating state body. The amount of the contribution also shall include a reasonable sum to cover administrative costs of the department of administrative services.

Sec. 101.34. (A) There is hereby created a joint legislative ethics committee to serve the general assembly. The committee shall be composed of twelve members, six each from the two major political parties, and each member shall serve on the committee during the member's term as a

member of that general assembly. Six members of the committee shall be members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, not more than three from the same political party, and six members of the committee shall be members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate, not more than three from the same political party. A vacancy in the committee shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment. The members of the committee shall be appointed within fifteen days after the first day of the first regular session of each general assembly and the committee shall meet and proceed to recommend an ethics code not later than thirty days after the first day of the first regular session of each general assembly.

In the first regular session of each general assembly, the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the chairperson of the committee from among the house members of the committee and the president of the senate shall appoint the vice-chairperson of the committee from among the senate members of the committee. In the second regular session of each general assembly, the president of the senate shall appoint the chairperson of the committee from among the senate members of the committee and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the vice-chairperson of the committee from among the house members of the committee. The chairperson, vice-chairperson, and members of the committee shall serve until their respective successors are appointed or until they are no longer members of the general assembly.

The committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson or upon the written request of seven members of the committee.

(B) The joint legislative ethics committee:

(1) Shall recommend a code of ethics which is consistent with law to govern all members and employees of each house of the general assembly and all candidates for the office of member of each house;

(2) May receive and hear any complaint which alleges a breach of any privilege of either house, or misconduct of any member, employee, or candidate, or any violation of the appropriate code of ethics;

(3) May obtain information with respect to any complaint filed pursuant to this section and to that end may enforce the attendance and testimony of witnesses, and the production of books and papers;

(4) May recommend whatever sanction is appropriate with respect to a particular member, employee, or candidate as will best maintain in the minds of the public a good opinion of the conduct and character of members and employees of the general assembly;

(5) May recommend legislation to the general assembly relating to the

conduct and ethics of members and employees of and candidates for the general assembly;

(6) Shall employ an executive director for the committee and may employ such other staff as the committee determines necessary to assist it in exercising its powers and duties. The executive director and staff of the committee shall be known as the office of legislative inspector general. At least one member of the staff of the committee shall be an attorney at law licensed to practice law in this state. The appointment and removal of the executive director shall require the approval of at least eight members of the committee.

(7) May employ a special counsel to assist the committee in exercising its powers and duties. The appointment and removal of a special counsel shall require the approval of at least eight members of the committee.

(8) Shall act as an advisory body to the general assembly and to individual members, candidates, and employees on questions relating to ethics, possible conflicts of interest, and financial disclosure;

(9) Shall provide for the proper forms on which the statement required pursuant to section 102.02 of the Revised Code shall be filed and instructions as to the filing of the statement;

(10) Exercise the powers and duties prescribed under sections 101.70 to 101.79 and 121.60 to 121.69 of the Revised Code;

(11) Adopt in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code any rules that are necessary to implement and clarify Chapter 102. and sections 2921.42 and 2921.43 of the Revised Code.

(C) There is hereby created in the state treasury the joint legislative ethics committee fund. ~~All money collected from registration fees and late filing fees prescribed under sections 101.72 and 121.62 of the Revised Code shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the fund.~~ Money credited to the fund and any interest and earnings from the fund shall be used solely for the operation of the joint legislative ethics committee and the office of legislative inspector general and for the purchase of data storage and computerization facilities for the statements filed with the joint committee under sections 101.73, 101.74, 121.63, and 121.64 of the Revised Code.

(D) The chairperson of the joint committee shall issue a written report, not later than the thirty-first day of January of each year, to the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives and to the president and minority leader of the senate that lists the number of committee meetings and investigations the committee conducted during the immediately preceding calendar year and the number of advisory opinions it issued

during the immediately preceding calendar year.

(E) Any investigative report that contains facts and findings regarding a complaint filed with the committee and that is prepared by the staff of the committee or a special counsel to the committee shall become a public record upon its acceptance by a vote of the majority of the members of the committee, except for any names of specific individuals and entities contained in the report. If the committee recommends disciplinary action or reports its findings to the appropriate prosecuting authority for proceedings in prosecution of the violations alleged in the complaint, the investigatory report regarding the complaint shall become a public record in its entirety.

(F)(1) Any file obtained by or in the possession of the former house ethics committee or former senate ethics committee shall become the property of the joint legislative ethics committee. Any such file is confidential if either of the following applies:

(a) It is confidential under section 102.06 of the Revised Code or the legislative code of ethics.

(b) If the file was obtained from the former house ethics committee or from the former senate ethics committee, it was confidential under any statute or any provision of a code of ethics that governed the file.

(2) As used in this division, "file" includes, but is not limited to, evidence, documentation, or any other tangible thing.

Sec. 101.72. (A) Each legislative agent and employer, within ten days following an engagement of a legislative agent, shall file with the joint legislative ethics committee an initial registration statement showing all of the following:

(1) The name, business address, and occupation of the legislative agent;

(2) The name and business address of the employer and the real party in interest on whose behalf the legislative agent is actively advocating, if it is different from the employer. For the purposes of division (A) of this section, where a trade association or other charitable or fraternal organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(c) of the federal Internal Revenue Code is the employer, the statement need not list the names and addresses of each member of the association or organization, so long as the association or organization itself is listed.

(3) A brief description of the type of legislation to which the engagement relates.

(B) In addition to the initial registration statement required by division (A) of this section, each legislative agent and employer shall file with the joint committee, not later than the last day of January, May, and September of each year, an updated registration statement that confirms the continuing

existence of each engagement described in an initial registration statement and that lists the specific bills or resolutions on which the agent actively advocated under that engagement during the period covered by the updated statement, and with it any statement of expenditures required to be filed by section 101.73 of the Revised Code and any details of financial transactions required to be filed by section 101.74 of the Revised Code.

(C) If a legislative agent is engaged by more than one employer, the agent shall file a separate initial and updated registration statement for each engagement. If an employer engages more than one legislative agent, the employer need file only one updated registration statement under division (B) of this section, which shall contain the information required by division (B) of this section regarding all of the legislative agents engaged by the employer.

(D)(1) A change in any information required by division (A)(1), (2), or (B) of this section shall be reflected in the next updated registration statement filed under division (B) of this section.

(2) Within thirty days after the termination of an engagement, the legislative agent who was employed under the engagement shall send written notification of the termination to the joint committee.

(E) Except as otherwise provided in this division, a registration fee of ~~ten~~ twenty-five dollars shall be charged for filing an initial registration statement. All money collected from registration fees under this division and late filing fees under division (G) of this section shall be deposited ~~to the credit of the joint legislative ethics committee fund created under section 101.34 of the Revised Code~~ into the general revenue fund of the state.

An officer or employee of a state agency who actively advocates in a fiduciary capacity as a representative of that state agency need not pay the registration fee prescribed by this division or file expenditure statements under section 101.73 of the Revised Code. As used in this division, "state agency" does not include a state institution of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

(F) Upon registration pursuant to division (A) of this section, the legislative agent shall be issued a card by the joint committee showing that the legislative agent is registered. The registration card and the legislative agent's registration shall be valid from the date of their issuance until the next thirty-first day of December of an even-numbered year.

(G) The executive director of the joint committee shall be responsible for reviewing each registration statement filed with the joint committee under this section and for determining whether the statement contains all of the information required by this section. If the joint committee determines

that the registration statement does not contain all of the required information or that a legislative agent or employer has failed to file a registration statement, the joint committee shall send written notification by certified mail to the person who filed the registration statement regarding the deficiency in the statement or to the person who failed to file the registration statement regarding the failure. Any person so notified by the joint committee shall, not later than fifteen days after receiving the notice, file a registration statement or an amended registration statement that does contain all of the information required by this section. If any person who receives a notice under this division fails to file a registration statement or such an amended registration statement within this fifteen-day period, the joint committee shall assess a late filing fee equal to twelve dollars and fifty cents per day, up to a maximum of one hundred dollars, upon that person. The joint committee may waive the late filing fee for good cause shown.

(H) On or before the fifteenth day of March of each year, the joint committee shall, in the manner and form that it determines, publish a report containing statistical information on the registration statements filed with it under this section during the preceding year.

Sec. 101.82. As used in sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Agency" means any board, commission, committee, or council, or any other similar state public body required to be established pursuant to state statutes for the exercise of any function of state government and to which members are appointed or elected. "Agency" does not include the following:

(1) The general assembly, or any commission, committee, or other body composed entirely of members ~~thereof~~ of the general assembly;

(2) Any court;

(3) Any public body created by or directly pursuant to the constitution of this state;

(4) The board of trustees of any institution of higher education financially supported in whole or in part by the state;

(5) Any public body that has the authority to issue bonds or notes or that has issued bonds or notes that have not been fully repaid;

(6) The public utilities commission of Ohio;

(7) The consumers' council governing board;

(8) The Ohio board of regents;

(9) Any state board or commission that has the authority to issue any final adjudicatory order that may be appealed to the court of common pleas under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code;

(10) Any board of elections;

(11) The board of directors of the Ohio insurance guaranty association and the board of governors of the Ohio fair plan underwriting association;

(12) The Ohio public employees deferred compensation board;

(13) The Ohio retirement study council;

(14) The board of trustees of the Ohio police and fire pension fund, public employees retirement board, school employees retirement board, state highway patrol retirement board, and state teachers retirement board;

(15) The industrial commission.

(B) "Abolish" means to repeal the statutes creating and empowering an agency, remove its personnel, and transfer its records to the department of administrative services pursuant to division ~~(H)~~(E) of section 149.331 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Terminate" means to amend or repeal the statutes creating and empowering an agency, remove its personnel, and reassign its functions and records to another agency or officer designated by the general assembly.

(D) "Transfer" means to amend the statutes creating and empowering an agency so that its functions, records, and personnel are conveyed to another agency or officer.

(E) "Renew" means to continue an agency, and may include amendment of the statutes creating and empowering the agency, or recommendations for changes in agency operation or personnel.

Sec. 102.02. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division (H) of this section, every person who is elected to or is a candidate for a state, county, or city office, or the office of member of the United States congress, and every person who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term in such an elective office; all members of the state board of education; the director, assistant directors, deputy directors, division chiefs, or persons of equivalent rank of any administrative department of the state; the president or other chief administrative officer of every state institution of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code; the chief executive officer of each state retirement system; all members of the board of commissioners on grievances and discipline of the supreme court and the ethics commission created under section 102.05 of the Revised Code; every business manager, treasurer, or superintendent of a city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, or cooperative education school district or an educational service center; every person who is elected to or is a candidate for the office of member of a board of education of a city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, or cooperative education school district or of a governing board of an educational service center that has a total student count of twelve thousand or more as most recently determined by the

department of education pursuant to section 3317.03 of the Revised Code; every person who is appointed to the board of education of a municipal school district pursuant to division (B) or (F) of section 3311.71 of the Revised Code; all members of the board of directors of a sanitary district established under Chapter 6115. of the Revised Code and organized wholly for the purpose of providing a water supply for domestic, municipal, and public use that includes two municipal corporations in two counties; every public official or employee who is paid a salary or wage in accordance with schedule C of section 124.15 or schedule E-2 of section 124.152 of the Revised Code; members of the board of trustees and the executive director of the tobacco use prevention and control foundation; members of the board of trustees and the executive director of the southern Ohio agricultural and community development foundation; and every other public official or employee who is designated by the appropriate ethics commission pursuant to division (B) of this section shall file with the appropriate ethics commission on a form prescribed by the commission, a statement disclosing all of the following:

(1) The name of the person filing the statement and each member of the person's immediate family and all names under which the person or members of the person's immediate family do business;

(2)(a) Subject to divisions (A)(2)(b) and (c) of this section and except as otherwise provided in section 102.022 of the Revised Code, identification of every source of income, other than income from a legislative agent identified in division (A)(2)(b) of this section, received during the preceding calendar year, in the person's own name or by any other person for the person's use or benefit, by the person filing the statement, and a brief description of the nature of the services for which the income was received. If the person filing the statement is a member of the general assembly, the statement shall identify the amount of every source of income received in accordance with the following ranges of amounts: zero or more, but less than one thousand dollars; one thousand dollars or more, but less than ten thousand dollars; ten thousand dollars or more, but less than twenty-five thousand dollars; twenty-five thousand dollars or more, but less than fifty thousand dollars; fifty thousand dollars or more, but less than one hundred thousand dollars; and one hundred thousand dollars or more. Division (A)(2)(a) of this section shall not be construed to require a person filing the statement who derives income from a business or profession to disclose the individual items of income that constitute the gross income of that business or profession, except for those individual items of income that are attributable to the person's or, if the income is shared with the person, the

partner's, solicitation of services or goods or performance, arrangement, or facilitation of services or provision of goods on behalf of the business or profession of clients, including corporate clients, who are legislative agents as defined in section 101.70 of the Revised Code. A person who files the statement under this section shall disclose the identity of and the amount of income received from a person who the public official or employee knows or has reason to know is doing or seeking to do business of any kind with the public official's or employee's agency.

(b) If the person filing the statement is a member of the general assembly, the statement shall identify every source of income and the amount of that income that was received from a legislative agent, as defined in section 101.70 of the Revised Code, during the preceding calendar year, in the person's own name or by any other person for the person's use or benefit, by the person filing the statement, and a brief description of the nature of the services for which the income was received. Division (A)(2)(b) of this section requires the disclosure of clients of attorneys or persons licensed under section 4732.12 of the Revised Code, or patients of persons certified under section 4731.14 of the Revised Code, if those clients or patients are legislative agents. Division (A)(2)(b) of this section requires a person filing the statement who derives income from a business or profession to disclose those individual items of income that constitute the gross income of that business or profession that are received from legislative agents.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2)(c) of this section, division (A)(2)(a) of this section applies to attorneys, physicians, and other persons who engage in the practice of a profession and who, pursuant to a section of the Revised Code, the common law of this state, a code of ethics applicable to the profession, or otherwise, generally are required not to reveal, disclose, or use confidences of clients, patients, or other recipients of professional services except under specified circumstances or generally are required to maintain those types of confidences as privileged communications except under specified circumstances. Division (A)(2)(a) of this section does not require an attorney, physician, or other professional subject to a confidentiality requirement as described in division (A)(2)(c) of this section to disclose the name, other identity, or address of a client, patient, or other recipient of professional services if the disclosure would threaten the client, patient, or other recipient of professional services, would reveal details of the subject matter for which legal, medical, or professional advice or other services were sought, or would reveal an otherwise privileged communication involving the client, patient, or other recipient of

professional services. Division (A)(2)(a) of this section does not require an attorney, physician, or other professional subject to a confidentiality requirement as described in division (A)(2)(c) of this section to disclose in the brief description of the nature of services required by division (A)(2)(a) of this section any information pertaining to specific professional services rendered for a client, patient, or other recipient of professional services that would reveal details of the subject matter for which legal, medical, or professional advice was sought or would reveal an otherwise privileged communication involving the client, patient, or other recipient of professional services.

(3) The name of every corporation on file with the secretary of state that is incorporated in this state or holds a certificate of compliance authorizing it to do business in this state, trust, business trust, partnership, or association that transacts business in this state in which the person filing the statement or any other person for the person's use and benefit had during the preceding calendar year an investment of over one thousand dollars at fair market value as of the thirty-first day of December of the preceding calendar year, or the date of disposition, whichever is earlier, or in which the person holds any office or has a fiduciary relationship, and a description of the nature of the investment, office, or relationship. Division (A)(3) of this section does not require disclosure of the name of any bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or building and loan association with which the person filing the statement has a deposit or a withdrawable share account.

(4) All fee simple and leasehold interests to which the person filing the statement holds legal title to or a beneficial interest in real property located within the state, excluding the person's residence and property used primarily for personal recreation;

(5) The names of all persons residing or transacting business in the state to whom the person filing the statement owes, in the person's own name or in the name of any other person, more than one thousand dollars. Division (A)(5) of this section shall not be construed to require the disclosure of debts owed by the person resulting from the ordinary conduct of a business or profession or debts on the person's residence or real property used primarily for personal recreation, except that the superintendent of financial institutions shall disclose the names of all state-chartered savings and loan associations and of all service corporations subject to regulation under division (E)(2) of section 1151.34 of the Revised Code to whom the superintendent in the superintendent's own name or in the name of any other person owes any money, and that the superintendent and any deputy superintendent of banks shall disclose the names of all state-chartered banks

and all bank subsidiary corporations subject to regulation under section 1109.44 of the Revised Code to whom the superintendent or deputy superintendent owes any money.

(6) The names of all persons residing or transacting business in the state, other than a depository excluded under division (A)(3) of this section, who owe more than one thousand dollars to the person filing the statement, either in the person's own name or to any person for the person's use or benefit. Division (A)(6) of this section shall not be construed to require the disclosure of clients of attorneys or persons licensed under section 4732.12 or 4732.15 of the Revised Code, or patients of persons certified under section 4731.14 of the Revised Code, nor the disclosure of debts owed to the person resulting from the ordinary conduct of a business or profession.

(7) Except as otherwise provided in section 102.022 of the Revised Code, the source of each gift of over seventy-five dollars, or of each gift of over twenty-five dollars received by a member of the general assembly from a legislative agent, received by the person in the person's own name or by any other person for the person's use or benefit during the preceding calendar year, except gifts received by will or by virtue of section 2105.06 of the Revised Code, or received from spouses, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings, nephews, nieces, uncles, aunts, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, fathers-in-law, mothers-in-law, or any person to whom the person filing the statement stands in loco parentis, or received by way of distribution from any inter vivos or testamentary trust established by a spouse or by an ancestor;

(8) Except as otherwise provided in section 102.022 of the Revised Code, identification of the source and amount of every payment of expenses incurred for travel to destinations inside or outside this state that is received by the person in the person's own name or by any other person for the person's use or benefit and that is incurred in connection with the person's official duties, except for expenses for travel to meetings or conventions of a national or state organization to which any state agency, including, but not limited to, any legislative agency or state institution of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, pays membership dues, or any political subdivision or any office or agency of a political subdivision pays membership dues;

(9) Except as otherwise provided in section 102.022 of the Revised Code, identification of the source of payment of expenses for meals and other food and beverages, other than for meals and other food and beverages provided at a meeting at which the person participated in a panel, seminar,

or speaking engagement or at a meeting or convention of a national or state organization to which any state agency, including, but not limited to, any legislative agency or state institution of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, pays membership dues, or any political subdivision or any office or agency of a political subdivision pays membership dues, that are incurred in connection with the person's official duties and that exceed one hundred dollars aggregated per calendar year;

(10) If the financial disclosure statement is filed by a public official or employee described in division (B)(2) of section 101.73 of the Revised Code or division (B)(2) of section 121.63 of the Revised Code who receives a statement from a legislative agent, executive agency lobbyist, or employer that contains the information described in division (F)(2) of section 101.73 of the Revised Code or division (G)(2) of section 121.63 of the Revised Code, all of the nondisputed information contained in the statement delivered to that public official or employee by the legislative agent, executive agency lobbyist, or employer under division (F)(2) of section 101.73 or (G)(2) of section 121.63 of the Revised Code. As used in division (A)(10) of this section, "legislative agent," "executive agency lobbyist," and "employer" have the same meanings as in sections 101.70 and 121.60 of the Revised Code.

A person may file a statement required by this section in person or by mail. A person who is a candidate for elective office shall file the statement no later than the thirtieth day before the primary, special, or general election at which the candidacy is to be voted on, whichever election occurs soonest, except that a person who is a write-in candidate shall file the statement no later than the twentieth day before the earliest election at which the person's candidacy is to be voted on. A person who holds elective office shall file the statement on or before the fifteenth day of April of each year unless the person is a candidate for office. A person who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term in an elective office shall file the statement within fifteen days after the person qualifies for office. Other persons shall file an annual statement on or before the fifteenth day of April or, if appointed or employed after that date, within ninety days after appointment or employment. No person shall be required to file with the appropriate ethics commission more than one statement or pay more than one filing fee for any one calendar year.

The appropriate ethics commission, for good cause, may extend for a reasonable time the deadline for filing a statement under this section.

A statement filed under this section is subject to public inspection at locations designated by the appropriate ethics commission except as

otherwise provided in this section.

(B) The Ohio ethics commission, the joint legislative ethics committee, and the board of commissioners on grievances and discipline of the supreme court, using the rule-making procedures of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may require any class of public officials or employees under its jurisdiction and not specifically excluded by this section whose positions involve a substantial and material exercise of administrative discretion in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws and rules of the state or a county or city, or the execution of other public trusts, to file an annual statement on or before the fifteenth day of April under division (A) of this section. The appropriate ethics commission shall send the public officials or employees written notice of the requirement by the fifteenth day of February of each year the filing is required unless the public official or employee is appointed after that date, in which case the notice shall be sent within thirty days after appointment, and the filing shall be made not later than ninety days after appointment.

Except for disclosure statements filed by members of the board of trustees and the executive director of the tobacco use prevention and control foundation and members of the board of trustees and the executive director of the southern Ohio agricultural and community development foundation, disclosure statements filed under this division with the Ohio ethics commission by members of boards, commissions, or bureaus of the state for which no compensation is received other than reasonable and necessary expenses shall be kept confidential. Disclosure statements filed with the Ohio ethics commission under division (A) of this section by business managers, treasurers, and superintendents of city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, or cooperative education school districts or educational service centers shall be kept confidential, except that any person conducting an audit of any such school district or educational service center pursuant to section 115.56 or Chapter 117. of the Revised Code may examine the disclosure statement of any business manager, treasurer, or superintendent of that school district or educational service center. The Ohio ethics commission shall examine each disclosure statement required to be kept confidential to determine whether a potential conflict of interest exists for the person who filed the disclosure statement. A potential conflict of interest exists if the private interests of the person, as indicated by the person's disclosure statement, might interfere with the public interests the person is required to serve in the exercise of the person's authority and duties in the person's office or position of employment. If the commission determines that a potential conflict of interest exists, it shall notify the person who filed

the disclosure statement and shall make the portions of the disclosure statement that indicate a potential conflict of interest subject to public inspection in the same manner as is provided for other disclosure statements. Any portion of the disclosure statement that the commission determines does not indicate a potential conflict of interest shall be kept confidential by the commission and shall not be made subject to public inspection, except as is necessary for the enforcement of Chapters 102. and 2921. of the Revised Code and except as otherwise provided in this division.

(C) No person shall knowingly fail to file, on or before the applicable filing deadline established under this section, a statement that is required by this section.

(D) No person shall knowingly file a false statement that is required to be filed under this section.

(E)(1) Except as provided in divisions (E)(2) and (3) of this section, the statement required by division (A) or (B) of this section shall be accompanied by a filing fee of ~~twenty-five~~ forty dollars.

(2) The statement required by division (A) of this section shall be accompanied by ~~a~~ the following filing fee to be paid by the person who is elected or appointed to, or is a candidate for, any of the following offices:

For state office, except member of the state board of education	~~$50~~ 65
For office of member of United States congress or member of general assembly	~~$25~~ 40
For county office	~~$25~~ 40
For city office	~~$10~~ 25
For office of member of the state board of education	~~$20~~ 25
For office of member of a city, local, exempted village, or cooperative education board of education or educational service center governing board	$ ~~5~~ 20
For position of business manager, treasurer, or superintendent of a city, local, exempted village, joint vocational, or cooperative education school district or educational service center	$ ~~5~~ 20

(3) No judge of a court of record or candidate for judge of a court of record, and no referee or magistrate serving a court of record, shall be

required to pay the fee required under division (E)(1) or (2) or (F) of this section.

(4) For any public official who is appointed to a nonelective office of the state and for any employee who holds a nonelective position in a public agency of the state, the state agency that is the primary employer of the state official or employee shall pay the fee required under division (E)(1) or (F) of this section.

(F) If a statement required to be filed under this section is not filed by the date on which it is required to be filed, the appropriate ethics commission shall assess the person required to file the statement a late filing fee ~~equal to one-half~~ of ~~the applicable filing fee~~ ten dollars for each day the statement is not filed, except that the total amount of the late filing fee shall not exceed ~~one~~ two hundred fifty dollars.

(G)(1) The appropriate ethics commission other than the Ohio ethics commission shall deposit all fees it receives under divisions (E) and (F) of this section into the general revenue fund of the state.

(2) The Ohio ethics commission shall deposit all receipts, including, but not limited to, fees it receives under divisions (E) and (F) of this section and all moneys it receives from settlements under division (G) of section 102.06 of the Revised Code, into the Ohio ethics commission fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. All moneys credited to the fund shall be used solely for expenses related to the operation and statutory functions of the commission.

(H) Division (A) of this section does not apply to a person elected or appointed to the office of precinct, ward, or district committee member under Chapter 3517. of the Revised Code; a presidential elector; a delegate to a national convention; village or township officials and employees; any physician or psychiatrist who is paid a salary or wage in accordance with schedule C of section 124.15 or schedule E-2 of section 124.152 of the Revised Code and whose primary duties do not require the exercise of administrative discretion; or any member of a board, commission, or bureau of any county or city who receives less than one thousand dollars per year for serving in that position.

Sec. 107.12. (A) As used in this section, "organization" means a faith-based or other organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1, as amended, and provides charitable services to needy residents of this state.

(B) There is hereby established within the office of the governor the governor's office of faith-based and community initiatives. The office shall:

(1) Serve as a clearinghouse of information on federal, state, and local funding for charitable services performed by organizations;

(2) Encourage organizations to seek public funding for their charitable services;

(3) Act as a liaison between state agencies and organizations;

(4) Advise the governor, general assembly, and the advisory board of the governor's office of faith-based community initiatives on the barriers that exist to collaboration between organizations and governmental entities and on ways to remove the barriers.

(C) The governor shall appoint an executive assistant to manage the office and perform or oversee the performance of the duties of the office.

(D)(1) There is hereby created the advisory board of the governor's office of faith-based and community initiatives. The board shall consist of members appointed as follows:

(a) The directors of aging, alcohol and drug addiction services, rehabilitation and correction, health, job and family services, mental health, and youth services shall each appoint to the board one employee of that director's department.

(b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint to the board two members of the house of representatives, not more than one of whom shall be from the same political party and at least one of whom shall be from the legislative black caucus. The speaker of the house of representatives shall consult with the president of the legislative black caucus in making the legislative black caucus member appointment. The president of the senate shall appoint to the board two members of the senate, not more than one of whom shall be from the same political party.

(c) The governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and president of the senate shall each appoint to the board three representatives of the nonprofit, faith-based and other nonprofit community.

(2) The appointments to the board shall be made within thirty days after the effective date of this section. Terms of the office shall be one year. Any vacancy that occurs on the board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The members of the board shall serve without compensation.

(3) At its initial meeting, the board shall elect a chairperson. The chairperson shall be a member of the board who is a member of the house of representatives.

(E) The board shall do both of the following:

(1) Provide direction, guidance, and oversight to the office;

(2) Publish a report of its activities on or before the first day of August

of each year, and deliver copies of the report to the governor, the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, and the president and minority leader of the senate.

Sec. 107.31. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "State institutional facility" means any institution or other facility, in operation on or after January 1, 2003, for the housing of any person that is under the control of the department of rehabilitation and correction, the department of youth services, the department of mental retardation and developmental disabilities, the department of mental health, or any other agency or department of state government.

(2) "Target state agency" means the agency of state government that operates the institutional facility or facilities that the governor believes should be closed.

(B) Prior to the closing of a state institutional facility, the target state agency shall conduct a survey and analysis of the needs of each client at that facility for the purpose of ensuring that each client's identified needs during the transition and in the client's new setting are met. A copy of the analysis, devoid of any client identifying information, as well as the target state agency's proposal for meeting the needs of the clients, shall be submitted to the general assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code at least two months prior to the closing.

Sec. 107.32. (A) As used in this section and section 107.33 of the Revised Code:

(1) "State institutional facility" means any institution or other facility for the housing of any person that is under the control of the department of rehabilitation and correction, the department of youth services, the department of mental retardation and developmental disabilities, the department of mental health, or any other agency or department of state government.

(2) "Target state agency" means the agency of state government that the governor identifies in a notice provided under division (C)(1) of this section and that operates an institutional facility or facilities the governor believes should be closed.

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the governor shall not order the closure of any state institutional facility, for the purpose of expenditure reductions or budget cuts, other than in accordance with this section.

(C) If the governor determines that necessary expenditure reductions and budget cuts cannot be made without closing one or more state institutional facilities, all of the following apply:

(1) The governor shall determine which state agency's institutional facility or facilities the governor believes should be closed, shall notify the general assembly and that agency of that determination, and shall specify in the notice the number of facilities of that agency that the governor believes should be closed and the anticipated savings to be obtained through that closure or those closures.

(2) Upon the governor's provision of the notice described in division (C)(1) of this section, a state facilities closure commission shall be created as described in division (D) of this section regarding the target state agency. Not later than seven days after the governor provides that notice, the officials with the duties to appoint members of the commission for the target state agency, as described in division (D) of this section, shall appoint the specified members of the commission, and, as soon as possible after the appointments, the commission shall meet for the purposes described in that division. Not later than thirty days after the governor provides the notice described in division (C)(1) of this section, the state facilities closure commission shall provide to the general assembly, the governor, and the target state agency a report that contains the commission's recommendation as to the state institutional facility or facilities of the target state agency that the governor may close. The anticipated savings to be obtained by the commission's recommendation shall be approximately the same as the anticipated savings the governor specified in the governor's notice provided under division (C)(1) of this section, and, if the recommendation identifies more than one facility, it shall list them in order of the commission's preference for closure. A state facilities closure commission created for a particular target state agency shall make a report only regarding that target state agency and shall include no recommendations regarding any other state agency or department in its report.

(3) Upon receipt of the report of the state facilities closure commission under division (C)(2) of this section for a target state agency, if the governor still believes that necessary expenditure reductions and budget cuts cannot be made without closing one or more state institutional facilities, the governor may close state institutional facilities of the target state agency that are identified in the commission's recommendation contained in the report. Except as otherwise provided in this division, the governor shall not close any state institutional facility of the target state agency that is not listed in the commission's recommendation, and shall not close multiple institutions in any order other than the order of the commission's preference as specified in the recommendation. The governor is not required to follow the recommendation of the commission in closing an institutional facility if the

governor determines that a significant change in circumstances makes the recommendation unworkable.

(D) A state facilities closure commission shall be created at the time and in the manner specified in division (C)(2) of this section. If more than one state agency or department is a target state agency, a separate state facilities closure commission shall be created for each such target state agency. Each commission consists of eleven members. Three members shall be members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, none of the members so appointed may have a state institutional facility of the target state agency in the member's district, two of the members so appointed shall be members of the majority political party in the house of representatives, and one of the members so appointed shall not be a member of the majority political party in the house of representatives. Three members shall be members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate, none of the members so appointed may have a state institutional facility of the target state agency in the member's district, two of the members so appointed shall be members of the majority political party in the senate, and one of the members so appointed shall not be a member of the majority political party in the senate. One member shall be the director of budget and management. One member shall be the director, or other agency head, of the target state agency. Two members shall be private executives with expertise in facility utilization, with one of these members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the other appointed by the president of the senate, and neither of the members so appointed may have a state institutional facility of the target state agency in the county in which the member resides. One member shall be a representative of the Ohio civil service employees' association or other representative association of the employees of the target state agency, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. The officials with the duties to appoint members of the commission shall make the appointments, and the commission shall meet, within the time periods specified in division (C)(2) of this section. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation. At the commission's first meeting, the members shall organize, and appoint a chairperson and vice-chairperson.

The commission shall determine which state institutional facility or facilities under the control of the target state agency for which the commission was created should be closed. In making this determination, the commission shall, at a minimum, consider the following factors:

(1) Whether there is a need to reduce the number of facilities;

(2) The availability of alternate facilities;

(3) The cost effectiveness of the facilities;

(4) The geographic factors associated with each facility and its proximity to other similar facilities;

(5) The impact of collective bargaining on facility operations;

(6) The utilization and maximization of resources;

(7) Continuity of the staff and ability to serve the facility population;

(8) Continuing costs following closure of a facility;

(9) The impact of the closure on the local economy;

(10) Alternatives and opportunities for consolidation with other facilities.

The commission shall meet as often as necessary to make its determination, may take testimony and consider all relevant information, and shall prepare and provide in accordance with division (C)(2) of this section a report containing its recommendations. Upon providing the report regarding the target state agency, the commission shall cease to exist, provided that another commission shall be created for the same state agency if the agency is made a target state agency in another report provided under division (C)(1) of this section and provided that another commission shall be created for a different state agency if that other agency is made a target state agency in a report provided under that division.

Sec. 107.33. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the closure of the particular facility is authorized under section 107.32 of the Revised Code, the governor may terminate any contract entered into under section 9.06 of the Revised Code for the private operation and management of any correctional facility under the control of the department of rehabilitation and correction, including, but not limited to the initial intensive program prison established pursuant to section 5120.033 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to the effective date of this section, and terminate the operation of, and close that facility. If the governor terminates a contract for the private operation and management of a facility, and terminates the operation of, and closes, the facility as described in this section, inmates in the facility shall be transferred to another correctional facility under the control of the department. If the initial intensive program prison is closed, divisions (G)(2)(a) and (b) of section 2929.13 of the Revised Code have no effect while the facility is closed.

Sec. 109.32. All annual filing fees obtained by the attorney general pursuant to section 109.31 of the Revised Code, all receipts obtained from the sale of the charitable foundations directory, all registration fees received by the attorney general, bond forfeitures, awards of costs and attorney's fees, and civil penalties assessed under Chapter 1716. of the Revised Code, and

all license fees received by the attorney general under section 2915.08, 2915.081, or 2915.082 of the Revised Code shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the charitable law fund. The charitable law fund shall be used insofar as its moneys are available for the expenses of the charitable law section of the office of the attorney general, except that all annual license fees that are received by the attorney general under section 2915.08, 2915.081, or 2915.082 of the Revised Code and that are credited to the fund shall be used by the attorney general, or any law enforcement agency in cooperation with the attorney general, for the purposes specified in division ~~(G)~~(H) of section 2915.10 of the Revised Code and to administer and enforce Chapter 2915. of the Revised Code. The expenses of the charitable law section in excess of moneys available in the charitable law fund shall be paid out of regular appropriations to the office of the attorney general.

Sec. 109.57. (A)(1) The superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall procure from wherever procurable and file for record photographs, pictures, descriptions, fingerprints, measurements, and other information that may be pertinent of all persons who have been convicted of committing within this state a felony, any crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on subsequent offenses, or any misdemeanor described in division (A)(1)(a) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, of all children under eighteen years of age who have been adjudicated delinquent children for committing within this state an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult or who have been convicted of or pleaded guilty to committing within this state a felony or an offense of violence, and of all well-known and habitual criminals. The person in charge of any county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, community-based correctional facility, halfway house, alternative residential facility, or state correctional institution and the person in charge of any state institution having custody of a person suspected of having committed a felony, any crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on subsequent offenses, or any misdemeanor described in division (A)(1)(a) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code or having custody of a child under eighteen years of age with respect to whom there is probable cause to believe that the child may have committed an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult shall furnish such material to the superintendent of the bureau. Fingerprints, photographs, or other descriptive information of a child who is under eighteen years of age, has not been arrested or otherwise taken into custody for committing an act

that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult, has not been adjudicated a delinquent child for committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult, has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to committing a felony or an offense of violence, and is not a child with respect to whom there is probable cause to believe that the child may have committed an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult shall not be procured by the superintendent or furnished by any person in charge of any county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, community-based correctional facility, halfway house, alternative residential facility, or state correctional institution, except as authorized in section 2151.313 of the Revised Code.

(2) Every clerk of a court of record in this state, other than the supreme court or a court of appeals, shall send to the superintendent of the bureau a weekly report containing a summary of each case involving a felony, involving any crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on subsequent offenses, involving a misdemeanor described in division (A)(1)(a) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, or involving an adjudication in a case in which a child under eighteen years of age was alleged to be a delinquent child for committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult. The clerk of the court of common pleas shall include in the report and summary the clerk sends under this division all information described in divisions (A)(2)(a) to (f) of this section regarding a case before the court of appeals that is served by that clerk. The summary shall be written on the standard forms furnished by the superintendent pursuant to division (B) of this section and shall include the following information:

(a) The incident tracking number contained on the standard forms furnished by the superintendent pursuant to division (B) of this section;

(b) The style and number of the case;

(c) The date of arrest;

(d) The date that the person was convicted of or pleaded guilty to the offense, adjudicated a delinquent child for committing the act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult, found not guilty of the offense, or found not to be a delinquent child for committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult, the date of an entry dismissing the charge, an entry declaring a mistrial of the offense in which the person is discharged, an entry finding that the person or child is not competent to stand trial, or an entry of a nolle prosequi, or the date of any other determination that constitutes final

resolution of the case;

(e) A statement of the original charge with the section of the Revised Code that was alleged to be violated;

(f) If the person or child was convicted, pleaded guilty, or was adjudicated a delinquent child, the sentence or terms of probation imposed or any other disposition of the offender or the delinquent child.

If the offense involved the disarming of a law enforcement officer or an attempt to disarm a law enforcement officer, the clerk shall clearly state that fact in the summary, and the superintendent shall ensure that a clear statement of that fact is placed in the bureau's records.

(3) The superintendent shall cooperate with and assist sheriffs, chiefs of police, and other law enforcement officers in the establishment of a complete system of criminal identification and in obtaining fingerprints and other means of identification of all persons arrested on a charge of a felony, any crime constituting a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony on subsequent offenses, or a misdemeanor described in division (A)(1)(a) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and of all children under eighteen years of age arrested or otherwise taken into custody for committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult. The superintendent also shall file for record the fingerprint impressions of all persons confined in a county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, community-based correctional facility, halfway house, alternative residential facility, or state correctional institution for the violation of state laws and of all children under eighteen years of age who are confined in a county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, community-based correctional facility, halfway house, alternative residential facility, or state correctional institution or in any facility for delinquent children for committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult, and any other information that the superintendent may receive from law enforcement officials of the state and its political subdivisions.

(4) The superintendent shall carry out Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code with respect to the registration of persons who are convicted of or plead guilty to a sexually oriented offense and with respect to all other duties imposed on the bureau under that chapter.

(B) The superintendent shall prepare and furnish to every county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, community-based correctional facility, halfway house, alternative residential facility, or state correctional institution and to every

clerk of a court in this state specified in division (A)(2) of this section standard forms for reporting the information required under division (A) of this section. The standard forms that the superintendent prepares pursuant to this division may be in a tangible format, in an electronic format, or in both tangible formats and electronic formats.

(C) The superintendent may operate a center for electronic, automated, or other data processing for the storage and retrieval of information, data, and statistics pertaining to criminals and to children under eighteen years of age who are adjudicated delinquent children for committing an act that would be a felony or an offense of violence if committed by an adult, criminal activity, crime prevention, law enforcement, and criminal justice, and may establish and operate a statewide communications network to gather and disseminate information, data, and statistics for the use of law enforcement agencies. The superintendent may gather, store, retrieve, and disseminate information, data, and statistics that pertain to children who are under eighteen years of age and that are gathered pursuant to sections 109.57 to 109.61 of the Revised Code together with information, data, and statistics that pertain to adults and that are gathered pursuant to those sections.

(D) The information and materials furnished to the superintendent pursuant to division (A) of this section and information and materials furnished to any board or person under division (F) or (G) of this section are not public records under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(E) The attorney general shall adopt rules, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, setting forth the procedure by which a person may receive or release information gathered by the superintendent pursuant to division (A) of this section. A reasonable fee may be charged for this service. If a temporary employment service submits a request for a determination of whether a person the service plans to refer to an employment position has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense listed in division (A)(1), (3), (4), ~~or~~ (5), or (6) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, the request shall be treated as a single request and only one fee shall be charged.

(F)(1) As used in division (F)(2) of this section, "head start agency" means an entity in this state that has been approved to be an agency for purposes of subchapter II of the "Community Economic Development Act," 95 Stat. 489 (1981), 42 U.S.C.A. 9831, as amended.

(2)(a) In addition to or in conjunction with any request that is required to be made under section 109.572, 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3319.39, 3701.881, 5104.012, 5104.013, 5123.081, 5126.28, 5126.281, or 5153.111

of the Revised Code, the board of education of any school district; the director of mental retardation and developmental disabilities; any county board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities; any entity under contract with a county board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities; the chief administrator of any chartered nonpublic school; the chief administrator of any home health agency; the chief administrator of or person operating any child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or type B family day-care home licensed or certified under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code; the administrator of any type C family day-care home certified pursuant to Section 1 of Sub. H.B. 62 of the 121st general assembly or Section 5 of Am. Sub. S.B. 160 of the 121st general assembly; the chief administrator of any head start agency; or the executive director of a public children services agency may request that the superintendent of the bureau investigate and determine, with respect to any individual who has applied for employment in any position after October 2, 1989, or any individual wishing to apply for employment with a board of education may request, with regard to the individual, whether the bureau has any information gathered under division (A) of this section that pertains to that individual. On receipt of the request, the superintendent shall determine whether that information exists and, upon request of the person, board, or entity requesting information, also shall request from the federal bureau of investigation any criminal records it has pertaining to that individual. Within thirty days of the date that the superintendent receives a request, the superintendent shall send to the board, entity, or person a report of any information that the superintendent determines exists, including information contained in records that have been sealed under section 2953.32 of the Revised Code, and, within thirty days of its receipt, shall send the board, entity, or person a report of any information received from the federal bureau of investigation, other than information the dissemination of which is prohibited by federal law.

(b) When a board of education is required to receive information under this section as a prerequisite to employment of an individual pursuant to section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, it may accept a certified copy of records that were issued by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation and that are presented by an individual applying for employment with the district in lieu of requesting that information itself. In such a case, the board shall accept the certified copy issued by the bureau in order to make a photocopy of it for that individual's employment application documents and shall return the certified copy to the individual. In a case of that nature, a district only shall accept a certified copy of records of that

nature within one year after the date of their issuance by the bureau.

(3) The state board of education may request, with respect to any individual who has applied for employment after October 2, 1989, in any position with the state board or the department of education, any information that a school district board of education is authorized to request under division (F)(2) of this section, and the superintendent of the bureau shall proceed as if the request has been received from a school district board of education under division (F)(2) of this section.

(4) When the superintendent of the bureau receives a request for information that is authorized under section 3319.291 of the Revised Code, the superintendent shall proceed as if the request has been received from a school district board of education under division (F)(2) of this section.

(5) When a recipient of an OhioReads classroom or community reading grant paid under section 3301.86 or 3301.87 of the Revised Code or an entity approved by the OhioReads council requests, with respect to any individual who applies to participate in providing any program or service through an entity approved by the OhioReads council or funded in whole or in part by the grant, the information that a school district board of education is authorized to request under division (F)(2)(a) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau shall proceed as if the request has been received from a school district board of education under division (F)(2)(a) of this section.

(G) In addition to or in conjunction with any request that is required to be made under section 173.41, 3701.881, 3712.09, 3721.121, or 3722.151 of the Revised Code with respect to an individual who has applied for employment in a position that involves providing direct care to an older adult, the chief administrator of a PASSPORT agency that provides services through the PASSPORT program created under section 173.40 of the Revised Code, home health agency, hospice care program, home licensed under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code, adult day-care program operated pursuant to rules adopted under section 3721.04 of the Revised Code, or adult care facility may request that the superintendent of the bureau investigate and determine, with respect to any individual who has applied after January 27, 1997, for employment in a position that does not involve providing direct care to an older adult, whether the bureau has any information gathered under division (A) of this section that pertains to that individual. On receipt of the request, the superintendent shall determine whether that information exists and, on request of the administrator requesting information, shall also request from the federal bureau of investigation any criminal records it has pertaining to that individual. Within

thirty days of the date a request is received, the superintendent shall send to the administrator a report of any information determined to exist, including information contained in records that have been sealed under section 2953.32 of the Revised Code, and, within thirty days of its receipt, shall send the administrator a report of any information received from the federal bureau of investigation, other than information the dissemination of which is prohibited by federal law.

(H) Information obtained by a board, administrator, or other person under this section is confidential and shall not be released or disseminated.

(I) The superintendent may charge a reasonable fee for providing information or criminal records under division (F)(2) or (G) of this section.

Sec. 109.572. (A)(1) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to section 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3319.39, 5104.012, 5104.013, or 5153.111 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request 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, felonious sexual penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 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, or a violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug possession offense;

(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 listed in division (A)(1)(a) of this section.

(2) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 5123.081 of the Revised Code with respect to an applicant for employment in any position with the

department of mental retardation and developmental disabilities, pursuant to section 5126.28 of the Revised Code with respect to an applicant for employment in any position with a county board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities, or pursuant to section 5126.281 of the Revised Code with respect to an applicant for employment in a direct services position with an entity contracting with a county board for employment, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request 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, 2905.04, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.12, 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, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code;

(b) An existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in division (A)(2)(a) of this section.

(3) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 173.41, 3712.09, 3721.121, or 3722.151 of the Revised Code, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check with respect to any person who has applied for employment in a position that involves providing direct care to an older adult. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request 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, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.12, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323,

2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.40, 2913.43, 2913.47, 2913.51, 2919.25, 2921.36, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.11, 2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code;

(b) An existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in division (A)(3)(a) of this section.

(4) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 3701.881 of the Revised Code with respect to an applicant for employment with a home health agency as a person responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request 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, 2905.04, 2905.05, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.12, 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 or a violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code that is not a minor drug possession offense;

(b) An existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in division (A)(4)(a) of this section.

(5) <u>On receipt of a request pursuant to section 5111.95 or 5111.96 of the Revised Code with respect to an applicant for employment with a waiver agency participating in a department of job and family services administered home and community-based waiver program or an independent provider participating in a department administered home and community-based waiver program in a position that involves providing home and community-based waiver services to consumers with disabilities, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division</u>

(C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request 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, 2903.041, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.16, 2903.21, 2903.34, 2905.01, 2905.02, 2905.05, 2905.11, 2905.12, 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, 2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.40, 2913.43, 2913.47, 2913.51, 2919.12, 2919.24, 2919.25, 2921.36, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2925.11, 2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code, felonious sexual penetration in violation of former section 2907.12 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;

(b) An existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in division (A)(5)(a) of this section.

(6) On receipt of a request pursuant to section 3701.881 of the Revised Code with respect to an applicant for employment with a home health agency in a position that involves providing direct care to an older adult, a completed form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, and a set of fingerprint impressions obtained in the manner described in division (C)(2) of this section, the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall conduct a criminal records check. The superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in the manner described in division (B) of this section to determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request 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, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09,

2907.12, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.40, 2913.43, 2913.47, 2913.51, 2919.25, 2921.36, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.11, 2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, or 3716.11 of the Revised Code;

(b) An existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in division (A)~~(5)~~(6)(a) of this section.

~~(6)~~(7) When conducting a criminal records check upon a request pursuant to section 3319.39 of the Revised Code for an applicant who is a teacher, in addition to the determination made under division (A)(1) of this section, the superintendent shall determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person who is the subject of the request previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense specified in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code.

~~(7)~~(8) When conducting a criminal records check on a request pursuant to section 2151.86 of the Revised Code for a person who is a prospective foster caregiver or who is eighteen years old or older and resides in the home of a prospective foster caregiver, the superintendent, in addition to the determination made under division (A)(1) of this section, shall determine whether any information exists that indicates that the person has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of:

(a) Section 2909.02 or 2909.03 of the Revised Code;

(b) An existing or former law of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to section 2909.02 or 2909.03 of the Revised Code.

~~(8)~~(9) Not later than thirty days after the date the superintendent receives the request, completed form, and fingerprint impressions, the superintendent shall send the person, board, or entity that made the request any information, other than information the dissemination of which is prohibited by federal law, the superintendent determines exists with respect to the person who is the subject of the request that indicates that the person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense listed or described in division (A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), ~~or~~ (7), or (8) of this section, as appropriate. The superintendent shall send the person, board, or entity that made the request a copy of the list of offenses specified in division (A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), ~~or~~ (7), or (8) of this section, as appropriate. If the request was made under section 3701.881 of the Revised Code with regard to an applicant who may be both responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child and involved in providing direct care to an

older adult, the superintendent shall provide a list of the offenses specified in divisions (A)(4) and ~~(5)~~(6) of this section.

(B) The superintendent shall conduct any criminal records check requested under section 173.41, 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3319.39, 3701.881, 3712.09, 3721.121, 3722.151, 5104.012, 5104.013, 5111.95, 5111.96, 5123.081, 5126.28, 5126.281, or 5153.111 of the Revised Code as follows:

(1) The superintendent shall review or cause to be reviewed any relevant information gathered and compiled by the bureau under division (A) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code that relates to the person who is the subject of the request, including any relevant information contained in records that have been sealed under section 2953.32 of the Revised Code;

(2) If the request received by the superintendent asks for information from the federal bureau of investigation, the superintendent shall request from the federal bureau of investigation any information it has with respect to the person who is the subject of the request and shall review or cause to be reviewed any information the superintendent receives from that bureau.

(C)(1) The superintendent shall prescribe a form to obtain the information necessary to conduct a criminal records check from any person for whom a criminal records check is required by section 173.41, 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3319.39, 3701.881, 3712.09, 3721.121, 3722.151, 5104.012, 5104.013, 5111.95, 5111.96, 5123.081, 5126.28, 5126.281, or 5153.111 of the Revised Code. The form that the superintendent prescribes pursuant to this division may be in a tangible format, in an electronic format, or in both tangible and electronic formats.

(2) The superintendent shall prescribe standard impression sheets to obtain the fingerprint impressions of any person for whom a criminal records check is required by section 173.41, 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3319.39, 3701.881, 3712.09, 3721.121, 3722.151, 5104.012, 5104.013, 5111.95, 5111.96, 5123.081, 5126.28, 5126.281, or 5153.111 of the Revised Code. Any person for whom a records check is required by any of those sections shall obtain the fingerprint impressions at a county sheriff's office, municipal police department, or any other entity with the ability to make fingerprint impressions on the standard impression sheets prescribed by the superintendent. The office, department, or entity may charge the person a reasonable fee for making the impressions. The standard impression sheets the superintendent prescribes pursuant to this division may be in a tangible format, in an electronic format, or in both tangible and electronic formats.

(3) Subject to division (D) of this section, the superintendent shall prescribe and charge a reasonable fee for providing a criminal records check

requested under section 173.41, 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3319.39, 3701.881, 3712.09, 3721.121, 3722.151, 5104.012, 5104.013, 5111.95, 5111.96, 5123.081, 5126.28, 5126.281, or 5153.111 of the Revised Code. The person making a criminal records request under section 173.41, 2151.86, 3301.32, 3301.541, 3319.39, 3701.881, 3712.09, 3721.121, 3722.151, 5104.012, 5104.013, 5111.95, 5111.96, 5123.081, 5126.28, 5126.281, or 5153.111 of the Revised Code shall pay the fee prescribed pursuant to this division. A person making a request under section 3701.881 of the Revised Code for a criminal records check for an applicant who may be both responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child and involved in providing direct care to an older adult shall pay one fee for the request.

(4) The superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation may prescribe methods of forwarding fingerprint impressions and information necessary to conduct a criminal records check, which methods shall include, but not be limited to, an electronic method.

(D) A determination whether any information exists that indicates that a person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense listed or described in division (A)(1)(a) or (b), (A)(2)(a) or (b), (A)(3)(a) or (b), (A)(4)(a) or (b), (A)(5)(a) or (b), (A)(6), ~~or~~ (A)(7)(a) or (b), or (A)(8)(a) or (b) of this section that is made by the superintendent with respect to information considered in a criminal records check in accordance with this section is valid for the person who is the subject of the criminal records check for a period of one year from the date upon which the superintendent makes the determination. During the period in which the determination in regard to a person is valid, if another request under this section is made for a criminal records check for that person, the superintendent shall provide the information that is the basis for the superintendent's initial determination at a lower fee than the fee prescribed for the initial criminal records check.

(E) As used in this section:

(1) "Criminal records check" means any criminal records check conducted by the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with division (B) of this section.

(2) "Home and community-based waiver services" and "waiver agency" have the same meanings as in section 5111.95 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Independent provider" has the same meaning as in section 5111.96 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Minor drug possession offense" has the same meaning as in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code.

~~(3)~~(5) "Older adult" means a person age sixty or older.

Sec. 117.101. The auditor of state ~~may establish~~ shall provide, operate,

and maintain a uniform and compatible computerized financial management and accounting system known as the uniform accounting network. ~~Any such~~ The network shall be designed to provide public offices, other than state agencies and the Ohio education computer network and public school districts, with efficient and economical access to data processing and management information facilities and expertise. In accordance with this objective, activities of the network shall include, but not be limited to, provision, maintenance, and operation of the following facilities and services:

(A) A cooperative program of technical assistance for public offices, other than state agencies and the Ohio education computer network and public school districts, including, but not limited to, an adequate computer software system and a data base;

(B) An information processing service center providing approved computerized financial accounting and reporting services to participating public offices.

The auditor of state and any public office, other than a state agency and the Ohio education computer network and public school districts, may enter into any necessary agreements, without advertisement or bidding, for the provision of necessary goods, materials, supplies, and services to such public offices by the auditor of state through the network.

The auditor of state may, by rule, provide for a system of user fees to be charged participating public offices for goods, materials, supplies, and services received from the network. All such fees shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the uniform accounting network fund, which is hereby created. The fund shall be used by the auditor of state to pay the costs of establishing and maintaining the network. The fund shall be assessed a proportionate share of the auditor of state's administrative costs in accordance with procedures prescribed by the auditor of state and approved by the director of budget and management.

Sec. 117.16. (A) The auditor of state shall do all of the following:

(1) Develop a force account project assessment form that each public office that undertakes force account projects shall use to estimate or report the cost of a force account project. The form shall include costs for employee salaries and benefits, any other labor costs, materials, freight, fuel, hauling, overhead expense, workers' compensation premiums, and all other items of cost and expense, including a reasonable allowance for the use of all tools and equipment used on or in connection with such work and for the depreciation on the tools and equipment.

(2) Make the form available to public offices by any cost-effective,

convenient method accessible to the auditor of state and the public offices;

(3) When conducting an audit under this chapter of ~~such~~ a public office ~~under this chapter~~ that undertakes force account projects, examine ~~a sample of~~ the forms and records of ~~any~~ a sampling of the force account ~~project that~~ projects the public office completed since an audit was last conducted, to determine compliance with ~~the~~ its force account limits ~~and other force account provisions established by law. If the auditor of state finds a violation of the force account limits, the auditor of state shall conduct an audit of each force account project completed since an audit was last conducted~~.

(B) If the auditor of state receives a complaint from any person that a public office has violated the force account limits established for that office, the auditor of state may conduct an audit in addition to the audit provided in section 117.11 of the Revised Code if the auditor of state has reasonable cause to believe that an additional audit is in the public interest.

(C)(1) If the auditor of state finds that a county, township, or municipal corporation violated the force account limits established for that political subdivision, the auditor of state, in addition to any other action authorized by this chapter, shall notify the political subdivision that, for a period of one year from the date of the notification, the force account limits for the subdivision are reduced as follows:

(a) For a county, the limits shall be ten thousand dollars per mile for construction or reconstruction of a road and forty thousand dollars for construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or repair of a bridge or culvert;

(b) For a township, the limit shall be fifteen thousand dollars for maintenance and repair of a road or five thousand per mile for construction or reconstruction of a township road;

(c) For a municipal corporation, the limit shall be ten thousand dollars for the construction, reconstruction, widening, resurfacing, or repair of a street or other public way.

(2) If the auditor of state finds that a county, township, or municipal corporation violated the force account limits established for that political subdivision a second or subsequent time, the auditor of state, in addition to any other action authorized by this chapter, shall notify the political subdivision that, for a period of two years from the date of the notification, the force account limits for the subdivision are reduced in accordance with division (C)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section.

(3) If the auditor of state finds that a county, township, or municipal corporation violated the force account limits established for that political subdivision a third or subsequent time, the ~~subdivision shall pay the~~ auditor

of state shall certify to the tax commissioner an amount the auditor of state determines to be twenty per cent of the total cost of the force account project that is the basis of the violation. ~~The~~ Upon receipt of this certification, the tax commissioner shall withhold the certified amount from any funds under the tax commissioner's control that are due or payable to that political subdivision. The tax commissioner shall promptly deposit this withheld amount to the credit of the local transportation improvement program fund created by section 164.14 of the Revised Code.

If the tax commissioner determines that no funds are due and payable to the violating political subdivision or that insufficient amounts of such funds are available to cover the entire certified amount, the tax commissioner shall withhold and deposit to the credit of the local transportation improvement program fund any amount available and certify the remaining amount to be withheld to the county auditor of the county in which the political subdivision is located. The county auditor shall withhold from that political subdivision any amount, up to that certified by the tax commissioner, that is available from any funds under the county auditor's control, that is due or payable to that political subdivision, and that can be lawfully withheld. The county auditor shall promptly pay that withheld amount to the tax commissioner for deposit into the local transportation improvement program fund.

The payments required under division (C)(3) of this section are in addition to the force account limit reductions ~~under~~ described in division (C)(2) of this section and also are in addition to any other action authorized by this chapter. ~~The auditor of state shall certify any money due under division (C)(3) of this section for collection in accordance with division (D) of section 117.13 of the Revised Code.~~

(D) If the auditor of state finds that a county, township, or municipal corporation violated its force account ~~limit~~ limits when participating in a joint force account project, the auditor of state shall impose the reduction in force account limits under division (C) of this section on all entities participating in the joint project.

(E) As used in this section, "force account limits" means any of the following, as applicable:

(1) For a county, the amounts established in section 5543.19 of the Revised Code;

(2) For a township, the amounts established in section 5575.01 of the Revised Code;

(3) For a municipal corporation, the amount established in section 723.52 of the Revised Code;

(4) For the department of transportation, the amount established in section 5517.02 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 117.44. To enhance local officials' background and working knowledge of government accounting, budgeting and financing, financial report preparation, and the rules adopted by the auditor of state, the auditor of state shall hold training programs for persons elected for the first time as township clerks, city auditors, and village clerks, between the first day of December and the ~~fifteenth~~ first day of ~~February~~ April immediately following a general election for any of these offices. Similar training may also be provided to any township clerk, city auditor, or village clerk who is appointed to fill a vacancy or who is elected in a special election.

The auditor of state also shall develop and provide an annual training program of continuing education for village clerks.

The auditor of state shall determine the manner, content, and length of the training programs after consultation with appropriate statewide organizations of local governmental officials. The auditor of state shall charge the political subdivisions that the trainees represent a registration fee that will meet actual and necessary expenses of the training, including instructor fees, site acquisition costs, and the cost of course materials. The necessary personal expenses incurred by the officials as a result of attending the training program shall be borne by the political subdivisions they represent.

The auditor of state shall allow any other interested person to attend any of the training programs that the auditor of state holds pursuant to this section; provided, that before attending any such training program, the interested person shall pay to the auditor of state the full registration fee that the auditor of state has set for the training program.

The auditor of state may provide any other appropriate training or educational programs that may be developed and offered by the auditor of state or in collaboration with one or more other state agencies, political subdivisions, or other public or private entities.

There is hereby established in the state treasury the auditor of state training program fund, to be used by the auditor of state for the actual and necessary expenses of any training programs held pursuant to this section, section 117.441, or section 321.46 of the Revised Code. All registration fees collected under this section shall be paid into the fund.

Sec. 117.45. (A) The auditor of state shall draw warrants against the treasurer of state pursuant to all requests for payment that the director of budget and management has approved under section 126.07 of the Revised Code.

(B) Unless the director of job and family services has provided for the making of payments by electronic benefit transfer, if a financial institution and account have been designated by the participant or recipient, payment by the auditor of state to a participant in the Ohio works first program pursuant to Chapter 5107. of the Revised Code or a recipient of disability financial assistance pursuant to Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code shall be made by direct deposit to the account of the participant or recipient in the financial institution. Payment by the auditor of state to a recipient of benefits distributed through the medium of electronic benefit transfer pursuant to section 5101.33 of the Revised Code shall be by electronic benefit transfer. Payment by the auditor of state as compensation to an employee of the state who has, pursuant to section 124.151 of the Revised Code, designated a financial institution and account for the direct deposit of such payments shall be made by direct deposit to the account of the employee. Payment to any other payee who has designated a financial institution and account for the direct deposit of such payment may be made by direct deposit to the account of the payee in the financial institution as provided in section 9.37 of the Revised Code. The auditor of state shall contract with an authorized financial institution for the services necessary to make direct deposits or electronic benefit transfers under this division and draw lump sum warrants payable to that institution in the amount to be transferred. Accounts maintained by the auditor of state or the auditor of state's agent in a financial institution for the purpose of effectuating payment by direct deposit or electronic benefit transfer shall be maintained in accordance with section 135.18 of the Revised Code.

(C) All other payments from the state treasury shall be made by paper warrants or by direct deposit payable to the respective payees. The auditor of state may mail the paper warrants to the respective payees or distribute them through other state agencies, whichever the auditor of state determines to be the better procedure.

(D) If the average per transaction cost the auditor of state incurs in making direct deposits for a state agency exceeds the average per transaction cost the auditor of state incurs in drawing paper warrants for all public offices during the same period of time, the auditor of state may certify the difference in cost and the number of direct deposits for the agency to the director of administrative services. The director shall reimburse the auditor of state for such additional costs and add the amount to the processing charge assessed upon the state agency.

Sec. 121.04. Offices are created within the several departments as follows:

In the department of commerce:
Commissioner of securities;
Superintendent of real estate and professional licensing;
Superintendent of financial institutions;
Fire marshal;
Superintendent of labor and worker safety;
Beginning on July 1, 1997,
Superintendent of liquor control;
Superintendent of industrial compliance.
In the department of administrative services:
State architect and engineer;
Equal employment opportunity coordinator.
In the department of agriculture:
Chiefs of divisions as follows:
Administration;
Animal industry;
Dairy;
Food safety;
Plant industry;
Markets;
Meat inspection;
Consumer analytical laboratory;
Amusement ride safety;
Enforcement;
Weights and measures.
In the department of natural resources:
Chiefs of divisions as follows:
Water;
Mineral resources management;
Forestry;
Natural areas and preserves;
Wildlife;
Geological survey;
Parks and recreation;
Watercraft;
Recycling and litter prevention;
~~Civilian conservation;~~
Soil and water conservation;
Real estate and land management;
Engineering.

In the department of insurance:

Deputy superintendent of insurance;

Assistant superintendent of insurance, technical;

Assistant superintendent of insurance, administrative;

Assistant superintendent of insurance, research.

Sec. 121.08. (A) There is hereby created in the department of commerce the position of deputy director of administration. This officer shall be appointed by the director of commerce, serve under the director's direction, supervision, and control, perform such duties as the director prescribes, and hold office during the director's pleasure. The director of commerce may designate an assistant director of commerce to serve as the deputy director of administration. The deputy director of administration shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the director of commerce in supervising the activities of the division of administration of the department of commerce.

(B) Except as provided in section 121.07 of the Revised Code, the department of commerce shall have all powers and perform all duties vested in the deputy director of administration, the state fire marshal, the superintendent of financial institutions, the superintendent of real estate and professional licensing, the superintendent of liquor control, the superintendent of the division of industrial compliance, the superintendent of labor and worker safety, and the commissioner of securities, and shall have all powers and perform all duties vested by law in all officers, deputies, and employees of such offices. Except as provided in section 121.07 of the Revised Code, wherever powers are conferred or duties imposed upon any of such officers, such powers and duties shall be construed as vested in the department of commerce.

(C)(1) There is hereby created in the department of commerce a division of financial institutions, which shall have all powers and perform all duties vested by law in the superintendent of financial institutions. Wherever powers are conferred or duties imposed upon the superintendent of financial institutions, such powers and duties shall be construed as vested in the division of financial institutions. The division of financial institutions shall be administered by a superintendent of financial institutions.

(2) All provisions of law governing the superintendent of financial institutions shall apply to and govern the superintendent of financial institutions provided for in this section; all authority vested by law in the superintendent of financial institutions with respect to the management of the division of financial institutions shall be construed as vested in the superintendent of financial institutions created by this section with respect to the division of financial institutions provided for in this section; and all

rights, privileges, and emoluments conferred by law upon the superintendent of financial institutions shall be construed as conferred upon the superintendent of financial institutions as head of the division of financial institutions. The director of commerce shall not transfer from the division of financial institutions any of the functions specified in division (C)(2) of this section.

(D) Beginning on July 1, 1997, there is hereby created in the department of commerce a division of liquor control, which shall have all powers and perform all duties vested by law in the superintendent of liquor control. Wherever powers are conferred or duties are imposed upon the superintendent of liquor control, those powers and duties shall be construed as vested in the division of liquor control. The division of liquor control shall be administered by a superintendent of liquor control.

(E) The director of commerce shall not be interested, directly or indirectly, in any firm or corporation which is a dealer in securities as defined in sections 1707.01 and 1707.14 of the Revised Code, or in any firm or corporation licensed under sections 1321.01 to 1321.19 of the Revised Code.

(F) The director of commerce shall not have any official connection with a savings and loan association, a savings bank, a bank, a bank holding company, a savings and loan association holding company, a consumer finance company, or a credit union that is under the supervision of the division of financial institutions, or a subsidiary of any of the preceding entities, or be interested in the business thereof.

(G) There is hereby created in the state treasury the division of administration fund. The fund shall receive assessments on the operating funds of the department of commerce in accordance with procedures prescribed by the director of commerce and approved by the director of budget and management. All operating expenses of the division of administration shall be paid from the division of administration fund.

(H) There is hereby created in the department of commerce a division of real estate and professional licensing, which shall be under the control and supervision of the director of commerce. The division of real estate and professional licensing shall be administered by a superintendent of real estate and professional licensing. The superintendent of real estate and professional licensing shall exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties delegated to the superintendent under Chapters ~~4707.,~~ 4735., 4749., 4763., and 4767. of the Revised Code.

(I) There is hereby created in the department of commerce a division of labor and worker safety, which shall have all powers and perform all duties

vested by law in the superintendent of labor and worker safety. Wherever powers are conferred or duties imposed upon the superintendent of labor and worker safety, such powers and duties shall be construed as vested in the division of labor and worker safety. The division of labor and worker safety is under the control and supervision of the director of commerce, and administered by a superintendent of labor and worker safety. The superintendent of labor and worker safety shall exercise the powers and perform the duties delegated to the superintendent by the director under Chapters ~~4709.~~ 4109., ~~4711.~~ 4111., ~~4715.~~ 4115., and ~~4767.~~ 4167. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 121.084. (A) All moneys collected under sections ~~1333.96,~~ 3783.05, 3791.07, 4104.07, 4104.18, ~~4104.42,~~ 4104.44, ~~4104.45,~~ 4105.17, 4105.20, 4169.03, 4171.04, and 5104.051 of the Revised Code, and any other moneys collected by the division of industrial compliance shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the industrial compliance operating fund, which is hereby created. The department of commerce shall use the moneys in the fund for paying the operating expenses of the division and the administrative assessment described in division (B) of this section.

(B) The director of commerce, with the approval of the director of budget and management, shall prescribe procedures for assessing the industrial compliance operating fund a proportionate share of the administrative costs of the department of commerce. The assessment shall be made in accordance with those procedures and be paid from the industrial compliance operating fund to the division of administration fund created in section 121.08 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 121.36. (A) As used in this section, "home care dependent adult" means an individual who resides in a private home or other noninstitutional and unlicensed living arrangement, without the presence of a parent or guardian, but has health and safety needs that require the provision of regularly scheduled home care services to remain in the home or other living arrangement because one of the following is the case:

(1) The individual is at least twenty-one years of age but less than sixty years of age and has a physical disability or mental impairment.

(2) The individual is sixty years of age or older, regardless of whether the individual has a physical disability or mental impairment.

(B) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, the departments of mental retardation and developmental disabilities, aging, job and family services, and health shall each implement this section with respect to all contracts entered into by the department for the provision of home care services to home care dependent adults that are paid for in whole or in part

with federal, state, or local funds. Except as provided in division (D) of this section, each department shall also require all public and private entities that receive money from or through the department to comply with this section when entering into contracts for the provision of home care services to home care dependent adults that are paid for in whole or in part with federal, state, or local funds. Such entities may include county boards of mental retardation and developmental disabilities, area agencies on aging, county departments of job and family services, and boards of health of city and general health districts.

(C) Beginning one year after the effective date of this section, each contract subject to this section shall include terms requiring that the provider of home care services to home care dependent adults have a system in place that effectively monitors the delivery of the services by its employees. To be considered an effective monitoring system for purposes of the contract, the system established by a provider must include at least the following components:

(1) When providing home care services to home care dependent adults who have a mental impairment or life-threatening health condition, a mechanism to verify whether the provider's employees are present at the location where the services are to be provided and at the time the services are to be provided;

(2) When providing home care services to all other home care dependent adults, a system to verify at the end of each working day whether the provider's employees have provided the services at the proper location and time;

(3) A protocol to be followed in scheduling a substitute employee when the monitoring system identifies that an employee has failed to provide home care services at the proper location and time, including standards for determining the length of time that may elapse without jeopardizing the health and safety of the home care dependent adult;

(4) Procedures for maintaining records of the information obtained through the monitoring system;

(5) Procedures for compiling annual reports of the information obtained through the monitoring system, including statistics on the rate at which home care services were provided at the proper location and time;

(6) Procedures for conducting random checks of the accuracy of the monitoring system. For purposes of conducting these checks, a random check is considered to be a check of not more than five per cent of the home care visits the provider's employees make to different home care dependent adults within a particular work shift.

(D) In implementing this section, the departments shall exempt providers of home care services who are self-employed providers with no other employees or are otherwise considered by the departments not to be agency providers. The departments shall conduct a study on how the exempted providers may be made subject to the requirement of effectively monitoring whether home care services are being provided and have been provided at the proper location and time. Not later than two years after the effective date of this section, the departments shall prepare a report of their findings and recommendations. The report shall be submitted to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

(E) The departments of mental retardation and developmental disabilities, aging, job and family services, and health shall each adopt rules as necessary to implement this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 121.41. As used in sections 121.41 to 121.50 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Appropriate ethics commission" has the same meaning as in section 102.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Appropriate licensing agency" means a public or private entity that is responsible for licensing, certifying, or registering persons who are engaged in a particular vocation.

(C) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of the Revised Code and also includes any officer or employee of the state or any political subdivision of the state.

(D)(1) "State agency" has the same meaning as in section 1.60 of the Revised Code ~~but~~ and also includes any of the following:

(a) The Ohio retirement study council;

(b) The public employees retirement system, state teachers retirement system, school employees retirement system, Ohio police and fire pension fund, and state highway patrol retirement system;

(c) The Ohio historical society.

(2) "State agency" does not include any of the following:

~~(1)~~(a) The general assembly;

~~(2)~~(b) Any court;

~~(3)~~(c) The secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, or attorney general and their respective offices;

(d) Any member of the Ohio retirement study council, of the board of trustees of the Ohio police and fire pension fund, or of the retirement board of the public employees retirement system, the state teachers retirement system, the school employees retirement system, or the state highway patrol retirement system who is under the jurisdiction of the joint legislative ethics

committee or the board of commissioners on grievances and discipline of the supreme court.

(E) "State employee" means any person who is an employee of a state agency or any person who does business with the state.

(F) "State officer" means any person who is elected or appointed to a public office in a state agency.

(G) "Wrongful act or omission" means an act or omission, committed in the course of office holding or employment, that is not in accordance with the requirements of law or ~~such~~ the standards of proper governmental conduct ~~as~~ that are commonly accepted in the community and thereby subverts, or tends to subvert, the process of government.

Sec. 121.48. There is hereby created the office of the inspector general, to be headed by the inspector general.

The governor shall appoint the inspector general, subject to section 121.49 of the Revised Code and the advice and consent of the senate. The inspector general shall hold office for a term coinciding with the term of the appointing governor. The governor may remove the inspector general from office only after delivering written notice to the inspector general of the reasons for which ~~he~~ the governor intends to remove ~~him~~ the inspector general from office and providing ~~him~~ the inspector general with an opportunity to appear and show cause why ~~he~~ the inspector general should not be removed.

In addition to the duties imposed by section 121.42 of the Revised Code, the inspector general shall manage the office of the inspector general. The inspector general shall establish and maintain offices in Columbus.

The inspector general may appoint one or more deputy inspectors general. Each deputy inspector general shall serve for a term coinciding with the term of the appointing inspector general, and shall perform ~~such~~ the duties, including the performance of investigations, ~~as~~ that are assigned by the inspector general. All deputy inspectors general are in the unclassified service and serve at the pleasure of the inspector general.

In addition to deputy inspectors general, the inspector general may appoint ~~such~~ professional, technical, and clerical employees ~~as~~ that are necessary for the effective and efficient operation of the office of the inspector general. All professional, technical, and clerical employees of the office of the inspector general are in the unclassified service and serve at the pleasure of the appointing inspector general.

The inspector general may enter into any contracts that are necessary to the operation of the office of the inspector general. The contracts may include, but are not limited to, contracts for the services of persons who are

experts in a particular field and whose expertise is necessary to the successful completion of an investigation.

The inspector general may accept from private parties, state agencies, or other entities reimbursement of the costs of investigations by the inspector general that result in judicial or administrative proceedings against the parties, agencies, or entities.

Not later than the first day of March in each year, the inspector general shall publish an annual report summarizing the activities of ~~his~~ the inspector general's office during the previous calendar year. The annual report shall not disclose the results of any investigation insofar as the results are designated as confidential under section 121.44 of the Revised Code.

The inspector general shall provide copies of ~~his~~ the inspector general's annual report to the governor and the general assembly. The inspector general also shall provide a copy of ~~his~~ the annual report to any other person who requests the copy and pays a fee prescribed by the inspector general. The fee shall not exceed the cost of reproducing and delivering the annual report.

Sec. 121.62. (A) Each executive agency lobbyist and each employer shall file with the joint legislative ethics committee, within ten days following the engagement of an executive agency lobbyist, an initial registration statement showing all of the following:

(1) The name, business address, and occupation of the executive agency lobbyist;

(2) The name and business address of the employer or of the real party in interest on whose behalf the executive agency lobbyist is acting, if it is different from the employer. For the purposes of division (A) of this section, where a trade association or other charitable or fraternal organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(c) of the federal Internal Revenue Code is the employer, the statement need not list the names and addresses of every member of the association or organization, so long as the association or organization itself is listed.

(3) A brief description of the executive agency decision to which the engagement relates;

(4) The name of the executive agency or agencies to which the engagement relates.

(B) In addition to the initial registration statement required by division (A) of this section, each executive agency lobbyist and employer shall file with the joint committee, not later than the last day of January, May, and September of each year, an updated registration statement that confirms the continuing existence of each engagement described in an initial registration

statement and that lists the specific executive agency decisions that the lobbyist sought to influence under the engagement during the period covered by the updated statement, and with it any statement of expenditures required to be filed by section 121.63 of the Revised Code and any details of financial transactions required to be filed by section 121.64 of the Revised Code.

(C) If an executive agency lobbyist is engaged by more than one employer, the lobbyist shall file a separate initial and updated registration statement for each engagement. If an employer engages more than one executive agency lobbyist, the employer need file only one updated registration statement under division (B) of this section, which shall contain the information required by division (B) of this section regarding all of the executive agency lobbyists engaged by the employer.

(D)(1) A change in any information required by division (A)(1), (2), or (B) of this section shall be reflected in the next updated registration statement filed under division (B) of this section.

(2) Within thirty days following the termination of an engagement, the executive agency lobbyist who was employed under the engagement shall send written notification of the termination to the joint committee.

(E) A registration fee of ~~ten~~ twenty-five dollars shall be charged for filing an initial registration statement. All money collected from this fee shall be deposited into the ~~state treasury to the credit of the joint legislative ethics committee fund created under section 101.34 of the Revised Code~~ general revenue fund of the state.

(F) Upon registration pursuant to this section, an executive agency lobbyist shall be issued a card by the joint committee showing that the lobbyist is registered. The registration card and the executive agency lobbyist's registration shall be valid from the date of their issuance until the thirty-first day of January of the year following the year in which the initial registration was filed.

(G) The executive director of the joint committee shall be responsible for reviewing each registration statement filed with the joint committee under this section and for determining whether the statement contains all of the required information. If the joint committee determines that the registration statement does not contain all of the required information or that an executive agency lobbyist or employer has failed to file a registration statement, the joint committee shall send written notification by certified mail to the person who filed the registration statement regarding the deficiency in the statement or to the person who failed to file the registration statement regarding the failure. Any person so notified by the joint

committee shall, not later than fifteen days after receiving the notice, file a registration statement or an amended registration statement that contains all of the required information. If any person who receives a notice under this division fails to file a registration statement or such an amended registration statement within this fifteen-day period, the joint committee shall ~~notify the attorney general, who may take appropriate action as authorized by section 121.69 of the Revised Code~~ assess a late filing fee equal to twelve dollars and fifty cents per day, up to a maximum fee of one hundred dollars, upon that person. The joint committee may waive the late filing fee for good cause shown.

~~If the joint committee notifies the attorney general pursuant to this division, the joint committee shall also notify each elected executive official and the director of each department created under section 121.02 of the Revised Code of the pending investigation.~~

(H) On or before the fifteenth day of March of each year, the joint committee shall, in the manner and form that it determines, publish a report containing statistical information on the registration statements filed with it under this section during the preceding year.

(I) If an employer who engages an executive agency lobbyist is the recipient of a contract, grant, lease, or other financial arrangement pursuant to which funds of the state or of an executive agency are distributed or allocated, the executive agency or any aggrieved party may consider the failure of the employer or the executive agency lobbyist to comply with this section as a breach of a material condition of the contract, grant, lease, or other financial arrangement.

(J) Executive agency officials may require certification from any person seeking the award of a contract, grant, lease, or financial arrangement that the person and ~~his~~ the person's employer are in compliance with this section.

Sec. 122.011. (A) The department of development shall develop and promote plans and programs designed to assure that state resources are efficiently used, economic growth is properly balanced, community growth is developed in an orderly manner, and local governments are coordinated with each other and the state, and for such purposes may do all of the following:

(1) Serve as a clearinghouse for information, data, and other materials that may be helpful or necessary to persons or local governments, as provided in section 122.07 of the Revised Code;

(2) Prepare and activate plans for the retention, development, expansion, and use of the resources and commerce of the state, as provided in section 122.04 of the Revised Code;

(3) Assist and cooperate with federal, state, and local governments and agencies of federal, state, and local governments in the coordination of programs to carry out the functions and duties of the department;

(4) Encourage and foster research and development activities, conduct studies related to the solution of community problems, and develop recommendations for administrative or legislative actions, as provided in section 122.03 of the Revised Code;

(5) Serve as the economic and community development planning agency, which shall prepare and recommend plans and programs for the orderly growth and development of this state and which shall provide planning assistance, as provided in section 122.06 of the Revised Code;

(6) Cooperate with and provide technical assistance to state departments, political subdivisions, regional and local planning commissions, tourist associations, councils of government, community development groups, community action agencies, and other appropriate organizations for carrying out the functions and duties of the department or for the solution of community problems;

(7) Coordinate the activities of state agencies that have an impact on carrying out the functions and duties of the department;

(8) Encourage and assist the efforts of and cooperate with local governments to develop mutual and cooperative solutions to their common problems that relate to carrying out the purposes of this section;

(9) Study existing structure, operations, and financing of regional or local government and those state activities that involve significant relations with regional or local governmental units, recommend to the governor and to the general assembly such changes in these provisions and activities as will improve the operations of regional or local government, and conduct other studies of legal provisions that affect problems related to carrying out the purposes of this section;

(10) Appoint, with the approval of the governor, technical and other advisory councils as it considers appropriate, as provided in section 122.09 of the Revised Code;

(11) Create and operate a division of community development to develop and administer programs and activities that are authorized by federal statute or the Revised Code;

(12) Until ~~July 1, 2003~~ October 15, 2005, establish fees and charges, in consultation with the director of agriculture, for purchasing loans from financial institutions and providing loan guarantees under the family farm loan program created under sections 901.80 to 901.83 of the Revised Code;

(13) Provide loan servicing for the loans purchased and loan guarantees

provided under section 901.80 of the Revised Code as that section existed prior to ~~July 1, 2003~~ October 15, 2005;

(14) Until ~~July 1, 2003~~ October 15, 2005, and upon approval by the controlling board under division (A)(3) of section 901.82 of the Revised Code of the release of money to be used for purchasing a loan or providing a loan guarantee, request the release of that money in accordance with division (B) of section 166.03 of the Revised Code for use for the purposes of the fund created by section 166.031 of the Revised Code.

(B) The director of development may request the attorney general to, and the attorney general, in accordance with section 109.02 of the Revised Code, shall bring a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction. The director may be sued in the director's official capacity, in connection with this chapter, in accordance with Chapter 2743. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 122.04. The department of development shall do the following:

(A) Maintain a continuing evaluation of the sources available for the retention, development, or expansion of industrial and commercial facilities in this state through both public and private agencies;

(B) Assist public and private agencies in obtaining information necessary to evaluate the desirability of the retention, construction, or expansion of industrial and commercial facilities in the state;

(C) Facilitate contracts between community improvement corporations organized under Chapter 1724. of the Revised Code or Ohio development corporations organized under Chapter 1726. of the Revised Code and industrial and commercial concerns seeking to locate or expand in ~~Ohio~~ the state;

(D) Upon request, consult with public agencies or authorities in the preparation of studies of human and economic needs or advantages relating to economic and community development;

(E) Encourage, promote, and assist trade and commerce between this state and foreign nations;

(F) Promote and encourage persons to visit and travel within this state;

(G) Maintain membership in the national association of state development agencies;

(H) Assist in the development of facilities and technologies that will lead to increased, environmentally sound use of Ohio coal;

(I) Promote economic growth in the state.

Sec. 122.041. The director of development shall do all of the following with regard to the encouraging diversity, growth, and equity program created under section 123.152 of the Revised Code:

(A) Conduct outreach, marketing, and recruitment of EDGE business

enterprises, as defined in that section;

(B) Provide assistance to the department of administrative services, as needed, to certify new EDGE business enterprises and to train appropriate state agency staff;

(C) Provide business development services to EDGE business enterprises in the developmental and transitional stages of the program, including financial and bonding assistance and management and technical assistance;

(D) Develop a mentor program to bring businesses into a working relationship with EDGE business enterprises in a way that commercially benefits both entities and serves the purpose of the EDGE program;

(E) Not later than December 31, 2003, prepare and submit to the governor a detailed report outlining and evaluating the progress made in implementing the encouraging diversity, growth, and equity program;

(F) Establish processes by which an EDGE business enterprise may apply for contract assistance, financial and bonding assistance, management and technical assistance, and mentoring opportunities.

Sec. 122.08. (A) There is hereby created within the department of development an office to be known as the office of small business. The office shall be under the supervision of a manager appointed by the director of development.

(B) The office shall do all of the following:

(1) Act as liaison between the small business community and state governmental agencies;

(2) Furnish information and technical assistance to persons and small businesses concerning the establishment and maintenance of a small business, and concerning state laws and rules relevant to the operation of a small business. In conjunction with these duties, the office shall keep a record of all state agency rules affecting individuals, small businesses, or small organizations, as defined in section 121.24 of the Revised Code, and may testify before the joint committee on agency rule review concerning any proposed rule affecting individuals, small businesses, or small organizations.

(3) Prepare and publish the small business register under section 122.081 of the Revised Code;

(4) Receive complaints from small businesses concerning governmental activity, compile and analyze those complaints, and periodically make recommendations to the governor and the general assembly on changes in state laws or agency rules needed to eliminate burdensome and unproductive governmental regulation to improve the economic climate within which

small businesses operate;

(5) Receive complaints or questions from small businesses and direct ~~such~~ those businesses to the appropriate governmental agency. If, within a reasonable period of time, a complaint is not satisfactorily resolved or a question is not satisfactorily answered, the office shall, on behalf of the small business, make every effort to secure a satisfactory result. For this purpose, the office may consult with any state governmental agency and may make any suggestion or request that seems appropriate.

(6) Utilize, to the maximum extent possible, the printed and electronic media to disseminate information of current concern and interest to the small business community and to make known to small businesses the services available through the office. The office shall publish such books, pamphlets, and other printed materials, and shall participate in such trade association meetings, conventions, fairs, and other meetings involving the small business community, as the manager considers appropriate.

(7) Prepare for inclusion in the department of development's annual report to the governor and general assembly, a description of the activities of the office and a report of the number of rules affecting individuals, small businesses, and small organizations that were filed with the office under division (B)(2) of section 121.24 of the Revised Code, during the preceding calendar year;

(8) Operate the Ohio ~~one-stop business permit center~~ first-stop business connection to assist individuals in identifying and preparing applications for business licenses, permits, and certificates and to serve as the central public distributor for all forms, applications, and other information related to business licensing. Each state agency, board, and commission shall cooperate in providing assistance, information, and materials to enable the ~~center~~ connection to perform its duties under this division ~~(B)(8) of this section~~.

(C) The office ~~of small business~~ may, upon the request of a state agency, assist the agency with the preparation of any rule that will affect individuals, small businesses, or small organizations.

(D) The director of development shall assign ~~such~~ employees and furnish ~~such~~ equipment and supplies to the office as the director considers necessary for the proper performance of the duties assigned to the office.

Sec. 122.17. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Full-time employee" means an individual who is employed for consideration for at least thirty-five hours a week, or who renders any other standard of service generally accepted by custom or specified by contract as full-time employment.

(2) "New employee" means one of the following:

(a) A full-time employee first employed by a taxpayer in the project that is the subject of the agreement after the taxpayer enters into a tax credit agreement with the tax credit authority under this section;

(b) A full-time employee first employed by a taxpayer in the project that is the subject of the tax credit after the tax credit authority approves a project for a tax credit under this section in a public meeting, as long as the taxpayer enters into the tax credit agreement prepared by the department of development after such meeting within sixty days after receiving the agreement from the department. If the taxpayer fails to enter into the agreement within sixty days, "new employee" has the same meaning as under division (A)(2)(a) of this section.

Under division (A)(2)(a) or (b) of this section, if the tax credit authority determines it appropriate, "new employee" also may include an employee re-hired or called back from lay-off to work in a new facility or on a new product or service established or produced by the taxpayer after entering into the agreement under this section or after the tax credit authority approves the tax credit in a public meeting. "New employee" does not include any employee of the taxpayer who was previously employed in this state by a related member of the taxpayer and whose employment was shifted to the taxpayer after the taxpayer entered into the tax credit agreement or after the tax credit authority approved the credit in a public meeting, or any employee of the taxpayer for which the taxpayer has been granted a certificate under division (B) of section 5709.66 of the Revised Code. "New employee" also does not include an employee of the taxpayer who is employed in an employment position that was relocated to a project from other operations of the taxpayer in this state or from operations of a related member of the taxpayer in this state. In addition, "new employee" does not include a child, grandchild, parent, or spouse, other than a spouse who is legally separated from the individual, of any individual who is an employee of the taxpayer and who has a direct or indirect ownership interest of at least five per cent in the profits, capital, or value of the taxpayer. Such ownership interest shall be determined in accordance with section 1563 of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations prescribed thereunder.

(3) "New income tax revenue" means the total amount withheld under section 5747.06 of the Revised Code by the taxpayer during the taxable year from the compensation of new employees for the tax levied under Chapter 5747. of the Revised Code.

(4) "Related member" has the same meaning as under division (A)(6) of section 5733.042 of the Revised Code without regard to division (B) of that

section.

(B) The tax credit authority may make grants under this section to foster job creation in this state. Such a grant shall take the form of a refundable credit allowed against the tax imposed by section 5733.06 or 5747.02 of the Revised Code. The credit shall be claimed for the taxable years specified in the taxpayer's agreement with the tax credit authority under division (D) of this section. The credit shall be claimed after the allowance of all other credits provided by Chapter 5733. or 5747. of the Revised Code. The amount of the credit equals the new income tax revenue for the taxable year multiplied by the percentage specified in the agreement with the tax credit authority.

(C) A taxpayer or potential taxpayer who proposes a project to create new jobs in this state may apply to the tax credit authority to enter into an agreement for a tax credit under this section. The director of development shall prescribe the form of the application. After receipt of an application, the authority may enter into an agreement with the taxpayer for a credit under this section if it determines all of the following:

(1) The taxpayer's project will create new jobs in this state;

(2) The taxpayer's project is economically sound and will benefit the people of this state by increasing opportunities for employment and strengthening the economy of this state;

(3) Receiving the tax credit is a major factor in the taxpayer's decision to go forward with the project.

(D) An agreement under this section shall include all of the following:

(1) A detailed description of the project that is the subject of the agreement;

(2) The term of the tax credit, which shall not exceed ~~ten~~ fifteen years, and the first taxable year for which the credit may be claimed;

(3) A requirement that the taxpayer shall maintain operations at the project location for at least twice the number of years as the term of the tax credit;

(4) The percentage, as determined by the tax credit authority, of new income tax revenue that will be allowed as the amount of the credit for each taxable year;

(5) A specific method for determining how many new employees are employed during a taxable year;

(6) A requirement that the taxpayer annually shall report to the director of development the number of new employees, the new income tax revenue withheld in connection with the new employees, and any other information the director needs to perform ~~his~~ the director's duties under this section;

(7) A requirement that the director of development annually shall verify the amounts reported under division (D)(6) of this section, and after doing so shall issue a certificate to the taxpayer stating that the amounts have been verified;

(8)(a) A provision requiring that the taxpayer, except as otherwise provided in division (D)(8)(b) of this section, shall not relocate employment positions from elsewhere in this state to the project site that is the subject of the agreement for the lesser of five years from the date the agreement is entered into or the number of years the taxpayer is entitled to claim the tax credit.

(b) The taxpayer may relocate employment positions from elsewhere in this state to the project site that is the subject of the agreement if the director of development determines both of the following:

(i) That the site from which the employment positions would be relocated is inadequate to meet market and industry conditions, expansion plans, consolidation plans, or other business considerations affecting the taxpayer;

(ii) That the legislative authority of the county, township, or municipal corporation from which the employment positions would be relocated has been notified of the relocation.

For purposes of this section, the movement of an employment position from one political subdivision to another political subdivision shall be considered a relocation of an employment position, but the transfer of an individual employee from one political subdivision to another political subdivision shall not be considered a relocation of an employment position as long as the individual's employment position in the first political subdivision is refilled.

(E) If a taxpayer fails to meet or comply with any condition or requirement set forth in a tax credit agreement, the tax credit authority may amend the agreement to reduce the percentage or term of the tax credit. The reduction of the percentage or term shall take effect in the taxable year immediately following the taxable year in which the authority amends the agreement. If the taxpayer relocates employment positions in violation of the provision required under division (D)(8)(a) of this section, the taxpayer shall not claim the tax credit under section 5733.0610 of the Revised Code for any tax years following the calendar year in which the relocation occurs, or shall not claim the tax credit under section 5747.058 of the Revised Code for the taxable year in which the relocation occurs and any subsequent taxable years.

(F) Projects that consist solely of point-of-final-purchase retail facilities

are not eligible for a tax credit under this section. If a project consists of both point-of-final-purchase retail facilities and nonretail facilities, only the portion of the project consisting of the nonretail facilities is eligible for a tax credit and only the new income tax revenue from new employees of the nonretail facilities shall be considered when computing the amount of the tax credit. If a warehouse facility is part of a point-of-final-purchase retail facility and supplies only that facility, the warehouse facility is not eligible for a tax credit. Catalog distribution centers are not considered point-of-final-purchase retail facilities for the purposes of this division, and are eligible for tax credits under this section.

(G) Financial statements and other information submitted to the department of development or the tax credit authority by an applicant or recipient of a tax credit under this section, and any information taken for any purpose from such statements or information, are not public records subject to section 149.43 of the Revised Code. However, the chairperson of the authority may make use of the statements and other information for purposes of issuing public reports or in connection with court proceedings concerning tax credit agreements under this section. Upon the request of the tax commissioner, the chairperson of the authority shall provide to the commissioner any statement or information submitted by an applicant or recipient of a tax credit in connection with the credit. The commissioner shall preserve the confidentiality of the statement or information.

(H) A taxpayer claiming a credit under this section shall submit to the tax commissioner a copy of the director of development's certificate of verification under division (D)(7) of this section for the taxable year. However, failure to submit a copy of the certificate does not invalidate a claim for a credit.

(I) The director of development, after consultation with the tax commissioner and in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section. The rules may provide for recipients of tax credits under this section to be charged fees to cover administrative costs of the tax credit program. At the time the director gives public notice under division (A) of section 119.03 of the Revised Code of the adoption of the rules, the director shall submit copies of the proposed rules to the chairpersons of the standing committees on economic development in the senate and the house of representatives.

(J) For the purposes of this section, a taxpayer may include a partnership, a corporation that has made an election under subchapter S of chapter one of subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code, or any other business entity through which income flows as a distributive share to its

owners. A credit received under this section by a partnership, S-corporation, or other such business entity shall be apportioned among the persons to whom the income or profit of the partnership, S-corporation, or other entity is distributed, in the same proportions as those in which the income or profit is distributed.

(K) If the director of development determines that a taxpayer who has received a credit under this section is not complying with the requirement under division (D)(3) of this section, the director shall notify the tax credit authority of the noncompliance. After receiving such a notice, and after giving the taxpayer an opportunity to explain the noncompliance, the tax credit authority may require the taxpayer to refund to this state a portion of the credit in accordance with the following:

(1) If the taxpayer maintained operations at the project location for at least one and one-half times the number of years of the term of the tax credit, an amount not exceeding twenty-five per cent of the sum of any previously allowed credits under this section;

(2) If the taxpayer maintained operations at the project location for at least the number of years of the term of the tax credit, an amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the sum of any previously allowed credits under this section;

(3) If the taxpayer maintained operations at the project location for less than the number of years of the term of the tax credit, an amount not exceeding one hundred per cent of the sum of any previously allowed credits under this section.

In determining the portion of the tax credit to be refunded to this state, the tax credit authority shall consider the effect of market conditions on the taxpayer's project and whether the taxpayer continues to maintain other operations in this state. After making the determination, the authority shall certify the amount to be refunded to the tax commissioner. The commissioner shall make an assessment for that amount against the taxpayer under Chapter 5733. or 5747. of the Revised Code. The time limitations on assessments under Chapter 5733. or 5747. of the Revised Code do not apply to an assessment under this division, but the commissioner shall make the assessment within one year after the date the authority certifies to the commissioner the amount to be refunded.

(L) On or before the thirty-first day of March each year, the director of development shall submit a report to the governor, the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives on the tax credit program under this section. The report shall include information on the number of agreements that were entered into under this section during the

preceding calendar year, a description of the project that is the subject of each such agreement, and an update on the status of projects under agreements entered into before the preceding calendar year.

During the fifth year of the tax credit program, the director of development in conjunction with the director of budget and management shall conduct an evaluation of it. The evaluation shall include assessments of the effectiveness of the program in creating new jobs in this state and of the revenue impact of the program, and may include a review of the practices and experiences of other states with similar programs. The director of development shall submit a report on the evaluation to the governor, the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives on or before January 1, 1998.

(M) There is hereby created the tax credit authority, which consists of the director of development and four other members appointed as follows: the governor, the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives each shall appoint one member who shall be a specialist in economic development; the governor also shall appoint a member who is a specialist in taxation. Of the initial appointees, the members appointed by the governor shall serve a term of two years; the members appointed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall serve a term of four years. Thereafter, terms of office shall be for four years. Initial appointments to the authority shall be made within thirty days after January 13, 1993. Each member shall serve on the authority until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner provided for original appointments. 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 that term. Members may be reappointed to the authority. Members of the authority shall receive their necessary and actual expenses while engaged in the business of the authority. The director of development shall serve as chairperson of the authority, and the members annually shall elect a vice-chairperson from among themselves. Three members of the authority constitute a quorum to transact and vote on the business of the authority. The majority vote of the membership of the authority is necessary to approve any such business, including the election of the vice-chairperson.

The director of development may appoint a professional employee of the department of development to serve as the director's substitute at a meeting of the authority. The director shall make the appointment in writing. In the absence of the director from a meeting of the authority, the appointed substitute shall serve as chairperson. In the absence of both the director and

the director's substitute from a meeting, the vice-chairperson shall serve as chairperson.

Sec. 122.171. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Capital investment project" means a plan of investment at a project site for the acquisition, construction, renovation, or repair of buildings, machinery, or equipment, or for capitalized costs of basic research and new product development determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, but does not include any of the following:

(a) Payments made for the acquisition of personal property through operating leases;

(b) Project costs paid before January 1, 2002, or after December 31, 2006;

(c) Payments made to a related member as defined in section 5733.042 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Eligible business" means a business with Ohio operations satisfying all of the following:

(a) Employed an average of at least one thousand employees in full-time employment positions at a project site during each of the twelve months preceding the application for a tax credit under this section; and

(b) On or after January 1, 2002, has made payments for the capital investment project of either of the following:

(i) At least two hundred million dollars in the aggregate at the project site during a period of three consecutive calendar years including the calendar year that includes a day of the taxpayer's taxable year with respect to which the credit is granted;

(ii) If the average wage of all full-time employment positions at the project site is greater than four hundred per cent of the federal minimum wage, at least one hundred million dollars in the aggregate at the project site during a period of three consecutive calendar years including the calendar year that includes a day of the taxpayer's taxable year with respect to which the credit is granted.

(c) Is engaged at the project site primarily as a manufacturer or is providing significant corporate administrative functions;

(d) Has had a capital investment project reviewed and approved by the tax credit authority as provided in divisions (C), (D), and (E) of this section.

(3) "Full-time employment position" means a position of employment for consideration for at least thirty-five hours a week that has been filled for at least one hundred eighty days immediately preceding the filing of an application under this section and for at least one hundred eighty days during each taxable year with respect to which the credit is granted.

(4) "Manufacturer" has the same meaning as in section 5739.011 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Project site" means an integrated complex of facilities in this state, as specified by the tax credit authority under this section, within a fifteen-mile radius where a taxpayer is primarily operating as an eligible business.

(6) "Applicable corporation" means a corporation satisfying all of the following:

(a)(i) For the entire taxable year immediately preceding the tax year, the corporation develops software applications primarily to provide telecommunication billing and information services through outsourcing or licensing to domestic or international customers.

(ii) Sales and licensing of software generated at least six hundred million dollars in revenue during the taxable year immediately preceding the tax year the corporation is first entitled to claim the credit provided under division (B) of this section.

(b) For the entire taxable year immediately preceding the tax year, the corporation or one or more of its related members provides customer or employee care and technical support for clients through one or more contact centers within this state, and the corporation and its related members together have a daily average, based on a three hundred sixty-five day year, of at least five hundred thousand successful customer contacts through one or more of their contact centers, wherever located.

(c) The corporation is eligible for the credit under division (B) of this section for the tax year.

(7) "Related member" has the same meaning as in section 5733.042 of the Revised Code as that section existed on the effective date of its amendment by Am. Sub. H.B. 215 of the 122nd general assembly.

(8) "Successful customer contact" means a contact with an end user via telephone, including interactive voice recognition or similar means, where the contact culminates in a conversation or connection other than a busy signal or equipment busy.

(9) "Telecommunications" means all forms of telecommunications service as defined in section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, and includes services in wireless, wireline, cable, broadband, internet protocol, and satellite.

(10)(a) "Applicable difference" means the difference between the tax for the tax year under Chapter 5733. of the Revised Code applying the law in effect for that tax year, and the tax for that tax year if section 5733.042 of the Revised Code applied as that section existed on the effective date of its

amendment by Am. Sub. H.B. 215 of the 122nd general assembly, subject to division (A)(10)(b) of this section.

(b) If the tax rate set forth in division (B) of section 5733.06 of the Revised Code for the tax year is less than eight and one-half per cent, the tax calculated under division (A)(10)(a) of this section shall be computed by substituting a tax rate of eight and one-half per cent for the rate set forth in division (B) of section 5733.06 of the Revised Code for the tax year.

(c) If the resulting difference is negative, the applicable tax difference for the tax year shall be zero.

(B) The tax credit authority created under section 122.17 of the Revised Code may grant tax credits under this section for the purpose of fostering job retention in this state. Upon application by an eligible business and upon consideration of the recommendation of the director of budget and management, tax commissioner, and director of development under division (C) of this section, the tax credit authority may grant to an eligible business a nonrefundable credit against the tax imposed by section 5733.06 or 5747.02 of the Revised Code for a period up to ~~ten~~ fifteen taxable years. The credit shall be in an amount not exceeding seventy-five per cent of the Ohio income tax withheld from the employees of the eligible business occupying full-time employment positions at the project site during the calendar year that includes the last day of such business' taxable year with respect to which the credit is granted. The amount of the credit shall not be based on the Ohio income tax withheld from full-time employees for a calendar year prior to the calendar year in which the minimum investment requirement referred to in division (A)(2)(b) of this section is completed. The credit shall be claimed only for the taxable years specified in the eligible business' agreement with the tax credit authority under division (E) of this section, but in no event shall the credit be claimed for a taxable year terminating before the date specified in the agreement.

The credit computed under this division is in addition to any credit allowed under division (M) of this section.

Any unused portion of a tax credit may be carried forward for not more than three additional years after the year for which the credit is granted.

(C) A taxpayer that proposes a capital investment project to retain jobs in this state may apply to the tax credit authority to enter into an agreement for a tax credit under this section. The director of development shall prescribe the form of the application. After receipt of an application, the authority shall forward copies of the application to the director of budget and management, the tax commissioner, and the director of development, each of whom shall review the application to determine the economic

impact the proposed project would have on the state and the affected political subdivisions and shall submit a summary of their determinations and recommendations to the authority. The authority shall make no agreements under this section after June 30, 2007.

(D) Upon review of the determinations and recommendations described in division (C) of this section, the tax credit authority may enter into an agreement with the taxpayer for a credit under this section if the authority determines all of the following:

(1) The taxpayer's capital investment project will result in the retention of full-time employment positions in this state.

(2) The taxpayer is economically sound and has the ability to complete the proposed capital investment project.

(3) The taxpayer intends to and has the ability to maintain operations at the project site for at least twice the term of the credit.

(4) Receiving the credit is a major factor in the taxpayer's decision to begin, continue with, or complete the project.

(5) The political subdivisions in which the project is located have agreed to provide substantial financial support to the project.

(E) An agreement under this section shall include all of the following:

(1) A detailed description of the project that is the subject of the agreement, including the amount of the investment, the period over which the investment has been or is being made, and the number of full-time employment positions at the project site.

(2) The method of calculating the number of full-time employment positions as specified in division (A)(3) of this section.

(3) The term and percentage of the tax credit, and the first year for which the credit may be claimed.

(4) A requirement that the taxpayer maintain operations at the project site for at least twice the number of years as the term of the credit.

(5) A requirement that the taxpayer retain a specified number of full-time employment positions at the project site and within this state for the term of the credit, including a requirement that the taxpayer continue to employ at least one thousand employees in full-time employment positions at the project site during the entire term of any agreement, subject to division (E)(7) of this section.

(6) A requirement that the taxpayer annually report to the director of development the number of full-time employment positions subject to the credit, the amount of tax withheld from employees in those positions, the amount of the payments made for the capital investment project, and any other information the director needs to perform the director's duties under

this section.

(7) A requirement that the director of development annually review the annual reports of the taxpayer to verify the information reported under division (E)(6) of this section and compliance with the agreement. Upon verification, the director shall issue a certificate to the taxpayer stating that the information has been verified and identifying the amount of the credit for the taxable year. ~~The~~ Unless otherwise specified by the tax credit authority in a resolution and included as part of the agreement, the director shall not issue a certificate for any year in which the total number of filled full-time employment positions for each day of the calendar year divided by three hundred sixty-five is less than ninety per cent of the full-time employment positions specified in division (E)(5) of this section. In determining the number of full-time employment positions, no position shall be counted that is filled by an employee who is included in the calculation of a tax credit under section 122.17 of the Revised Code.

(8)(a) A provision requiring that the taxpayer, except as otherwise provided in division (E)(8)(b) of this section, shall not relocate employment positions from elsewhere in this state to the project site that is the subject of the agreement for the lesser of five years from the date the agreement is entered into or the number of years the taxpayer is entitled to claim the credit.

(b) The taxpayer may relocate employment positions from elsewhere in this state to the project site that is the subject of the agreement if the director of development determines both of the following:

(i) That the site from which the employment positions would be relocated is inadequate to meet market and industry conditions, expansion plans, consolidation plans, or other business considerations affecting the taxpayer;

(ii) That the legislative authority of the county, township, or municipal corporation from which the employment positions would be relocated has been notified of the relocation.

For purposes of this section, the movement of an employment position from one political subdivision to another political subdivision shall be considered a relocation of an employment position unless the movement is confined to the project site. The transfer of an individual employee from one political subdivision to another political subdivision shall not be considered a relocation of an employment position as long as the individual's employment position in the first political subdivision is refilled.

(9) A waiver by the taxpayer of any limitations periods relating to assessments or adjustments resulting from the taxpayer's failure to comply

with the agreement.

(F) If a taxpayer fails to meet or comply with any condition or requirement set forth in a tax credit agreement, the tax credit authority may amend the agreement to reduce the percentage or term of the credit. The reduction of the percentage or term shall take effect in the taxable year immediately following the taxable year in which the authority amends the agreement. If the taxpayer relocates employment positions in violation of the provision required under division (D)(8)(a) of this section, the taxpayer shall not claim the tax credit under section 5733.0610 of the Revised Code for any tax years following the calendar year in which the relocation occurs, or shall not claim the tax credit under section 5747.058 of the Revised Code for the taxable year in which the relocation occurs and any subsequent taxable years.

(G) Financial statements and other information submitted to the department of development or the tax credit authority by an applicant for or recipient of a tax credit under this section, and any information taken for any purpose from such statements or information, are not public records subject to section 149.43 of the Revised Code. However, the chairperson of the authority may make use of the statements and other information for purposes of issuing public reports or in connection with court proceedings concerning tax credit agreements under this section. Upon the request of the tax commissioner, the chairperson of the authority shall provide to the commissioner any statement or other information submitted by an applicant for or recipient of a tax credit in connection with the credit. The commissioner shall preserve the confidentiality of the statement or other information.

(H) A taxpayer claiming a tax credit under this section shall submit to the tax commissioner a copy of the director of development's certificate of verification under division (E)(7) of this section for the taxable year. However, failure to submit a copy of the certificate does not invalidate a claim for a credit.

(I) For the purposes of this section, a taxpayer may include a partnership, a corporation that has made an election under subchapter S of chapter one of subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code, or any other business entity through which income flows as a distributive share to its owners. A tax credit received under this section by a partnership, S-corporation, or other such business entity shall be apportioned among the persons to whom the income or profit of the partnership, S-corporation, or other entity is distributed, in the same proportions as those in which the income or profit is distributed.

(J) If the director of development determines that a taxpayer that received a tax credit under this section is not complying with the requirement under division (E)(4) of this section, the director shall notify the tax credit authority of the noncompliance. After receiving such a notice, and after giving the taxpayer an opportunity to explain the noncompliance, the authority may terminate the agreement and require the taxpayer to refund to the state all or a portion of the credit claimed in previous years, as follows:

(1) If the taxpayer maintained operations at the project site for less than the term of the credit, the amount required to be refunded shall not exceed the amount of any tax credits previously allowed and received under this section.

(2) If the taxpayer maintained operations at the project site longer than the term of the credit but less than one and one-half times the term of the credit, the amount required to be refunded shall not exceed fifty per cent of the sum of any tax credits previously allowed and received under this section.

(3) If the taxpayer maintained operations at the project site for at least one and one-half times the term of the credit but less than twice the term of the credit, the amount required to be refunded shall not exceed twenty-five per cent of the sum of any tax credits previously allowed and received under this section.

In determining the portion of the credit to be refunded to this state, the authority shall consider the effect of market conditions on the taxpayer's project and whether the taxpayer continues to maintain other operations in this state. After making the determination, the authority shall certify the amount to be refunded to the tax commissioner. The commissioner shall make an assessment for that amount against the taxpayer under Chapter 5733. or 5747. of the Revised Code. The time limitations on assessments under Chapter 5733. or 5747. of the Revised Code do not apply to an assessment under this division, but the commissioner shall make the assessment within one year after the date the authority certifies to the commissioner the amount to be refunded.

If the director of development determines that a taxpayer that received a tax credit under this section has reduced the number of employees agreed to under division (E)(5) of this section by more than ten per cent, the director shall notify the tax credit authority of the noncompliance. After receiving such notice, and after providing the taxpayer an opportunity to explain the noncompliance, the authority may amend the agreement to reduce the percentage or term of the tax credit. The reduction in the percentage or term shall take effect in the taxable year in which the authority amends the

agreement.

(K) The director of development, after consultation with the tax commissioner and in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section. The rules may provide for recipients of tax credits under this section to be charged fees to cover administrative costs of the tax credit program. At the time the director gives public notice under division (A) of section 119.03 of the Revised Code of the adoption of the rules, the director shall submit copies of the proposed rules to the chairpersons of the standing committees on economic development in the senate and the house of representatives.

(L) On or before the thirty-first day of March of each year, the director of development shall submit a report to the governor, the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives on the tax credit program under this section. The report shall include information on the number of agreements that were entered into under this section during the preceding calendar year, a description of the project that is the subject of each such agreement, and an update on the status of projects under agreements entered into before the preceding calendar year.

(M)(1) A nonrefundable credit shall be allowed to an applicable corporation and its related members in an amount equal to the applicable difference. The credit is in addition to the credit granted to the corporation or related members under division (B) of this section. The credit is subject to divisions (B) to (E) and division (J) of this section.

(2) A person qualifying as an applicable corporation under this section for a tax year does not necessarily qualify as an applicable corporation for any other tax year. No person is entitled to the credit allowed under division (M) of this section for the tax year immediately following the taxable year during which the person fails to meet the requirements in divisions (A)(6)(a)(i) and (A)(6)(b) of this section. No person is entitled to the credit allowed under division (M) of this section for any tax year for which the person is not eligible for the credit provided under division (B) of this section.

Sec. 122.25. (A) In administering the program established under section 122.24 of the Revised Code, the director of development shall do all of the following:

(1) Annually designate, by the first day of January of each year, the entities that constitute the eligible areas in this state as defined in section 122.23 of the Revised Code;

(2) Inform local governments and others in the state of the availability of the program and financial assistance established under sections 122.23 to

122.27 of the Revised Code;

(3) Report to the governor, president of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, and minority leaders of the senate and the house of representatives by the thirtieth day of June of each year on the activities carried out under the program during the preceding calendar year. The report shall include the number of loans made that year and the amount and recipient of each loan.

(4) Work in conjunction with conventional lending institutions, local revolving loan funds, private investors, and other private and public financing sources to provide loans or loan guarantees to eligible applicants;

(5) Establish fees, charges, interest rates, payment schedules, local match requirements, and other terms and conditions for loans and loan guarantees provided under the loan program created by section 122.24 of the Revised Code;

(6) Require each applicant to demonstrate the suitability of any site for the assistance sought; that the site has been surveyed, has adequate or available utilities, and that there are no zoning restrictions, environmental regulations, or other matters impairing the use of the site for the purpose intended;

(7) Require each applicant to provide a marketing plan and management strategy for the project;

(8) Adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing all of the following:

(a) Forms and procedures by which eligible applicants may apply for assistance;

(b) Criteria for reviewing, evaluating, and ranking applications, and for approving applications that best serve the goals of the program;

(c) Reporting requirements and monitoring procedures;

(d) Guidelines regarding situations in which industrial parks would be considered to compete against one another for the purposes of division (B)(2) of section 122.27 of the Revised Code;

(e) Any other rules necessary to implement and administer the program created by section 122.24 of the Revised Code.

(B) The director may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing requirements governing the use of any industrial park site receiving assistance under section 122.24 of the Revised Code, such that a certain portion of the site must be used for manufacturing, distribution, high technology, research and development, or other businesses wherein a majority of the product or service produced is exported out of the state.

(C) As a condition to receiving assistance under section 122.24 of the Revised Code, and except as provided in division (D) of this section, an applicant must agree, for a period of five years, not to permit the use of a site that is developed or improved with such assistance to cause the relocation of jobs to that site from elsewhere in Ohio.

(D) A site developed or improved with assistance under section 122.24 of the Revised Code may be the site of jobs relocated from elsewhere in Ohio if the director of development does all of the following:

(1) Makes a written determination that the site from which the jobs would be relocated is inadequate to meet market or industry conditions, expansion plans, consolidation plans, or other business considerations affecting the relocating employer;

(2) Provides a copy of the determination required by division (D)(1) of this section to the members of the general assembly whose legislative districts include the site from which the jobs would be relocated~~, and to the joint legislative committee on tax incentives~~;

(3) Determines that the governing body of the area from which the jobs would be relocated has been notified in writing by the relocating company of the possible relocation.

(E) The director of development must obtain the approval of the controlling board for any loan or loan guarantee provided under sections 122.23 to 122.27 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 122.651. (A) There is hereby created the clean Ohio council consisting of the director of development or the director's designee, the director of environmental protection or the director's designee, the lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's designee, the director of the Ohio public works commission as a nonvoting, ex officio member, one member of the majority party of the senate and one member of the minority party of the senate to be appointed by the president of the senate, one member of the majority party of the house of representatives and one member of the minority party of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and seven members to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Of the members appointed by the governor, one shall represent the interests of counties, one shall represent the interests of townships, one shall represent the interests of municipal corporations, two shall represent the interests of business and development, and two shall represent statewide environmental advocacy organizations. The members appointed by the governor shall reflect the demographic and economic diversity of the population of the state. Additionally, the governor's appointments shall represent all areas of the

state. All appointments to the council shall be made not later than one hundred twenty days after July 26, 2001.

(B) The members appointed by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities. Of the initial members appointed by the governor to the clean Ohio council, four shall be appointed for two years and three shall be appointed for one year. Thereafter, terms of office for members appointed by the governor shall be for two years, with each term ending on the same day of the same month as did the term that it succeeds. Each of those members shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member is appointed.

Members may be reappointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as provided for original appointments. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration date of the term for which the member was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of that term. A member shall continue in office after 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. The governor may remove a member appointed by the governor for misfeasance, nonfeasance, or malfeasance in office.

(C) The ~~director of development~~ governor shall appoint a member of the clean Ohio council to serve as the chairperson of the ~~clean Ohio~~ council. The director of development shall serve as the vice-chairperson of the council unless appointed chairperson. If the director is appointed chairperson, the council annually shall select from among its members a vice-chairperson to serve while the director is chairperson. The council annually shall select from among its members ~~a vice-chairperson and~~ a secretary to keep a record of its proceedings. A majority vote of a quorum of the members of the council is necessary to take action on any matter. The council may adopt bylaws governing its operation, including bylaws that establish the frequency of meetings, procedures for reviewing eligible projects under sections 122.65 to 122.658 of the Revised Code and policies and requirements established under section 122.657 of the Revised Code, and other necessary procedures.

(D) Members of the clean Ohio council shall be deemed to be public officials or officers only for the purposes of section 9.86 and Chapters 102. and 2921. of the Revised Code. Serving as a member of the clean Ohio council does not constitute holding a public office or position of employment so as to constitute grounds for removal of public officers or employees serving as members of the council from their offices or positions

of employment. Members of the council shall file with the Ohio ethics commission the disclosure statement described in division (A) of section 102.02 of the Revised Code on the form prescribed by the commission and be subject to divisions (C) and (D) of that section. Members of the council shall serve without compensation for attending council meetings, but shall receive their actual and necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties in accordance with the rules of the office of budget and management.

(E) Members appointed by the governor to represent the interests of counties, townships, and municipal corporations do not have a conflict of interest by virtue of their service in the position. For the purposes of this division, "conflict of interest" means the taking of any action as a member of the council that affects a public agency the person serves as an officer or employee.

(F) The department of development shall provide office space for the council. The council shall be assisted in its duties by the staff of the department of development and the environmental protection agency.

(G) Sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code do not apply to the clean Ohio council.

Sec. 122.658. (A) The clean Ohio revitalization fund is hereby created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of moneys credited to it pursuant to section 151.40 of the Revised Code. Moneys in the fund shall be used to make grants or loans for projects that have been approved by the clean Ohio council in accordance with section 122.653 of the Revised Code, except that the council annually shall devote twenty per cent of the net proceeds of obligations deposited in the clean Ohio revitalization fund for the purposes of section 122.656 of the Revised Code.

Moneys in the clean Ohio revitalization fund may be used to pay reasonable costs incurred by the department of development and the environmental protection agency in administering sections 122.65 to 122.658 of the Revised Code. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund. ~~For two years after July 26, 2001, investment~~ Investment earnings credited to the clean Ohio revitalization fund may be used to pay costs incurred by the department of development and the environmental protection agency pursuant to sections 122.65 to 122.658 of the Revised Code.

The department of development shall administer the clean Ohio revitalization fund in accordance with this section, policies and requirements established under section 122.657 of the Revised Code, and the terms of agreements entered into by the council under section 122.653 of the Revised

Code.

(B) Grants awarded and loans made under section 122.653 of the Revised Code shall provide not more than seventy-five per cent of the estimated total cost of a project. A grant or loan to any one project shall not exceed three million dollars. An applicant shall provide at least twenty-five per cent of the estimated total cost of a project. The applicant's share may consist of one or a combination of any of the following:

(1) Payment of the cost of acquiring the property for the purposes of sections 122.65 to 122.658 of the Revised Code;

(2) Payment of the reasonable cost of an assessment at the property;

(3) The reasonable value, as determined by the council, of labor and materials that will be contributed by the applicant in performing the cleanup or remediation;

(4) Moneys received by the applicant in any form for use in performing the cleanup or remediation;

(5) Loans secured by the applicant for the purpose of the cleanup or remediation of the brownfield.

Costs that were incurred more than two years prior to the submission of an application to the clean Ohio council for the acquisition of property, assessments, and labor and materials shall not be used as part of the applicant's matching share.

(C) The department of development shall not make any payment to an applicant from the clean Ohio revitalization fund to pay costs of the applicant that were not included in an application for a grant or loan under section 122.653 of the Revised Code or that exceed the amount of the estimated total cost of the project included in the application. If, upon completion of a project, the costs of the project are less than the amounts included in the application, the amounts included in the application less the amounts of the actual costs of the project shall be credited to the clean Ohio revitalization fund. However, the amounts credited shall be equivalent in percentage to the percentage of the costs of the project that were to be funded by the grant or loan from the fund.

(D) Grants awarded or loans made under section 122.653 of the Revised Code from the clean Ohio revitalization fund shall be used by an applicant only to pay the costs of the actual cleanup or remediation of a brownfield and shall not be used by an applicant to pay any administrative costs incurred by the applicant. Costs related to the use of a certified professional for purposes of section 122.654 of the Revised Code are not administrative costs and may be paid with moneys from grants awarded or loans made under section 122.653 of the Revised Code.

(E) The portion of net proceeds of obligations devoted under division (A) of this section for the purposes of section 122.656 of the Revised Code shall be used to make grants for assessments, cleanup or remediation of brownfields, and public health projects that have been approved by the director of development under that section. The department of development shall administer section 122.656 of the Revised Code in accordance with this section, policies and requirements established under section 122.657 of the Revised Code, and the terms of agreements entered into by the director under section 122.656 of the Revised Code. The director shall not grant more than twenty-five million dollars for public health projects under section 122.656 of the Revised Code.

(F) Grants awarded under section 122.656 of the Revised Code shall be used by an applicant only to pay the costs of actually conducting an assessment, a cleanup or remediation of a brownfield, or a public health project and shall not be used by an applicant to pay any administrative costs incurred by the applicant. Costs related to the use of a certified professional for purposes of section 122.654 of the Revised Code are not administrative costs and may be paid with moneys from grants awarded under section 122.656 of the Revised Code.

(G)(1) The clean Ohio revitalization revolving loan fund is hereby created in the state treasury. Payments of principal and interest on loans made from the clean Ohio revitalization fund shall be credited to this revolving loan fund, as shall payments of principal and interest on loans made from the revolving loan fund itself. The revolving loan fund's investment earnings shall be credited to it.

(2) The clean Ohio revitalization revolving loan fund shall be used to make loans for the same purposes and subject to the same policies, requirements, criteria, and application procedures as loans made from the clean Ohio revitalization fund.

Sec. 122.87. As used in sections 122.87 to ~~122.89~~ 122.90 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Surety company" means a company that is authorized by the department of insurance to issue bonds as surety.

(B) "Minority business" means any of the following occupations:

(1) Minority construction contractor;

(2) Minority seller;

(3) Minority service vendor.

(C) "Minority construction contractor" means a person who is both a construction contractor and an owner of a minority business enterprise certified under division (B) of section 123.151 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Minority seller" means a person who is both a seller of goods and an owner of a minority business enterprise listed on the special minority business enterprise bid notification list under division (B) of section 125.08 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Minority service vendor" means a person who is both a vendor of services and an owner of a minority business enterprise listed on the special minority business enterprise bid notification list under division (B) of section 125.08 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Minority business enterprise" has the meaning given in section 122.71 of the Revised Code.

(G) "EDGE business enterprise" means a sole proprietorship, association, partnership, corporation, limited liability corporation, or joint venture certified as a participant in the encouraging diversity, growth, and equity program by the director of administrative services under section 123.152 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 122.88. (A) There is hereby created in the state treasury the minority business bonding fund, consisting of moneys deposited or credited to it pursuant to section 169.05 of the Revised Code; all grants, gifts, and contributions received pursuant to division (B)(9) of section 122.74 of the Revised Code; all moneys recovered following defaults; and any other moneys obtained by the director of development for the purposes of sections 122.87 to ~~122.89~~ 122.90 of the Revised Code. The fund shall be administered by the director. Moneys in the fund shall be held in trust for the purposes of sections 122.87 to ~~122.89~~ 122.90 of the Revised Code.

(B) Any claims against the state arising from defaults shall be payable from the minority business bonding program administrative and loss reserve fund as provided in division (C) of this section or from the minority business bonding fund. Nothing in sections 122.87 to ~~122.89~~ 122.90 of the Revised Code grants or pledges to any obligee or other person any state moneys other than the moneys in the minority business bonding program administrative and loss reserve fund or the minority business bonding fund, or moneys available to the minority business bonding fund upon request of the director in accordance with division (B) of section 169.05 of the Revised Code.

(C) There is hereby created in the state treasury the minority business bonding program administrative and loss reserve fund, consisting of all premiums charged and collected in accordance with section 122.89 of the Revised Code and any interest income earned from the moneys in the minority business bonding fund. All expenses of the director and the minority development financing advisory board in carrying out the purposes

of sections 122.87 to ~~122.89~~ 122.90 of the Revised Code shall be paid from the minority business bonding program administrative and loss reserve fund.

Any moneys to the credit of the minority business bonding program administrative and loss reserve fund in excess of the amount necessary to fund the appropriation authority for the minority business bonding program administrative and loss reserve fund shall be held as a loss reserve to pay claims arising from defaults on surety bonds underwritten in accordance with section 122.89 of the Revised Code or guaranteed in accordance with section 122.90 of the Revised Code. If the balance of funds in the minority business bonding program administrative and loss reserve fund is insufficient to pay a claim against the state arising from default, then such claim shall be payable from the minority business bonding fund.

Sec. 122.90. (A) The director of development may guarantee bonds executed by sureties for minority businesses and EDGE business enterprises certified under section 123.152 of the Revised Code as principals on contracts with the state, any political subdivision or instrumentality, or any person as the obligee. The director, as guarantor, may exercise all the rights and powers of a company authorized by the department of insurance to guarantee bonds under Chapter 3929. of the Revised Code but otherwise is not subject to any laws related to a guaranty company under Title XXXIX of the Revised Code nor to any rules of the department of insurance.

(B) The director shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to establish procedures for the application for bond guarantees and the review and approval of applications for bond guarantees submitted by sureties that execute bonds eligible for guarantees under division (A) of this section.

(C) In accordance with rules adopted pursuant to this section, the director may guarantee up to ninety per cent of the loss incurred and paid by sureties on bonds guaranteed under division (A) of this section.

(D) The penal sum amounts of all outstanding guarantees made by the director under this section shall not exceed three times the difference between the amount of moneys in the minority business bonding fund and available to the fund under division (B) of section 169.05 of the Revised Code and the amount of all outstanding bonds issued by the director in accordance with division (A) of section 122.89 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 123.01. (A) The department of administrative services, in addition to those powers enumerated in Chapters 124. and 125. of the Revised Code, and as provided elsewhere by law, shall exercise the following powers:

(1) To prepare, or contract to be prepared, by licensed engineers or architects, surveys, general and detailed plans, specifications, bills of

materials, and estimates of cost for any projects, improvements, or public buildings to be constructed by state agencies that may be authorized by legislative appropriations or any other funds made available therefor, provided that the construction of the projects, improvements, or public buildings is a statutory duty of the department. This section does not require the independent employment of an architect or engineer as provided by section 153.01 of the Revised Code in the cases to which that section applies nor affect or alter the existing powers of the director of transportation.

(2) To have general supervision over the construction of any projects, improvements, or public buildings constructed for a state agency and over the inspection of materials previous to their incorporation into those projects, improvements, or buildings;

(3) To make contracts for and supervise the construction of any projects and improvements or the construction and repair of buildings under the control of a state agency, except contracts for the repair of buildings under the management and control of the departments of public safety, job and family services, mental health, mental retardation and developmental disabilities, rehabilitation and correction, and youth services, the bureau of workers' compensation, the rehabilitation services commission, and boards of trustees of educational and benevolent institutions. These contracts shall be made and entered into by the directors of public safety, job and family services, mental health, mental retardation and developmental disabilities, rehabilitation and correction, and youth services, the administrator of workers' compensation, the rehabilitation services commission, and the boards of trustees of such institutions, respectively. All such contracts may be in whole or in part on unit price basis of maximum estimated cost, with payment computed and made upon actual quantities or units.

(4) To prepare and suggest comprehensive plans for the development of grounds and buildings under the control of a state agency;

(5) To acquire, by purchase, gift, devise, lease, or grant, all real estate required by a state agency, in the exercise of which power the department may exercise the power of eminent domain, in the manner provided by sections 163.01 to 163.22 of the Revised Code;

(6) To make and provide all plans, specifications, and models for the construction and perfection of all systems of sewerage, drainage, and plumbing for the state in connection with buildings and grounds under the control of a state agency;

(7) To erect, supervise, and maintain all public monuments and memorials erected by the state, except where the supervision and maintenance is otherwise provided by law;

(8) To procure, by lease, storage accommodations for a state agency;

(9) To lease or grant easements or licenses for unproductive and unused lands or other property under the control of a state agency. Such leases, easements, or licenses shall be granted for a period not to exceed fifteen years and shall be executed for the state by the director of administrative services and the governor and shall be approved as to form by the attorney general, provided that leases, easements, or licenses may be granted to any county, township, municipal corporation, port authority, water or sewer district, school district, library district, health district, park district, soil and water conservation district, conservancy district, or other political subdivision or taxing district, or any agency of the United States government, for the exclusive use of that agency, political subdivision, or taxing district, without any right of sublease or assignment, for a period not to exceed fifteen years, and provided that the director shall grant leases, easements, or licenses of university land for periods not to exceed twenty-five years for purposes approved by the respective university's board of trustees wherein the uses are compatible with the uses and needs of the university and may grant leases of university land for periods not to exceed forty years for purposes approved by the respective university's board of trustees pursuant to section 123.77 of the Revised Code.

(10) To lease office space in buildings for the use of a state agency;

(11) To have general supervision and care of the storerooms, offices, and buildings leased for the use of a state agency;

(12) To exercise general custodial care of all real property of the state;

(13) To assign and group together state offices in any city in the state and to establish, in cooperation with the state agencies involved, rules governing space requirements for office or storage use;

(14) To lease for a period not to exceed forty years, pursuant to a contract providing for the construction thereof under a lease-purchase plan, buildings, structures, and other improvements for any public purpose, and, in conjunction therewith, to grant leases, easements, or licenses for lands under the control of a state agency for a period not to exceed forty years. The lease-purchase plan shall provide that at the end of the lease period, the buildings, structures, and related improvements, together with the land on which they are situated, shall become the property of the state without cost.

(a) Whenever any building, structure, or other improvement is to be so leased by a state agency, the department shall retain either basic plans, specifications, bills of materials, and estimates of cost with sufficient detail to afford bidders all needed information or, alternatively, all of the following plans, details, bills of materials, and specifications:

(i) Full and accurate plans suitable for the use of mechanics and other builders in the improvement;

(ii) Details to scale and full sized, so drawn and represented as to be easily understood;

(iii) Accurate bills showing the exact quantity of different kinds of material necessary to the construction;

(iv) Definite and complete specifications of the work to be performed, together with such directions as will enable a competent mechanic or other builder to carry them out and afford bidders all needed information;

(v) A full and accurate estimate of each item of expense and of the aggregate cost thereof.

(b) The department shall give public notice, in such newspaper, in such form, and with such phraseology as the director of administrative services prescribes, published once each week for four consecutive weeks, of the time when and place where bids will be received for entering into an agreement to lease to a state agency a building, structure, or other improvement. The last publication shall be at least eight days preceding the day for opening the bids. The bids shall contain the terms upon which the builder would propose to lease the building, structure, or other improvement to the state agency. The form of the bid approved by the department shall be used, and a bid is invalid and shall not be considered unless that form is used without change, alteration, or addition. Before submitting bids pursuant to this section, any builder shall comply with Chapter 153. of the Revised Code.

(c) On the day and at the place named for receiving bids for entering into lease agreements with a state agency, the director of administrative services shall open the bids and shall publicly proceed immediately to tabulate the bids upon duplicate sheets. No lease agreement shall be entered into until the bureau of workers' compensation has certified that the person to be awarded the lease agreement has complied with Chapter 4123. of the Revised Code, until, if the builder submitting the lowest and best bid is a foreign corporation, the secretary of state has certified that the corporation is authorized to do business in this state, until, if the builder submitting the lowest and best bid is a person nonresident of this state, the person has filed with the secretary of state a power of attorney designating the secretary of state as its agent for the purpose of accepting service of summons in any action brought under Chapter 4123. of the Revised Code, and until the agreement is submitted to the attorney general and the attorney general's approval is certified thereon. Within thirty days after the day on which the bids are received, the department shall investigate the bids received and

shall determine that the bureau and the secretary of state have made the certifications required by this section of the builder who has submitted the lowest and best bid. Within ten days of the completion of the investigation of the bids, the department shall award the lease agreement to the builder who has submitted the lowest and best bid and who has been certified by the bureau and secretary of state as required by this section. If bidding for the lease agreement has been conducted upon the basis of basic plans, specifications, bills of materials, and estimates of costs, upon the award to the builder the department, or the builder with the approval of the department, shall appoint an architect or engineer licensed in this state to prepare such further detailed plans, specifications, and bills of materials as are required to construct the building, structure, or improvement. The department shall adopt such rules as are necessary to give effect to this section. The department may reject any bid. Where there is reason to believe there is collusion or combination among bidders, the bids of those concerned therein shall be rejected.

(15) To acquire by purchase, gift, devise, or grant and to transfer, lease, or otherwise dispose of all real property required to assist in the development of a conversion facility as defined in section 5709.30 of the Revised Code as that section existed before its repeal by H.B. 95 of the 125th general assembly;

(16) To lease for a period not to exceed forty years, notwithstanding any other division of this section, the state-owned property located at 408-450 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio, formerly the state school for the deaf, to a developer in accordance with this section. "Developer," as used in this section, has the same meaning as in section 123.77 of the Revised Code.

Such a lease shall be for the purpose of development of the land for use by senior citizens by constructing, altering, renovating, repairing, expanding, and improving the site as it existed on June 25, 1982. A developer desiring to lease the land shall prepare for submission to the department a plan for development. Plans shall include provisions for roads, sewers, water lines, waste disposal, water supply, and similar matters to meet the requirements of state and local laws. The plans shall also include provision for protection of the property by insurance or otherwise, and plans for financing the development, and shall set forth details of the developer's financial responsibility.

The department may employ, as employees or consultants, persons needed to assist in reviewing the development plans. Those persons may include attorneys, financial experts, engineers, and other necessary experts. The department shall review the development plans and may enter into a

lease if it finds all of the following:

(a) The best interests of the state will be promoted by entering into a lease with the developer;

(b) The development plans are satisfactory;

(c) The developer has established the developer's financial responsibility and satisfactory plans for financing the development.

The lease shall contain a provision that construction or renovation of the buildings, roads, structures, and other necessary facilities shall begin within one year after the date of the lease and shall proceed according to a schedule agreed to between the department and the developer or the lease will be terminated. The lease shall contain such conditions and stipulations as the director considers necessary to preserve the best interest of the state. Moneys received by the state pursuant to this lease shall be paid into the general revenue fund. The lease shall provide that at the end of the lease period the buildings, structures, and related improvements shall become the property of the state without cost.

(17) To lease to any person any tract of land owned by the state and under the control of the department, or any part of such a tract, for the purpose of drilling for or the pooling of oil or gas. Such a lease shall be granted for a period not exceeding forty years, with the full power to contract for, determine the conditions governing, and specify the amount the state shall receive for the purposes specified in the lease, and shall be prepared as in other cases.

(18) Biennially implement, by state agency location, a census of agency employees assigned space;

(19) Require each state agency to categorize periodically the use of space allotted to the agency between office space, common areas, storage space, and other uses and report its findings to the department;

(20) Create and update periodically a master space utilization plan for all space allotted to state agencies. The plan shall incorporate space utilization metrics.

(21) Conduct periodically a cost-benefit analysis to determine the effectiveness of state-owned buildings;

(22) Assess periodically the alternatives associated with consolidating the commercial leases for buildings located in Columbus;

(23) Commission a comprehensive space utilization and capacity study in order to determine the feasibility of consolidating existing commercially leased space used by state agencies into a new state-owned facility.

(B) This section and section 125.02 of the Revised Code shall not interfere with any of the following:

(1) The power of the adjutant general to purchase military supplies, or with the custody of the adjutant general of property leased, purchased, or constructed by the state and used for military purposes, or with the functions of the adjutant general as director of state armories;

(2) The power of the director of transportation in acquiring rights-of-way for the state highway system, or the leasing of lands for division or resident district offices, or the leasing of lands or buildings required in the maintenance operations of the department of transportation, or the purchase of real property for garage sites or division or resident district offices, or in preparing plans and specifications for and constructing such buildings as the director may require in the administration of the department;

(3) The power of the director of public safety and the registrar of motor vehicles to purchase or lease real property and buildings to be used solely as locations to which a deputy registrar is assigned pursuant to division (B) of section 4507.011 of the Revised Code and from which the deputy registrar is to conduct the deputy registrar's business, the power of the director of public safety to purchase or lease real property and buildings to be used as locations for division or district offices as required in the maintenance of operations of the department of public safety, and the power of the superintendent of the state highway patrol in the purchase or leasing of real property and buildings needed by the patrol, to negotiate the sale of real property owned by the patrol, to rent or lease real property owned or leased by the patrol, and to make or cause to be made repairs to all property owned or under the control of the patrol;

(4) The power of the division of liquor control in the leasing or purchasing of retail outlets and warehouse facilities for the use of the division;

(5) The power of the director of development to enter into leases of real property, buildings, and office space to be used solely as locations for the state's foreign offices to carry out the purposes of section 122.05 of the Revised Code.

(C) Purchases for, and the custody and repair of, buildings under the management and control of the capitol square review and advisory board, the rehabilitation services commission, the bureau of workers' compensation, or the departments of public safety, job and family services, mental health, mental retardation and developmental disabilities, and rehabilitation and correction, and buildings of educational and benevolent institutions under the management and control of boards of trustees, are not subject to the control and jurisdiction of the department of administrative

services.

(D) Any instrument by which real property is acquired pursuant to this section shall identify the agency of the state that has the use and benefit of the real property as specified in section 5301.012 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 123.152. (A) As used in this section, "EDGE business enterprise" means a sole proprietorship, association, partnership, corporation, limited liability corporation, or joint venture certified as a participant in the encouraging diversity, growth, and equity program by the director of administrative services under this section of the Revised Code.

(B) The director of administrative services shall establish a business assistance program known as the encouraging diversity, growth, and equity program and shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to administer the program and that do all of the following:

(1) Establish procedures by which a sole proprietorship, association, partnership, corporation, limited liability corporation, or joint venture may apply for certification as an EDGE business enterprise;

(2) Establish agency procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises in the award of contracts under Chapters 123., 125., and 153. of the Revised Code based on the availability of eligible program participants by region or geographic area, as determined by the director, and by standard industrial code.

(a) Goals established under division (B)(2) of this section shall be based on a percentage level of participation and a percentage of contractor availability.

(b) Goals established under division (B)(2) of this section shall be applied at the contract level, relative to an overall dollar goal for each state agency, in accordance with the following certification categories: construction, architecture, and engineering; professional services; goods and services; and information technology services.

(3) Establish a system of certifying EDGE business enterprises based on a requirement that the business owner or owners show both social and economic disadvantage based on the following, as determined to be sufficient by the director:

(a) Relative wealth of the business seeking certification as well as the personal wealth of the owner or owners of the business;

(b) Social disadvantage based on any of the following:

(i) A rebuttable presumption when the business owner or owners demonstrate membership in a racial minority group or show personal disadvantage due to color, ethnic origin, gender, physical disability, long-term residence in an environment isolated from the mainstream of

American society, location in an area of high unemployment;

(ii) Some other demonstration of personal disadvantage not common to other small businesses;

(iii) By business location in a qualified census tract.

(c) Economic disadvantage based on economic and business size thresholds and eligibility criteria designed to stimulate economic development through contract awards to businesses located in qualified census tracts.

(4) Establish standards to determine when an EDGE business enterprise no longer qualifies for EDGE business enterprise certification;

(5) Develop a process for evaluating and adjusting goals established by this section to determine what adjustments are necessary to achieve participation goals established by the director;

(6) Establish a point system to evaluate bid proposals to encourage EDGE business enterprises to participate in the procurement of professional design and information technology services;

(7) Establish a system to track data and analyze each certification category established under division (B)(2)(b) of this section;

(8) Establish a process to mediate complaints and to review EDGE business enterprise certification appeals;

(9) Implement an outreach program to educate potential participants about the encouraging diversity, growth, and equity program;

(10) Establish a system to assist state agencies in identifying and utilizing EDGE business enterprises in their contracting processes;

(11) Implement a system of self-reporting by EDGE business enterprises as well as an on-site inspection process to validate the qualifications of an EDGE business enterprise;

(12) Establish a waiver mechanism to waive program goals or participation requirements for those companies that, despite their best-documented efforts, are unable to contract with certified EDGE business enterprises;

(13) Establish a process for monitoring overall program compliance in which equal employment opportunity officers primarily are responsible for monitoring their respective agencies.

(C) Not later than December 31, 2003, the director of administrative services shall prepare a detailed report to the governor outlining and evaluating the progress made in implementing the encouraging diversity, growth, and equity program.

Sec. 124.03. The state personnel board of review shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties:

(A) Hear appeals, as provided by law, of employees in the classified state service from final decisions of appointing authorities or the director of administrative services relative to reduction in pay or position, job abolishments, layoff, suspension, discharge, assignment or reassignment to a new or different position classification, or refusal of the director, or anybody authorized to perform the director's functions, to reassign an employee to another classification or to reclassify the employee's position with or without a job audit under division (D) of section 124.14 of the Revised Code. As used in this division, "discharge" includes disability separations. ~~The~~

The board may affirm, disaffirm, or modify the decisions of the appointing authorities or the director, as the case may be, and its decision is final. The board's decisions shall be consistent with the applicable classification specifications. ~~The~~

The board shall not be deprived of jurisdiction to hear any appeal due to the failure of an appointing authority to file its decision with the board. Any final decision of an appointing authority or of the director not filed in the manner provided in this chapter shall be disaffirmed. ~~The~~

The board may place an exempt employee, as defined in section 124.152 of the Revised Code, into a bargaining unit classification, if the board determines that the bargaining unit classification is the proper classification for that employee. Notwithstanding Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code or instruments and contracts negotiated under it, such placements are at the board's discretion.

In any hearing before the board, including any hearing at which a record is taken that may be the basis of an appeal to a court, an employee may be represented by a person permitted to practice before the board who is not an attorney at law ~~so~~ as long as the person does not receive any compensation from the employee for ~~such~~ the representation.

(B) Hear appeals, as provided by law, of appointing authorities from final decisions of the director relative to the classification or reclassification of any position in the classified state service under the jurisdiction of ~~such~~ that appointing authority. The board may affirm, disaffirm, or modify the decisions of the director, and its decision is final. The board's decisions shall be consistent with the applicable classification specifications.

(C) Exercise the authority provided by section 124.40 of the Revised Code, for appointment, removal, and supervision of municipal and civil service township civil service commissions;

(D) Appoint a secretary, referees, examiners, and whatever other employees are necessary in the exercise of its powers and performance of its

duties and functions. The board shall determine appropriate education and experience requirements for its secretary, referees, examiners, and other employees and shall prescribe their duties. A referee or examiner does not need to have been admitted to the practice of law.

(E) Maintain a journal ~~which~~ that shall be open to public inspection, in which it shall keep a record of all of its proceedings and of the vote of each of its members upon every action taken by it;

(F) Adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code relating to the procedure of the board in administering the laws ~~which~~ it has the authority or duty to administer and for the purpose of invoking the jurisdiction of the board in hearing appeals of appointing authorities and employees in matters set forth in divisions (A) and (B) of this section;

(G) Subpoena and require the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books, papers, public records, and other documentary evidence pertinent to any matter ~~which~~ it has authority to investigate, inquire into, or hear in the same manner and to the same extent as provided by division (G) of section 124.09 of the Revised Code. All witness fees shall be paid in the manner set forth in that division.

(H) The board shall be funded by general revenue fund appropriations. All moneys received by the board for copies of documents, rule books, and transcriptions shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the transcript and other documents fund, which is hereby created to defray the cost of ~~furnishing or making available such copies, rule books, and transcriptions~~ producing an administrative record.

Sec. 124.15. (A) Board and commission members appointed prior to July 1, 1991, shall be paid a salary or wage in accordance with the following schedules of rates:

Schedule B

Pay Ranges and Step Values

Range		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
23	Hourly	5.72	5.91	6.10	6.31
	Annually	11897.60	12292.80	12688.00	13124.80
		Step 5	Step 6		
	Hourly	6.52	6.75		
	Annually	13561.60	14040.00		
		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
24	Hourly	6.00	6.20	6.41	6.63
	Annually	12480.00	12896.00	13332.80	13790.40
		Step 5	Step 6		
	Hourly	6.87	7.10		

	Annually	14289.60	14768.00		
		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
25	Hourly	6.31	6.52	6.75	6.99
	Annually	13124.80	13561.60	14040.00	14539.20
		Step 5	Step 6		
	Hourly	7.23	7.41		
	Annually	15038.40	15412.80		
		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
26	Hourly	6.63	6.87	7.10	7.32
	Annually	13790.40	14289.60	14768.00	15225.60
		Step 5	Step 6		
	Hourly	7.53	7.77		
	Annually	15662.40	16161.60		
		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
27	Hourly	6.99	7.23	7.41	7.64
	Annually	14534.20	15038.40	15412.80	15891.20
		Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	
	Hourly	7.88	8.15	8.46	
	Annually	16390.40	16952.00	17596.80	
		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
28	Hourly	7.41	7.64	7.88	8.15
	Annually	15412.80	15891.20	16390.40	16952.00
		Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	
	Hourly	8.46	8.79	9.15	
	Annually	17596.80	18283.20	19032.00	
		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
29	Hourly	7.88	8.15	8.46	8.79
	Annually	16390.40	16952.00	17596.80	18283.20
		Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	
	Hourly	9.15	9.58	10.01	
	Annually	19032.00	19926.40	20820.80	
		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
30	Hourly	8.46	8.79	9.15	9.58
	Annually	17596.80	18283.20	19032.00	19926.40
		Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	
	Hourly	10.01	10.46	10.99	
	Annually	20820.80	21756.80	22859.20	
		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
31	Hourly	9.15	9.58	10.01	10.46
	Annually	19032.00	19962.40	20820.80	21756.80

		Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	
	Hourly	10.99	11.52	12.09	
	Annually	22859.20	23961.60	25147.20	
		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
32	Hourly	10.01	10.46	10.99	11.52
	Annually	20820.80	21756.80	22859.20	23961.60
		Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
	Hourly	12.09	12.68	13.29	13.94
	Annually	25147.20	26374.40	27643.20	28995.20
		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
33	Hourly	10.99	11.52	12.09	12.68
	Annually	22859.20	23961.60	25147.20	26374.40
		Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
	Hourly	13.29	13.94	14.63	15.35
	Annually	27643.20	28995.20	30430.40	31928.00
		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
34	Hourly	12.09	12.68	13.29	13.94
	Annually	25147.20	26374.40	27643.20	28995.20
		Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
	Hourly	14.63	15.35	16.11	16.91
	Annually	30430.40	31928.00	33508.80	35172.80
		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
35	Hourly	13.29	13.94	14.63	15.35
	Annually	27643.20	28995.20	30430.40	31928.00
		Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
	Hourly	16.11	16.91	17.73	18.62
	Annually	33508.80	35172.80	36878.40	38729.60
		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
36	Hourly	14.63	15.35	16.11	16.91
	Annually	30430.40	31928.00	33508.80	35172.80
		Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
	Hourly	17.73	18.62	19.54	20.51
	Annually	36878.40	38729.60	40643.20	42660.80

Schedule C

Pay Range and Values

Range		Minimum	Maximum
41	Hourly	10.44	15.72
	Annually	21715.20	32697.60
42	Hourly	11.51	17.35
	Annually	23940.80	36088.00

43 Hourly	12.68	19.12
Annually	26374.40	39769.60
44 Hourly	13.99	20.87
Annually	29099.20	43409.60
45 Hourly	15.44	22.80
Annually	32115.20	47424.00
46 Hourly	17.01	24.90
Annually	35380.80	51792.00
47 Hourly	18.75	27.18
Annually	39000.00	56534.40
48 Hourly	20.67	29.69
Annually	42993.60	61755.20
49 Hourly	22.80	32.06
Annually	47424.00	66684.80

(B) The pay schedule of all employees shall be on a biweekly basis, with amounts computed on an hourly basis.

(C) Part-time employees shall be compensated on an hourly basis for time worked, at the rates shown in division (A) of this section or in section 124.152 of the Revised Code.

(D) The salary and wage rates in division (A) of this section or in section 124.152 of the Revised Code represent base rates of compensation and may be augmented by the provisions of section 124.181 of the Revised Code. In those cases where lodging, meals, laundry, or other personal services are furnished an employee, the actual costs or fair market value of the personal services shall be paid by the employee in such amounts and manner as determined by the director of administrative services and approved by the director of budget and management, and those personal services shall not be considered as a part of the employee's compensation. An appointing authority, with the approval of the director of administrative services and the director of budget and management, may establish payments to employees for uniforms, tools, equipment, and other requirements of the department and payments for the maintenance of them.

The director of administrative services may review collective bargaining agreements entered into under Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code that cover state employees and determine whether certain benefits or payments provided to state employees covered by those agreements should also be provided to employees who are exempt from collective bargaining coverage and are paid in accordance with section 124.152 of the Revised Code or are listed in division (B)(2) or (4) of section 124.14 of the Revised Code. On completing the review, the director of administrative services, with the

approval of the director of budget and management, may provide to some or all of these employees any payment or benefit, except for salary, contained in such a collective bargaining agreement even if it is similar to a payment or benefit already provided by law to some or all of these employees. Any payment or benefit so provided shall not exceed the highest level for that payment or benefit specified in such a collective bargaining agreement. The director of administrative services shall not provide, and the director of budget and management shall not approve, any payment or benefit to such an employee under this division unless the payment or benefit is provided pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement to a state employee who is in a position with similar duties as, is supervised by, or is employed by the same appointing authority as, the employee to whom the benefit or payment is to be provided.

As used in this division, "payment or benefit already provided by law" includes, but is not limited to, bereavement, personal, vacation, administrative, and sick leave, disability benefits, holiday pay, and pay supplements provided under the Revised Code, but does not include wages or salary.

(E) New employees paid under schedule B of division (A) of this section or under schedule E-1 of section 124.152 of the Revised Code shall be employed at the minimum rate established for the range unless otherwise provided. Employees with qualifications that are beyond the minimum normally required for the position and that are determined by the director to be exceptional may be employed in, or may be transferred or promoted to, a position at an advanced step of the range. Further, in time of a serious labor market condition when it is relatively impossible to recruit employees at the minimum rate for a particular classification, the entrance rate may be set at an advanced step in the range by the director of administrative services. This rate may be limited to geographical regions of the state. Appointments made to an advanced step under the provision regarding exceptional qualifications shall not affect the step assignment of employees already serving. However, anytime the hiring rate of an entire classification is advanced to a higher step, all incumbents of that classification being paid at a step lower than that being used for hiring, shall be advanced beginning at the start of the first pay period thereafter to the new hiring rate, and any time accrued at the lower step will be used to calculate advancement to a succeeding step. If the hiring rate of a classification is increased for only a geographical region of the state, only incumbents who work in that geographical region shall be advanced to a higher step. When an employee in the unclassified service changes from one state position to another or is appointed to a position in

the classified service, or if an employee in the classified service is appointed to a position in the unclassified service, the employee's salary or wage in the new position shall be determined in the same manner as if the employee were an employee in the classified service. When an employee in the unclassified service who is not eligible for step increases is appointed to a classification in the classified service under which step increases are provided, future step increases shall be based on the date on which the employee last received a pay increase. If the employee has not received an increase during the previous year, the date of the appointment to the classified service shall be used to determine the employee's annual step advancement eligibility date. In reassigning any employee to a classification resulting in a pay range increase or to a new pay range as a result of a promotion, an increase pay range adjustment, or other classification change resulting in a pay range increase, the director shall assign such employee to the step in the new pay range that will provide an increase of approximately four per cent if the new pay range can accommodate the increase. When an employee is being assigned to a classification or new pay range as the result of a class plan change, if the employee has completed a probationary period, the employee shall be placed in a step no lower than step two of the new pay range. If the employee has not completed a probationary period, the employee may be placed in step one of the new pay range. Such new salary or wage shall become effective on such date as the director determines.

(F) If employment conditions and the urgency of the work require such action, the director of administrative services may, upon the application of a department head, authorize payment at any rate established within the range for the class of work, for work of a casual or intermittent nature or on a project basis. Payment at such rates shall not be made to the same individual for more than three calendar months in any one calendar year. Any such action shall be subject to the approval of the director of budget and management as to the availability of funds. This section and sections 124.14 and 124.152 of the Revised Code do not repeal any authority of any department or public official to contract with or fix the compensation of professional persons who may be employed temporarily for work of a casual nature or for work on a project basis.

(G) ~~Each~~ (1) Except as provided in division (G)(2) of this section, each state employee paid under schedule B of this section or under schedule E-1 of section 124.152 of the Revised Code shall be eligible for advancement to succeeding steps in the range for the employee's class according to the schedule established in this division. Beginning on the first day of the pay period within which the employee completes the prescribed probationary

period in the employee's classification with the state, each employee shall receive an automatic salary adjustment equivalent to the next higher step within the pay range for the employee's class or grade.

Each employee paid under schedule E-1 of section 124.152 of the Revised Code shall be eligible to advance to the next higher step until the employee reaches step six, if the employee has maintained satisfactory performance in accordance with criteria established by the employee's appointing authority. Those step ~~increases~~ advancements shall not occur more frequently than once in any twelve-month period. An employee only may advance to step seven upon performing at an exemplary level as determined in the employee's performance evaluation. An employee's advancement to step seven is at the discretion of the employee's appointing authority. An employee may not appeal the denial of advancement to step seven to the state personnel board of review.

When an employee is promoted or reassigned to a higher pay range, the employee's step indicator shall return to "0" or be adjusted to account for a probationary period, as appropriate. Step advancement shall not be affected by demotion. A promoted employee shall advance to the next higher step of the pay range on the first day of the pay period in which the required probationary period is completed. Step advancement shall become effective at the beginning of the pay period within which the employee attains the necessary length of service. Time spent on authorized leave of absence shall be counted for this purpose.

If determined to be in the best interest of the state service, the director of administrative services may, either statewide or in selected agencies, adjust the dates on which annual step ~~increases~~ advancements are received by employees paid under schedule E-1 of section 124.152 of the Revised Code.

(2)(a)(i) Except as provided in division (G)(2)(a)(ii) of this section, there shall be a moratorium on step advancements under division (G)(1) of this section from the pay period beginning June 29, 2003, through the pay period ending June 25, 2005. Step advancements shall resume with the pay period beginning June 26, 2005. Upon the resumption of step advancements, there shall be no retroactive step advancements for the period the moratorium was in effect. The moratorium shall not affect an employee's performance evaluation schedule.

(ii) During the moratorium under division (G)(2)(a)(i) of this section, an employee who is hired or promoted and serves a probationary period in the employee's new position shall advance to the next step in the employee's pay range upon successful completion of the employee's probationary period. Thereafter, the employee is subject to the moratorium.

(b) The moratorium under division (G)(2)(a)(i) of this section shall apply to the employees of the secretary of state, the auditor of state, the treasurer of state, and the attorney general, who are subject to this section unless the secretary of state, the auditor of state, the treasurer of state, or the attorney general decides to exempt the office's employees from the moratorium and so notifies the director of administrative services in writing on or before July 1, 2003.

(H) Employees in appointive managerial or professional positions paid under salary schedule C of this section or under salary schedule E-2 of section 124.152 of the Revised Code may be appointed at any rate within the appropriate pay range. This rate of pay may be adjusted higher or lower within the respective pay range at any time the appointing authority so desires as long as the adjustment is based on the employee's ability to successfully administer those duties assigned to the employee. Salary adjustments shall not be made more frequently than once in any six-month period under this provision to incumbents holding the same position and classification.

(I) When an employee is assigned to duty outside this state, the employee may be compensated, upon request of the department head and with the approval of the director of administrative services, at a rate not to exceed fifty per cent in excess of the employee's current base rate for the period of time spent on that duty.

(J) Unless compensation for members of a board or commission is otherwise specifically provided by law, the director of administrative services shall establish the rate and method of payment for members of boards and commissions pursuant to the pay schedules listed in section 124.152 of the Revised Code.

(K) Regular full-time employees in positions assigned to classes within the instruction and education administration series under the rules of the director of administrative services, except certificated employees on the instructional staff of the state school for the blind or the state school for the deaf, whose positions are scheduled to work on the basis of an academic year rather than a full calendar year, shall be paid according to the pay range assigned by such rules but only during those pay periods included in the academic year of the school where the employee is located.

(1) Part-time or substitute teachers or those whose period of employment is other than the full academic year shall be compensated for the actual time worked at the rate established by this section.

(2) Employees governed by this division are exempt from sections 124.13 and 124.19 of the Revised Code.

(3) Length of service for the purpose of determining eligibility for step ~~increases~~ advancements as provided by division (G) of this section and for the purpose of determining eligibility for longevity pay supplements as provided by division ~~(F)~~(E) of section 124.181 of the Revised Code shall be computed on the basis of one full year of service for the completion of each academic year.

(L) The superintendent of the state school for the deaf and the superintendent of the state school for the blind shall, subject to the approval of the superintendent of public instruction, carry out both of the following:

(1) Annually, between the first day of April and the last day of June, establish for the ensuing fiscal year a schedule of hourly rates for the compensation of each certificated employee on the instructional staff of that superintendent's respective school constructed as follows:

(a) Determine for each level of training, experience, and other professional qualification for which an hourly rate is set forth in the current schedule, the per cent that rate is of the rate set forth in such schedule for a teacher with a bachelor's degree and no experience. If there is more than one such rate for such a teacher, the lowest rate shall be used to make the computation.

(b) Determine which six city, local, and exempted village school districts with territory in Franklin county have in effect on, or have adopted by, the first day of April for the school year that begins on the ensuing first day of July, teacher salary schedules with the highest minimum salaries for a teacher with a bachelor's degree and no experience;

(c) Divide the sum of such six highest minimum salaries by ten thousand five hundred sixty;

(d) Multiply each per cent determined in division (L)(1)(a) of this section by the quotient obtained in division (L)(1)(c) of this section;

(e) One hundred five per cent of each product thus obtained shall be the hourly rate for the corresponding level of training, experience, or other professional qualification in the schedule for the ensuing fiscal year.

(2) Annually, assign each certificated employee on the instructional staff of the superintendent's respective school to an hourly rate on the schedule that is commensurate with the employee's training, experience, and other professional qualifications.

If an employee is employed on the basis of an academic year, the employee's annual salary shall be calculated by multiplying the employee's assigned hourly rate times one thousand seven hundred sixty. If an employee is not employed on the basis of an academic year, the employee's annual salary shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

(a) Multiply the number of days the employee is required to work pursuant to the employee's contract by eight;

(b) Multiply the product of division (L)(2)(a) of this section by the employee's assigned hourly rate.

Each employee shall be paid an annual salary in biweekly installments. The amount of each installment shall be calculated by dividing the employee's annual salary by the number of biweekly installments to be paid during the year.

Sections 124.13 and 124.19 of the Revised Code do not apply to an employee who is paid under this division.

As used in this division, "academic year" means the number of days in each school year that the schools are required to be open for instruction with pupils in attendance. Upon completing an academic year, an employee paid under this division shall be deemed to have completed one year of service. An employee paid under this division is eligible to receive a pay supplement under division (L)(1), (2), or (3) of section 124.181 of the Revised Code for which the employee qualifies, but is not eligible to receive a pay supplement under division (L)(4) or (5) of that section. An employee paid under this division is eligible to receive a pay supplement under division (L)(6) of section 124.181 of the Revised Code for which the employee qualifies, except that the supplement is not limited to a maximum of five per cent of the employee's regular base salary in a calendar year.

(M) Division (A) of this section does not apply to "exempt employees," as defined in section 124.152 of the Revised Code, who are paid under that section.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, when an employee transfers between bargaining units or transfers out of or into a bargaining unit, the director shall establish the employee's compensation and adjust the maximum leave accrual schedule as the director deems equitable.

Sec. 124.152. (A) ~~Beginning on the first day of the pay period that includes July 1, 2000, each exempt employee shall be paid a salary or wage in accordance with the following schedule of rates:~~

~~Schedule E-1~~

~~Pay Ranges and Step Values~~

		Step	Step	Step	Step	Step	Step	Step
	Range	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Hourly	8.15	8.51	8.88	9.27			
	Annually	16952	17701	18470	19282			
2	Hourly	9.88	10.30	10.75	11.23			
	Annually	20550	21424	22360	23358			

3	Hourly	10.35	10.82	11.29	11.79			
	Annually	21528	22506	23483	24523			
4	Hourly	10.87	11.36	11.90	12.43			
	Annually	22610	23629	24752	25854			
5	Hourly	11.41	11.93	12.43	12.98			
	Annually	23733	24814	25854	26998			
6	Hourly	12.02	12.51	13.07	13.60			
	Annually	25002	26021	27186	28288			
7	Hourly	12.76	13.25	13.78	14.26	14.81		
	Annually	26541	27560	28662	29661	30805		
8	Hourly	13.50	14.09	14.71	15.35	16.01		
	Annually	28080	29307	30597	31928	33301		
9	Hourly	14.40	15.14	15.89	16.68	17.53		
	Annually	29952	31491	33051	34694	36462		
10	Hourly	15.54	16.38	17.27	18.25	19.23		
	Annually	32323	34070	35922	37960	39998		
11	Hourly	16.91	17.90	18.94	20.00	21.14		
	Annually	35173	37232	39395	41600	43971		
12	Hourly	18.66	19.70	20.76	21.91	23.13	24.40	25.74
	Annually	38813	40976	43181	45573	48110	50752	53539
13	Hourly	20.56	21.69	22.88	24.11	25.46	26.85	28.33
	Annually	42765	45115	47590	50149	52957	55848	58926
14	Hourly	22.62	23.89	25.18	26.56	28.06	29.61	31.24
	Annually	47050	49691	52374	55245	58365	61589	64979
15	Hourly	24.84	26.23	27.72	29.25	30.86	32.57	34.36
	Annually	51667	54558	57658	60840	64189	67746	71469
16	Hourly	27.39	28.91	30.51	32.21	33.99	35.92	37.90
	Annually	56971	60133	63461	66997	70699	74714	78832
17	Hourly	30.18	31.85	33.63	35.49	37.47	39.56	41.74
	Annually	62774	66248	69950	73819	77938	82285	86819
18	Hourly	33.26	35.10	37.07	39.12	41.28	43.59	45.99
	Annually	69181	73008	77106	81370	85862	90667	95659

Schedule E-2

	Range	Minimum	Maximum
41	Hourly	16.23	30.15
	Annually	33758	62712
42	Hourly	17.89	33.31
	Annually	37211	69285
43	Hourly	19.70	36.69
	Annually	40976	76315

44	Hourly	21.73	40.07
	Annually	45198	83346
45	Hourly	24.01	43.75
	Annually	49941	91000
46	Hourly	26.43	47.81
	Annually	54974	99445
47	Hourly	29.14	52.17
	Annually	60611	108514
48	Hourly	32.14	56.94
	Annually	66851	118435
49	Hourly	35.44	61.48
	Annually	73715	127878

(B) Beginning on the first day of the pay period that includes July 1, 2001, each exempt employee shall be paid a salary or wage in accordance with the following schedule of rates:

Schedule E-1

Pay Ranges and Step Values

		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7
	Range							
1	Hourly	8.44	8.81	9.19	9.59			
	Annually	17555	18325	19115	19947			
2	Hourly	10.23	10.66	11.13	11.62			
	Annually	21278	22173	23150	24170			
3	Hourly	10.71	11.20	11.69	12.20			
	Annually	22277	23296	24315	25376			
4	Hourly	11.25	11.76	12.32	12.87			
	Annually	23400	24461	25626	26770			
5	Hourly	11.81	12.35	12.87	13.43			
	Annually	24565	25688	26770	27934			
6	Hourly	12.44	12.95	13.53	14.08			
	Annually	25875	26936	28142	29286			
7	Hourly	13.21	13.71	14.26	14.76	15.33		
	Annually	27477	28517	29661	30701	31886		
8	Hourly	13.97	14.58	15.22	15.89	16.57		
	Annually	29058	30326	31658	33051	34466		
9	Hourly	14.90	15.67	16.45	17.26	18.14		
	Annually	30992	32594	34216	35901	37731		
10	Hourly	16.08	16.95	17.87	18.89	19.90		
	Annually	33446	35256	37170	39291	41392		
11	Hourly	17.50	18.53	19.60	20.70	21.88		

	Annually	36400	38542	40768	43056	45510		
12	Hourly	19.31	20.39	21.49	22.68	23.94	25.25	26.64
	Annually	40165	42411	44699	47174	49795	52520	55411
13	Hourly	21.28	22.45	23.68	24.95	26.35	27.79	29.32
	Annually	44262	46696	49254	51896	54808	57803	60986
14	Hourly	23.41	24.73	26.06	27.49	29.04	30.65	32.33
	Annually	48693	51438	54205	57179	60403	63752	67246
15	Hourly	25.71	27.15	28.69	30.27	31.94	33.71	35.56
	Annually	53477	56472	59675	62962	66435	70117	73965
16	Hourly	28.35	29.92	31.58	33.34	35.18	37.18	39.23
	Annually	58968	62234	65686	69347	73174	77334	81598
17	Hourly	31.24	32.96	34.81	36.73	38.78	40.94	43.20
	Annually	64979	68557	72405	76398	80662	85155	89856
18	Hourly	34.42	36.33	38.37	40.49	42.72	45.12	47.60
	Annually	71594	75566	79810	84219	88858	93850	99008

Schedule E-2

	Range	Minimum	Maximum
41	Hourly	16.23	31.21
	Annually	33758	64917
42	Hourly	17.89	34.48
	Annually	37211	71718
43	Hourly	19.70	37.97
	Annually	40976	78978
44	Hourly	21.73	41.47
	Annually	45198	86258
45	Hourly	24.01	45.28
	Annually	49941	94182
46	Hourly	26.43	49.48
	Annually	54974	102918
47	Hourly	29.14	54.00
	Annually	60611	112320
48	Hourly	32.14	58.93
	Annually	66851	122574
49	Hourly	35.44	63.63
	Annually	73715	132350

(C) Beginning on the first day of the pay period that includes July 1, 2002, each exempt employee shall be paid a salary or wage in accordance with the following schedule of rates:

Schedule E-1

Pay Ranges and Step Values

		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7
	Range							
1	Hourly	8.78	9.16	9.56	9.97			
	Annually	18262	19053	19885	20738			
2	Hourly	10.64	11.09	11.58	12.08			
	Annually	22131	23067	24086	25126			
3	Hourly	11.14	11.65	12.16	12.69			
	Annually	23171	24232	25293	26395			
4	Hourly	11.70	12.23	12.81	13.38			
	Annually	24336	25438	26645	27830			
5	Hourly	12.28	12.84	13.38	13.97			
	Annually	25542	26707	27830	29058			
6	Hourly	12.94	13.47	14.07	14.64			
	Annually	26915	28018	29266	30451			
7	Hourly	13.74	14.26	14.83	15.35	15.94		
	Annually	28579	29661	30846	31928	33155		
8	Hourly	14.53	15.16	15.83	16.53	17.23		
	Annually	30222	31533	32926	34382	35838		
9	Hourly	15.50	16.30	17.11	17.95	18.87		
	Annually	32240	33904	35589	37336	39250		
10	Hourly	16.72	17.63	18.58	19.65	20.70		
	Annually	34778	36670	38646	40872	43056		
11	Hourly	18.20	19.27	20.38	21.53	22.76		
	Annually	37856	40082	42390	44782	47341		
12	Hourly	20.08	21.21	22.35	23.59	24.90	26.26	27.71
	Annually	41766	44117	46488	49067	51792	54621	57637
13	Hourly	22.13	23.35	24.63	25.95	27.40	28.90	30.49
	Annually	46030	48568	51230	53976	56992	60112	63419
14	Hourly	24.35	25.72	27.10	28.59	30.20	31.88	33.62
	Annually	50648	53498	56368	59467	62816	66310	69930
15	Hourly	26.74	28.24	29.84	31.48	33.22	35.06	36.98
	Annually	55619	58739	62067	65478	69098	72925	76918
16	Hourly	29.48	31.12	32.84	34.67	36.59	38.67	40.80
	Annually	61318	64730	68307	72114	76107	80434	84864
17	Hourly	32.49	34.28	36.20	38.20	40.33	42.58	44.93
	Annually	67579	71302	75296	79456	83886	88566	93454
18	Hourly	35.80	37.78	39.90	42.11	44.43	46.92	49.50
	Annually	74464	78582	82992	87589	92414	97594	102960

Schedule E-2

Range	Minimum	Maximum

41	Hourly	16.23	32.46
	Annually	33758	67517
42	Hourly	17.89	35.86
	Annually	37211	74589
43	Hourly	19.70	39.49
	Annually	40976	82139
44	Hourly	21.73	43.13
	Annually	45198	89710
45	Hourly	24.01	47.09
	Annually	49941	97947
46	Hourly	26.43	51.46
	Annually	54974	107037
47	Hourly	29.14	56.16
	Annually	60611	116813
48	Hourly	32.14	61.29
	Annually	66851	127483
49	Hourly	35.44	66.18
	Annually	73715	137654

~~(D)~~(B) Beginning on the first day of the pay period that includes July 1, 2005, each exempt employee shall be paid a salary or wage in accordance with the following schedule of rates:

Schedule E-1

Pay Ranges and Step Values

		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7
1	Hourly	9.13	9.53	9.94	10.37			
	Annually	18990	19822	20675	21570			
2	Hourly	11.07	11.53	12.04	12.56			
	Annually	23026	23982	25043	26125			
3	Hourly	11.59	12.12	12.65	13.20			
	Annually	24107	25210	26312	27456			
4	Hourly	12.17	12.72	13.32	13.92			
	Annually	25314	26458	27706	28954			
5	Hourly	12.77	13.35	13.92	14.53			
	Annually	26562	27768	28954	30222			
6	Hourly	13.46	14.01	14.63	15.23			
	Annually	27997	29141	30430	31678			
7	Hourly	14.29	14.83	15.42	15.96	16.58		
	Annually	29723	30846	32074	33197	34486		
8	Hourly	15.11	15.77	16.46	17.19	17.92		

	Annually	31429	32802	34237	35755	37274		
9	Hourly	16.12	16.95	17.79	18.67	19.62		
	Annually	33530	35256	37003	38834	40810		
10	Hourly	17.39	18.34	19.32	20.44	21.53		
	Annually	36171	38147	40186	42515	44782		
11	Hourly	18.93	20.04	21.20	22.39	23.67		
	Annually	39374	41683	44096	46571	49234		
12	Hourly	20.88	22.06	23.24	24.53	25.90	27.31	28.82
	Annually	43430	45885	48339	51022	53872	56805	59946
13	Hourly	23.02	24.28	25.62	26.99	28.50	30.06	31.71
	Annually	47882	50502	53290	56139	59280	62525	65957
14	Hourly	25.32	26.75	28.18	29.73	31.41	33.16	34.96
	Annually	52666	55640	58614	61838	65336	68973	72717
15	Hourly	27.81	29.37	31.03	32.74	34.55	36.46	38.46
	Annually	57845	61090	64542	68099	71864	75837	79997
16	Hourly	30.66	32.36	34.15	36.06	38.05	40.22	42.43
	Annually	63773	67309	71032	75005	79144	83658	88254
17	Hourly	33.79	35.65	37.65	39.73	41.94	44.28	46.73
	Annually	70283	74152	78312	82638	87235	92102	97198
18	Hourly	37.23	39.29	41.50	43.79	46.21	48.80	51.48
	Annually	77438	81723	86320	91083	96117	101504	107078

Schedule E-2

	Range	Minimum	Maximum
41	Hourly	16.23	33.76
	Annually	33758	70221
42	Hourly	17.89	37.29
	Annually	37211	77563
43	Hourly	19.70	41.07
	Annually	40976	85426
44	Hourly	21.73	44.86
	Annually	45198	93309
45	Hourly	24.01	48.97
	Annually	49941	101858
46	Hourly	26.43	53.52
	Annually	54974	111322
47	Hourly	29.14	58.41
	Annually	60611	121493
48	Hourly	32.14	63.74
	Annually	66851	132579
49	Hourly	35.44	68.83

Annually	73715	143166

(C) As used in this section, "exempt employee" means a permanent full-time or permanent part-time employee paid directly by warrant of the auditor of state whose position is included in the job classification plan established under division (A) of section 124.14 of the Revised Code but who is not considered a public employee for the purposes of Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code. As used in this section, "exempt employee" also includes a permanent full-time or permanent part-time employee of the secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, or attorney general who has not been placed in an appropriate bargaining unit by the state employment relations board.

Sec. 124.181. (A) Except as provided in division (M) of this section, any employee paid under schedule B of section 124.15 or under schedule E-1 of section 124.152 of the Revised Code is eligible for the pay supplements provided in this section upon application by the appointing authority substantiating the employee's qualifications for the supplement and with the approval of the director of administrative services except as provided in division (E) of this section.

(B) ~~In~~ Except as provided in section 124.183 of the Revised Code, in computing any of the pay supplements provided in this section, the classification salary base shall be the minimum hourly rate of the pay range, provided in section 124.15 or 124.152 of the Revised Code, in which the employee is assigned at the time of computation.

(C) The effective date of any pay supplement, except as provided in section 124.183 of the Revised Code or unless otherwise provided in this section, shall be determined by the director.

(D) The director shall, by rule, establish standards regarding the administration of this section.

(E)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this division, beginning on the first day of the pay period within which the employee completes five years of total service with the state government or any of its political subdivisions, each employee in positions paid under salary schedule B of section 124.15 or under salary schedule E-1 of section 124.152 of the Revised Code shall receive an automatic salary adjustment equivalent to two and one-half per cent of the classification salary base, to the nearest whole cent. Each employee shall receive thereafter an annual adjustment equivalent to one-half of one per cent of the employee's classification salary base, to the nearest whole cent, for each additional year of qualified employment until a maximum of ten per cent of the employee's classification salary base is reached. The granting of longevity adjustments shall not be affected by

promotion, demotion, or other changes in classification held by the employee, nor by any change in pay range for the employee's class. Longevity pay adjustments shall become effective at the beginning of the pay period within which the employee completes the necessary length of service, except that when an employee requests credit for prior service, the effective date of the prior service credit and of any longevity adjustment shall be the first day of the pay period following approval of the credit by the director of administrative services. No employee, other than an employee who submits proof of prior service within ninety days after the date of the employee's hiring, shall receive any longevity adjustment for the period prior to the director's approval of a prior service credit. Time spent on authorized leave of absence shall be counted for this purpose.

(2) An employee who has retired in accordance with the provisions of any retirement system offered by the state and who is employed by the state or any political subdivision of the state on or after June 24, 1987, shall not have prior service with the state or any political subdivision of the state counted for the purpose of determining the amount of the salary adjustment provided under this division.

(3) There shall be a moratorium on employees' receipt under this division of credit for service with the state government or any of its political subdivisions during the period from July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2005. In calculating the number of years of total service under this division, no credit shall be included for service during the moratorium. The moratorium shall apply to the employees of the secretary of state, the auditor of state, the treasurer of state, and the attorney general, who are subject to this section unless the secretary of state, the auditor of state, the treasurer of state, or the attorney general decides to exempt the office's employees from the moratorium and so notifies the director of administrative services in writing on or before July 1, 2003.

If an employee is exempt from the moratorium, receives credit for a period of service during the moratorium, and takes a position with another entity in the state government or any of its political subdivisions, either during or after the moratorium, and if that entity's employees are or were subject to the moratorium, the employee shall continue to retain the credit. However, if the moratorium is in effect upon the taking of the new position, the employee shall cease receiving additional credit as long as the employee is in the position, until the moratorium expires.

(F) When an exceptional condition exists that creates a temporary or a permanent hazard for one or more positions in a class paid under schedule B of section 124.15 or under salary schedule E-1 of section 124.152 of the

Revised Code, a special hazard salary adjustment may be granted for the time the employee is subjected to the hazardous condition. All special hazard conditions shall be identified for each position and incidence from information submitted to the director on an appropriate form provided by the director and categorized into standard conditions of: some unusual hazard not common to the class; considerable unusual hazard not common to the class; and exceptional hazard not common to the class.

(1) A hazardous salary adjustment of five per cent of the employee's classification salary base may be applied in the case of some unusual hazardous condition not common to the class for those hours worked, or a fraction thereof, while the employee was subject to the unusual hazard condition.

(2) A hazardous salary adjustment of seven and one-half per cent of the employee's classification salary base may be applied in the case of some considerable hazardous condition not common to the class for those hours worked, or a fraction thereof, while the employee was subject to the considerable hazard condition.

(3) A hazardous salary adjustment of ten per cent of the employee's classification salary base may be applied in the case of some exceptional hazardous condition not common to the class for those hours worked, or a fraction thereof, when the employee was subject to the exceptional hazard condition.

(4) Each claim for temporary hazard pay shall be submitted as a separate payment and shall be subject to an administrative audit by the director as to the extent and duration of the employee's exposure to the hazardous condition.

(G) When a full-time employee whose salary or wage is paid directly by warrant of the auditor of state and who also is eligible for overtime under the "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938," 52 Stat. 1060, 29 U.S.C.A. 207, 213, as amended, is ordered by the appointing authority to report back to work after termination of the employee's regular work schedule and the employee reports, the employee shall be paid for such time. The employee shall be entitled to four hours at the employee's total rate of pay or overtime compensation for the actual hours worked, whichever is greater. This division does not apply to work that is a continuation of or immediately preceding an employee's regular work schedule.

(H) When a certain position or positions paid under schedule B of section 124.15 or under salary schedule E-1 of section 124.152 of the Revised Code require the ability to speak or write a language other than English, a special pay supplement may be granted to attract bilingual

individuals, to encourage present employees to become proficient in other languages, or to retain qualified bilingual employees. The bilingual pay supplement provided in this division may be granted in the amount of five per cent of the employee's classification salary base for each required foreign language and shall remain in effect as long as the bilingual requirement exists.

(I) The director may establish a shift differential for employees. Such differential shall be paid to employees in positions working in other than the regular or first shift. In those divisions or agencies where only one shift prevails, no shift differential shall be paid regardless of the hours of the day that are worked. The director and the appointing authority shall designate which positions shall be covered by this division.

(J) Whenever an employee is assigned to work in a higher level position for a continuous period of more than two weeks but no more than two years because of a vacancy, the employee's pay may be established at a rate that is approximately four per cent above the employee's current base rate for the period the employee occupies the position, provided that this temporary occupancy is approved by the director. Employees paid under this division shall continue to receive any of the pay supplements due them under other divisions of this section based on the step one base rate for their normal classification.

(K) If a certain position, or positions, within a class paid under schedule B of section 124.15 or under salary schedule E-1 of section 124.152 of the Revised Code are mandated by state or federal law or regulation or other regulatory agency or other certification authority to have special technical certification, registration, or licensing to perform the functions which are under the mandate, a special professional achievement pay supplement may be granted. This special professional achievement pay supplement shall not be granted when all incumbents in all positions in a class require license as provided in the classification description published by the department of administrative services; to licensees where no special or extensive training is required; when certification is granted upon completion of a stipulated term of in-service training; when an appointing authority has required certification; or any other condition prescribed by the director.

(1) Before this supplement may be applied, evidence as to the requirement must be provided by the agency for each position involved, and certification must be received from the director as to the director's concurrence for each of the positions so affected.

(2) The professional achievement pay supplement provided in this division shall be granted in an amount up to ten per cent of the employee's

classification salary base and shall remain in effect as long as the mandate exists.

(L) Those employees assigned to teaching supervisory, principal, assistant principal, or superintendent positions who have attained a higher educational level than a basic bachelor's degree may receive an educational pay supplement to remain in effect as long as the employee's assignment and classification remain the same.

(1) An educational pay supplement of two and one-half per cent of the employee's classification salary base may be applied upon the achievement of a bachelor's degree plus twenty quarter hours of postgraduate work.

(2) An educational pay supplement of an additional five per cent of the employee's classification salary base may be applied upon achievement of a master's degree.

(3) An educational pay supplement of an additional two and one-half per cent of the employee's classification salary base may be applied upon achievement of a master's degree plus thirty quarter hours of postgraduate work.

(4) An educational pay supplement of five per cent of the employee's classification salary base may be applied when the employee is performing as a master teacher.

(5) An educational pay supplement of five per cent of the employee's classification salary base may be applied when the employee is performing as a special education teacher.

(6) Those employees in teaching supervisory, principal, assistant principal, or superintendent positions who are responsible for specific extracurricular activity programs shall receive overtime pay for those hours worked in excess of their normal schedule, at their straight time hourly rate up to a maximum of five per cent of their regular base salary in any calendar year.

(M)(1) A state agency, board, or commission may establish a supplementary compensation schedule for those licensed physicians employed by the agency, board, or commission in positions requiring a licensed physician. The supplementary compensation schedule, together with the compensation otherwise authorized by this chapter, shall provide for the total compensation for these employees to range appropriately, but not necessarily uniformly, for each classification title requiring a licensed physician, in accordance with a schedule approved by the state controlling board. The individual salary levels recommended for each such physician employed shall be approved by the director. Notwithstanding section 124.11 of the Revised Code, such personnel are in the unclassified civil service.

(2) The director of administrative services may approve supplementary compensation for the director of health, if the director is a licensed physician, in accordance with a supplementary compensation schedule approved under division (M)(1) of this section or in accordance with another supplementary compensation schedule the director of administrative services considers appropriate. The supplementary compensation shall not exceed twenty per cent of the director of health's base rate of pay.

(N) Notwithstanding sections 117.28, 117.30, 117.33, 117.36, 117.42, and 131.02 of the Revised Code, the state shall not institute any civil action to recover and shall not seek reimbursement for overpayments made in violation of division (E) of this section or division (C) of section 9.44 of the Revised Code for the period starting after June 24, 1987, and ending on October 31, 1993.

(O) Employees of the office of the treasurer of state who are exempt from collective bargaining coverage may be granted a merit pay supplement of up to one and one-half per cent of their step rate. The rate at which this supplement is granted shall be based on performance standards established by the treasurer of state. Any supplements granted under this division shall be administered on an annual basis.

Sec. 124.183. (A) As used in this section, "active payroll" means when an employee is actively working; on military, worker's compensation, occupational injury, or disability leave; or on an approved leave of absence.

(B) Each permanent employee paid under schedule E-1 of section 124.152 of the Revised Code who was appointed on or before March 6, 2003, and is on the active payroll as of November 14, 2004, shall receive a one-time pay supplement. The supplement shall be a two per cent lump sum payment that is based on the annualization of the top step of the pay range that the employee is in on November 14, 2004.

Each permanent employee paid under schedule E-2 of section 124.152 of the Revised Code who was appointed on or before March 6, 2003, and is on the active payroll as of November 14, 2004, shall receive a one-time pay supplement. The supplement shall be a two per cent lump sum payment that is based upon the annualization of the maximum hourly rate of the pay range that the employee is in on November 14, 2004.

(C) Each permanent employee who is exempt from collective bargaining, is not covered by division (B) of this section, was appointed on or before March 6, 2003, and is on the active payroll as of November 14, 2004, shall receive a one-time pay supplement. The supplement shall be a two per cent lump sum payment that is based upon the annualization of the base rate of the employee's pay on November 14, 2004.

(D) A part-time employee who is eligible to receive a one-time pay supplement under division (B) or (C) of this section shall have the employee's one-time pay supplement pro-rated based on the number of hours worked in the twenty-six pay periods prior to November 14, 2004.

An employee who is eligible to receive a one-time pay supplement under division (B) or (C) of this section and was on a voluntary leave of absence shall have the employee's one-time pay supplement pro-rated based on the number of hours worked in the twenty-six pay periods prior to November 14, 2004.

(E) A one-time pay supplement under this section shall be paid in the employee's first paycheck in December of 2004.

(F) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a one-time pay supplement under this section shall not be subject to withholding for deposit into any state retirement system. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a one-time pay supplement under this section shall not be used for calculation purposes in determining an employee's retirement benefits in any state retirement system.

(G)(1) This section does not apply to employees of the general assembly, legislative agencies, the supreme court, or state boards or commissions.

(2) This section does not apply to employees of the secretary of state, the auditor of state, the treasurer of state, or the attorney general unless the secretary of state, the auditor of state, the treasurer of state, or the attorney general decides that the office's employees should be eligible for the one-time pay supplement and so notifies the director of administrative services in writing on or before July 1, 2004.

Sec. 125.05. Except as provided in division (E) of this section, no state agency shall purchase any supplies or services except as provided in divisions (A) to (C) of this section.

(A) Subject to division (D) of this section, a state agency may, without competitive selection, make any purchase of services that cost fifty thousand dollars or less or any purchase of supplies that cost twenty-five thousand dollars or less. The agency may make the purchase directly or may make the purchase from or through the department of administrative services, whichever the agency determines. The department shall establish written procedures to assist state agencies when they make direct purchases. If the agency makes the purchase directly, it shall make the purchase by a term contract whenever possible.

(B) ~~Subject~~ (1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section and subject to division (D) of this section, a state agency wanting to purchase

services that cost more than fifty thousand dollars or supplies that cost more than twenty-five thousand dollars shall, unless otherwise authorized by law, make the purchase from or through the department. The department shall make the purchase by competitive selection under section 125.07 of the Revised Code. If the director of administrative services determines that it is not possible or not advantageous to the state for the department to make the purchase, the department shall grant the agency a release and permit under section 125.06 of the Revised Code to make the purchase. Section 127.16 of the Revised Code does not apply to purchases the department makes under this section.

(2) Subject to division (D) of this section, a state agency desiring to purchase services that cost more than fifty thousand dollars or supplies that cost more than twenty-five thousand dollars shall solicit, pursuant to the competitive selection requirements specified in section 125.07 of the Revised Code, at least three bids or proposals for the services or supplies and make the purchase directly from the lowest bidder or offeror instead of from or through the department, but only if the state agency determines that it is possible to purchase the services or supplies directly from that bidder or offeror at a lower price than making the purchase from or through the department. If the agency makes a purchase pursuant to division (B)(2) of this section, it shall provide the department with written notification of the subject and amount of the purchase.

(C) An agency that has been granted a release and permit to make a purchase may make the purchase without competitive selection if after making the purchase the cumulative purchase threshold as computed under division (F) of section 127.16 of the Revised Code would:

(1) Be exceeded and the controlling board approves the purchase; or

(2) Not be exceeded and the department of administrative services approves the purchase.

(D) Not later than January 31, 1997, the amounts specified in divisions (A) and (B) of this section and, not later than the thirty-first day of January of each second year thereafter, any amounts computed by adjustments made under this division, shall be increased or decreased by the average percentage increase or decrease in the consumer price index prepared by the United States bureau of labor statistics (U.S. City Average for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers: "All Items 1982-1984=100") for the twenty-four calendar month period prior to the immediately preceding first day of January over the immediately preceding twenty-four calendar month period, as reported by the bureau. The director of administrative services shall make this determination and adjust the appropriate amounts

accordingly.

(E) If the Ohio SchoolNet commission, the department of education, or the Ohio education computer network determines that it can purchase software services or supplies for specified school districts at a price less than the price for which the districts could purchase the same software services or supplies for themselves, the office, department, or network shall certify that fact to the department of administrative services and, acting as an agent for the specified school districts, shall make that purchase without following the provisions in divisions (A) to (D) of this section.

Sec. 125.06. The department of administrative services may, pursuant to division (B)(1) of section 125.05 of the Revised Code and subject to such rules as the director of administrative services may adopt, issue a release and permit to ~~the~~ a state agency to secure supplies or services. A release and permit shall specify the supplies or services to which it applies, the time during which it is operative, and the reason for its issuance. A release and permit for computer services ~~shall~~ also shall specify the type of services to be rendered~~,~~ and the number and type of machines to be employed, and may specify the amount of ~~such~~ the services to be performed. One copy of every release and permit shall be filed with the agency to which it is issued, and one copy shall be retained by the department.

Sec. 125.07. The department of administrative services, in making a purchase by competitive selection pursuant to division (B)(1) of section 125.05 of the Revised Code, or a state agency, in making a purchase by competitive selection pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 125.02 of the Revised Code, shall give notice in the following manner:

(A) The department or state agency shall advertise the intended purchases by notice that is posted by mail or electronic means and that is for the benefit of competing persons producing or dealing in the supplies or services to be purchased, including, but not limited to, the persons whose names appear on the appropriate list provided for in section 125.08 of the Revised Code. The notice may be in the form of the bid or proposal document or of a listing in a periodic bulletin, or in any other form the director of administrative services or state agency head considers appropriate to sufficiently notify qualified competing persons of the intended purchases.

(B) The notice required under division (A) of this section shall include the time and place where bids or proposals will be accepted and opened, or, when bids are made in a reverse auction, the time when bids will be accepted; the conditions under which bids or proposals will be received; the terms of the proposed purchases; and an itemized list of the supplies or

services to be purchased and the estimated quantities or amounts of them.

(C) The posting of the notice required under division (A) of this section shall be completed by the number of days the director or state agency head determines preceding the day when the bids or proposals will be opened or accepted.

(D) The department or state agency also shall maintain, in a public place in its office, a bulletin board upon which it shall post and maintain a copy of the notice required under division (A) of this section for at least the number of days the director or state agency head determines under division (C) of this section preceding the day of the opening or acceptance of the bids or proposals. The failure to so additionally post the notice shall invalidate all proceedings had and any contract entered into pursuant to the proceedings.

Sec. 125.073. (A) The department of administrative services shall actively promote and accelerate the use of electronic procurement, including reverse auctions as defined by section 125.072 of the Revised Code, by implementing the relevant recommendations concerning electronic procurement from the "2000 Management Improvement Commission Report to the Governor" when exercising its statutory powers.

(B) Beginning July 1, 2004, the department shall annually on or before the first day of July report to the committees in each house of the general assembly dealing with finance indicating the effectiveness of electronic procurement.

Sec. 125.15. All state agencies required to secure any equipment, materials, supplies, or services~~, or contracts of insurance~~ from the department of administrative services shall make acquisition in the manner and upon forms prescribed by the director of administrative services and shall reimburse the department for the equipment, materials, supplies, or services, ~~or contracts of insurance,~~ including a reasonable sum to cover the department's administrative costs, whenever reimbursement is required by the department. The money so paid shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general services fund or the information technology fund, as appropriate. ~~Such~~ Those funds are hereby created.

Sec. 125.831. As used in sections 125.831 to 125.833 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Law enforcement officer" means an officer, agent, or employee of a state agency upon whom, by statute, a duty to conserve the peace or to enforce all or certain laws is imposed and the authority to arrest violators is conferred, within the limits of that statutory duty and authority.

(B)(1) "Motor vehicle" means any automobile, car minivan, passenger van, sport utility vehicle, or pickup truck with a gross vehicle weight of

under twelve thousand pounds.

(2) "Motor vehicle" does not include any vehicle described in division (B)(1) of this section that is used by a law enforcement officer and law enforcement agency or any vehicle that is so described and that is equipped with specialized equipment that is not normally found in such a vehicle and that is used to carry out a state agency's specific and specialized duties and responsibilities.

(C) "Specialized equipment" does not include standard mobile radios with no capabilities other than voice communication, exterior and interior lights, or roof-mounted caution lights.

(D) "State agency" means every organized body, office, or agency established by the laws of the state for the exercise of any function of state government, other than any state-supported institution of higher education, the office of the governor, lieutenant governor, auditor of state, treasurer of state, secretary of state, or attorney general, the general assembly or any legislative agency, or the courts or any judicial agency.

Sec. 125.832. (A) The department of administrative services is granted exclusive authority over the acquisition and management of all motor vehicles used by state agencies. In carrying out this authority, the department shall do both of the following:

(1) Approve the purchase or lease of each motor vehicle for use by a state agency. The department shall decide if a motor vehicle shall be leased or purchased for that use.

(2) Direct and approve all funds that are expended for the purchase, lease, repair, maintenance, registration, insuring, and other costs related to the possession and operation of motor vehicles for the use of state agencies.

(B) The director of administrative services shall establish and operate a fleet management program. The director shall operate the program for purposes including, but not limited to, cost-effective acquisition, maintenance, management, analysis, and disposal of all motor vehicles owned or leased by the state. All state agencies shall comply with statewide fleet management policies and procedures established by the director for the program, including, but not limited to, motor vehicle assignments, additions of motor vehicles to fleets or motor vehicle replacements, motor vehicle fueling, and motor vehicle repairs.

(C) The director shall establish and maintain a fleet reporting system and shall require state agencies to submit to the department information relative to state motor vehicles, to be used in operating the fleet management program. State agencies shall provide to the department fleet data and information, including, but not limited to, mileage and costs. The

information shall be submitted in formats and in a manner determined by the department.

(D) All state agency purchases or leases of motor vehicles are subject to the prior approval of the director under division (A)(1) of this section.

(E) State agencies that utilize state motor vehicles or pay mileage reimbursements to employees shall provide a fleet plan to the department as directed by the department.

(F)(1) The fleets of state agencies that consist of one hundred or less vehicles on July 1, 2004, shall be managed by the department's fleet management program on a time schedule determined by the department, unless the state agency has received delegated authority as described in division (G) of this section.

(2) The fleets of state agencies that consist of greater than one hundred motor vehicles, but less than five hundred motor vehicles, on July 1, 2005, also shall be managed by the department's fleet management program on a time schedule determined by the department, unless the state agency has received delegated authority as described in division (G) of this section.

(G)(1) The department may delegate any or all of its duties regarding fleet management to a state agency, if the state agency demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department both of the following:

(a) Capabilities to institute and manage a fleet management program, including, but not limited to, the presence of a certified fleet manager;

(b) Fleet management performance, as demonstrated by fleet data and other information submitted pursuant to annual reporting requirements and any other criteria the department considers necessary in evaluating the performance.

(2) The department may determine that a state agency is not in compliance with this section and direct that the agency's fleet management duties be transferred to the department.

(H) The proceeds derived from the disposition of any motor vehicles under this section shall be paid to whichever of the following applies:

(1) The fund that originally provided moneys for the purchase or lease of the motor vehicles;

(2) If the motor vehicles were originally purchased with moneys derived from the general revenue fund, the state treasury for credit to the fleet management fund created by section 125.83 of the Revised Code.

(I)(1) The department shall create and maintain a certified fleet manager program.

(2) State agencies that have received delegated authority as described in division (G) of this section shall have a certified fleet manager.

(J) The department annually shall prepare and submit a statewide fleet report to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the president of the senate. The report shall be submitted not later than the thirty-first day of January following the end of each fiscal year. It may include, but is not limited to, the numbers and types of motor vehicles, their mileage, miles per gallon, and cost per mile, mileage reimbursements, accident and insurance data, and information regarding compliance by state agencies having delegated authority under division (G) of this section with applicable fleet management requirements.

(K) The director shall adopt rules for implementing the fleet management program that are consistent with recognized best practices. The program shall be supported by reasonable fee charges for the services provided. The director shall collect these fees and deposit them into the state treasury to the credit for the fleet management fund created by section 125.83 of the Revised Code. The setting and collection of fees under this division is not subject to any restriction imposed by law upon the director's or the department's authority to set or collect fees.

(L) The director also shall adopt rules that prohibit, except in very limited circumstances, the exclusive assignment of state-owned, leased, or pooled motor vehicles to state employees. Beginning on the effective date of this section, no such motor vehicle shall be personally assigned as any form of compensation or benefit of state employment, and no such motor vehicle shall be assigned to an employee solely for commuting to and from home and work.

(M) The director shall do both of the following:

(1) Implement to the greatest extent possible the recommendations from the 2002 report entitled "Administrative Analysis of the Ohio Fleet Management Program" in connection with the authority granted to the department by this section;

(2) Attempt to reduce the number of passenger vehicles used by state agencies during the fiscal years ending on June 30, 2004, and June 30, 2005.

(N) Each state agency shall reimburse the department for all costs incurred in the assignment of motor vehicles to the state agency.

(O) The director shall do all of the following in managing the fleet management program:

(1) Determine how motor vehicles will be maintained, insured, operated, financed, and licensed;

(2) Pursuant to the formula in division (O)(3) of this section, annually establish the minimum number of business miles per year an employee of a state agency must drive in order to qualify for approval by the department to

receive a motor vehicle for business use;

(3) Establish the minimum number of business miles per year at an amount that results when the annual motor vehicle cost is divided by the amount that is the reimbursement rate per mile minus the amount that is the sum of the fuel cost, the operating cost, and the insurance cost. As used in this division:

(a) "Annual motor vehicle cost" means the price of a motor vehicle divided by the number of years an average motor vehicle is used.

(b) "Fuel cost" means the average price per gallon of motor fuel divided by the miles per gallon fuel efficiency of a motor vehicle.

(c) "Insurance cost" means the cost of insuring a motor vehicle per year divided by the number of miles an average motor vehicle is driven per year.

(d) "Operating cost" means the maintenance cost of a motor vehicle per year divided by the product resulting when the number of miles an average motor vehicle is driven per year is multiplied by the number of years an average motor vehicle is used.

(e) "Reimbursement rate per mile" means the reimbursement per mile rate for travel expenses as provided by rule of the director of budget and management adopted under division (B) of section 126.31 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 125.833. (A) There is hereby established within the department of administrative services the vehicle management commission.

(B) The commission shall consist of the director of administrative services and eight other members. These other members shall be two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, two members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate, and four persons with experience in the vehicle leasing, purchasing, and maintenance industry in this state appointed by the governor and serving at the governor's pleasure. The governor shall appoint the commission's chairperson.

Initial appointments of the members to the commission shall be made by September 1, 2003, in the manner prescribed in this section. Thereafter, appointments of legislative members to the commission shall be made within fifteen days after the commencement of the first regular session of the general assembly in the manner prescribed in this section. The terms of legislative members on the commission shall be for the duration of the session of the general assembly in which they are appointed; they shall continue to serve on the commission until the appointments are made in the following session of the general assembly, unless they cease to be members of the general assembly. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled for the

unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

(C) The commission shall periodically review the implementation of the fleet management program by the department of administrative services under section 125.832 of the Revised Code and may recommend to the department and the general assembly modifications to the department's procedures and functions and other statutory changes.

Sec. 125.91. As used in sections 125.92 to 125.98 of the Revised Code:

(A) "State agency" includes every department, bureau, board, commission, office, or other organized body established by the constitution and laws of the state for the exercise of any function of state government, but does not include any state-supported institution of higher education, the general assembly or any legislative agency, the attorney general, the auditor of state, the secretary of state, the treasurer of state, the bureau of workers' compensation, any court or judicial agency, or any political subdivision or agency ~~thereof~~ of a political subdivision.

(B) "Form" means any document, device, or item used to convey information, regardless of medium, that has blank spaces for the insertion of information and that may have a predetermined format and data elements to guide the entry, ~~interpretration~~ interpretation, and use of the information. "Form" does not include letterheads, envelopes, labels, tags, tickets, or note pads, or forms mandated by the federal government, but does include all computer-generated forms except those mandated by the federal government. ~~As used in sections 125.931 to 125.935 of the Revised Code, "form" applies only to a form that is used by a state agency and that is completed in whole or in part by private business, political subdivisions, or the public.~~

Sec. 125.92. There is hereby established in the department of administrative services a state forms management ~~control center~~ program, which shall be under the control and supervision of the director of administrative services~~, who shall appoint an administrator of the center~~ or the director's designee.

The ~~center~~ state forms management program shall ~~develop, implement, and maintain a statewide forms management program that involves~~ be developed, implemented, and maintained for all state agencies and ~~is~~ be designed to simplify, consolidate, or eliminate, when expedient, forms, surveys, and other documents used by state agencies. In developing the program, particular emphasis shall be placed upon determining the actual need for any information, records, and reports sought from private business, agriculture, and local governments through the use of ~~such~~ forms, surveys, and other documents.

Sec. 125.93. The state forms management ~~control center~~ program shall do each of the following:

(A) Assist state agencies in establishing internal forms management capabilities;

(B) Study, develop, coordinate, and initiate forms of interagency and common administrative usage, and establish basic design and specification criteria to standardize state forms;

(C) Assist state agencies to design economical forms ~~and compose art work for forms~~;

(D) ~~Establish and supervise control procedures to prevent the undue creation and reproduction of state forms;~~

~~(E)~~ Assist, train, and instruct state agencies and their forms management representatives in forms management techniques, and provide direct forms management assistance to new state agencies as they are created;

~~(F)~~(E) Maintain a central ~~cross index~~ forms repository of all state forms to facilitate standardization of the forms, eliminate redundant forms, and provide a central source of information on forms usage and availability~~;~~

~~(G) Utilize existing functions within the department of administrative services to design economical forms and compose art work, as well as use appropriate procurement techniques to take advantage of competitive selection, consolidated orders, and contract procurement of forms;~~

~~(H) Conduct an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the forms management program and the forms management practices of individual state agencies, and maintain records that indicate dollar savings resulting from, and the number of forms eliminated, simplified, or standardized through, centralized forms management. The results of the evaluation shall be reported to the speaker of the house of representatives and president of the senate not later than the fifteenth day of January each year. The center shall report on the first day of each month to the state records administrator on its activities during the preceding month~~.

Sec. 125.95. (A) The ~~administrator of the~~ state forms management ~~control center~~ program may permit any state agency to manage fully any forms used or proposed to be used by it, whenever the ~~administrator~~ program determines that the delegation will result in the most timely and economical method of accomplishing the objectives of the ~~forms management~~ program ~~as~~ set forth in section 125.93 of the Revised Code. A determination to delegate to a state agency authority to manage forms may, among other matters, take into consideration the benefits of central management of any form in relation to the costs associated with ~~such~~ that management.

(B) To expedite the collection and disposition of general state and local revenue, the ~~administrator~~ state forms management program shall permit, without prior authorization, the tax commissioner to design, print or have printed, distribute, and require the use of those forms ~~which~~ that the tax commissioner determines are necessary for the proper administration of those taxes and programs ~~he~~ the tax commissioner administers except as provided in division (A) of section 4307.05 of the Revised Code. The tax commissioner shall report to the ~~administrator~~ program not later than fifteen days after the close of each calendar quarter with respect to the forms activities occurring within ~~his~~ the tax commissioner's agency during the preceding calendar quarter.

Sec. 125.96. The director of administrative services may adopt, amend, or rescind rules necessary to carry out the powers and duties imposed upon the state forms management ~~control center and its administrator~~ program and state agencies by sections 125.92 to 125.98 of the Revised Code. The director shall adopt, and may amend or rescind, rules providing ~~that~~ each of the following:

(A) After a date to be determined by the ~~administrator~~ state forms management program, no state agency shall utilize any form, other than a form subject to division (B) of section 125.95 of the Revised Code, the management of which has not been delegated to the agency by the ~~administrator~~ program under division (A) of that section ~~125.95 of the Revised Code~~ or ~~that has not~~ been approved by the ~~center~~ program.

(B) The notice required by section 125.97 of the Revised Code shall appear in a standard place and a standard manner on each form to which the notice applies, and shall include specified indicia of approval by the ~~administrator~~ state forms management program.

(C) Any form required by a state agency on an emergency basis may be given interim approval by the ~~administrator~~ state forms management program if the form is accompanied by a letter from the director or other head of the agency setting forth the nature of the emergency and requesting interim approval.

Sec. 125.98. (A) Each state agency shall appoint a forms management representative, who may be from existing personnel. The appointee shall cooperate with, and provide other necessary assistance to, the director of administrative services and the ~~administrator of the~~ state forms management ~~control center~~ program in implementing the ~~state forms management~~ program. A forms management representative shall do all of the following:

(1) Manage the agency's forms management program and cooperate with and provide other necessary assistance to the director of administrative

services in implementing the state forms management program;

(2) Monitor the use and reproduction of all forms to ensure that all policies, procedures, guidelines, and standards established by the agency and the director of administrative services are followed;

(3) Ensure that every form used by the agency is presented to the state forms management ~~control center~~ program for registration prior to its reproduction;

(4) Maintain a master forms file history file, in numeric order, of all agency forms;

(5) Verify and update the information on all forms ~~computer file reports returned to the agency by the state forms management control center~~ in the central forms repository database.

(B) Any state agency, as ~~such term is~~ defined in section 1.60 of the Revised Code, not included within the definition of a state agency in section 125.91 of the Revised Code may elect to participate in the state forms management program. The ~~center~~ program may provide to any such agency any service required or authorized by sections 125.92 to 125.98 of the Revised Code to be performed for a state agency.

Sec. 127.16. (A) Upon the request of either a state agency or the director of budget and management and after the controlling board determines that an emergency or a sufficient economic reason exists, the controlling board may approve the making of a purchase without competitive selection as provided in division (B) of this section.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no state agency, using money that has been appropriated to it directly, shall:

(1) Make any purchase from a particular supplier, that would amount to fifty thousand dollars or more when combined with both the amount of all disbursements to the supplier during the fiscal year for purchases made by the agency and the amount of all outstanding encumbrances for purchases made by the agency from the supplier, unless the purchase is made by competitive selection or with the approval of the controlling board;

(2) Lease real estate from a particular supplier, if the lease would amount to seventy-five thousand dollars or more when combined with both the amount of all disbursements to the supplier during the fiscal year for real estate leases made by the agency and the amount of all outstanding encumbrances for real estate leases made by the agency from the supplier, unless the lease is made by competitive selection or with the approval of the controlling board.

(C) Any person who authorizes a purchase in violation of division (B) of this section shall be liable to the state for any state funds spent on the

purchase, and the attorney general shall collect the amount from the person.

(D) Nothing in division (B) of this section shall be construed as:

(1) A limitation upon the authority of the director of transportation as granted in sections 5501.17, 5517.02, and 5525.14 of the Revised Code;

(2) Applying to medicaid provider agreements under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code or payments or provider agreements under the disability ~~assistance~~ medical assistance program established under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code;

(3) Applying to the purchase of examinations from a sole supplier by a state licensing board under Title XLVII of the Revised Code;

(4) Applying to entertainment contracts for the Ohio state fair entered into by the Ohio expositions commission, provided that the controlling board has given its approval to the commission to enter into such contracts and has approved a total budget amount for such contracts as agreed upon by commission action, and that the commission causes to be kept itemized records of the amounts of money spent under each contract and annually files those records with the clerk of the house of representatives and the clerk of the senate following the close of the fair;

(5) Limiting the authority of the chief of the division of mineral resources management to contract for reclamation work with an operator mining adjacent land as provided in section 1513.27 of the Revised Code;

(6) Applying to investment transactions and procedures of any state agency, except that the agency shall file with the board the name of any person with whom the agency contracts to make, broker, service, or otherwise manage its investments, as well as the commission, rate, or schedule of charges of such person with respect to any investment transactions to be undertaken on behalf of the agency. The filing shall be in a form and at such times as the board considers appropriate.

(7) Applying to purchases made with money for the per cent for arts program established by section 3379.10 of the Revised Code;

(8) Applying to purchases made by the rehabilitation services commission of services, or supplies, that are provided to persons with disabilities, or to purchases made by the commission in connection with the eligibility determinations it makes for applicants of programs administered by the social security administration;

(9) Applying to payments by the department of job and family services under section 5111.13 of the Revised Code for group health plan premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and other cost-sharing expenses;

(10) Applying to any agency of the legislative branch of the state government;

(11) Applying to agreements or contracts entered into under section 5101.11, 5101.20, 5101.201, 5101.21, or ~~5101.211~~ 5101.214 of the Revised Code;

(12) Applying to purchases of services by the adult parole authority under section 2967.14 of the Revised Code or by the department of youth services under section 5139.08 of the Revised Code;

(13) Applying to dues or fees paid for membership in an organization or association;

(14) Applying to purchases of utility services pursuant to section 9.30 of the Revised Code;

(15) Applying to purchases made in accordance with rules adopted by the department of administrative services of motor vehicle, aviation, or watercraft fuel, or emergency repairs of such vehicles;

(16) Applying to purchases of tickets for passenger air transportation;

(17) Applying to purchases necessary to provide public notifications required by law or to provide notifications of job openings;

(18) Applying to the judicial branch of state government;

(19) Applying to purchases of liquor for resale by the division of liquor control;

(20) Applying to purchases of motor courier and freight services made in accordance with department of administrative services rules;

(21) Applying to purchases from the United States postal service and purchases of stamps and postal meter replenishment from vendors at rates established by the United States postal service;

(22) Applying to purchases of books, periodicals, pamphlets, newspapers, maintenance subscriptions, and other published materials;

(23) Applying to purchases from other state agencies, including state-assisted institutions of higher education;

(24) Limiting the authority of the director of environmental protection to enter into contracts under division (D) of section 3745.14 of the Revised Code to conduct compliance reviews, as defined in division (A) of that section;

(25) Applying to purchases from a qualified nonprofit agency pursuant to sections 4115.31 to 4115.35 of the Revised Code;

(26) Applying to payments by the department of job and family services to the United States department of health and human services for printing and mailing notices pertaining to the tax refund offset program of the internal revenue service of the United States department of the treasury;

(27) Applying to contracts entered into by the department of mental retardation and developmental disabilities under sections 5123.18, 5123.182,

and ~~5111.252~~ 5123.199 of the Revised Code;

(28) Applying to payments made by the department of mental health under a physician recruitment program authorized by section 5119.101 of the Revised Code;

(29) Applying to contracts entered into with persons by the director of commerce for unclaimed funds collection and remittance efforts as provided in division (F) of section 169.03 of the Revised Code. The director shall keep an itemized accounting of unclaimed funds collected by those persons and amounts paid to them for their services.

(30) Applying to purchases made by a state institution of higher education in accordance with the terms of a contract between the vendor and an inter-university purchasing group comprised of purchasing officers of state institutions of higher education;

(31) Applying to the department of job and family services' purchases of health assistance services under the children's health insurance program part I provided for under section 5101.50 of the Revised Code or the children's health insurance program part II provided for under section 5101.51 of the Revised Code;

(32) Applying to payments by the attorney general from the reparations fund to hospitals and other emergency medical facilities for performing medical examinations to collect physical evidence pursuant to section 2907.28 of the Revised Code;

(33) Applying to contracts with a contracting authority or administrative receiver under division (G)(2) of section 5126.055 of the Revised Code;

(34) Applying to reimbursements paid to the United States department of veterans affairs for pharmaceutical and patient supply purchases made on behalf of the Ohio veterans' home agency.

(E) Notwithstanding division (B)(1) of this section, the cumulative purchase threshold shall be seventy-five thousand dollars for the departments of mental retardation and developmental disabilities, mental health, rehabilitation and correction, and youth services.

(F) When determining whether a state agency has reached the cumulative purchase thresholds established in divisions (B)(1), (B)(2), and (E) of this section, all of the following purchases by such agency shall not be considered:

(1) Purchases made through competitive selection or with controlling board approval;

(2) Purchases listed in division (D) of this section;

(3) For the purposes of the thresholds of divisions (B)(1) and (E) of this section only, leases of real estate.

(G) As used in this section, "competitive selection," "purchase," "supplies," and "services" have the same meanings as in section 125.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 131.02. (A) Whenever any amount is payable to the state, the officer, employee, or agent responsible for administering the law under which the amount is payable shall immediately proceed to collect the amount or cause the amount to be collected and shall pay the amount into the state treasury or into the appropriate custodial fund in the manner set forth pursuant to section 113.08 of the Revised Code. If the amount is not paid within forty-five days after payment is due, the officer, employee, or agent shall certify the amount due to the attorney general, in the form and manner prescribed by the attorney general, and notify the director of budget and management thereof. The attorney general may assess the collection cost to the amount certified in such manner and amount as prescribed by the attorney general.

(B)(1) The attorney general shall give immediate notice by mail or otherwise to the party indebted of the nature and amount of the indebtedness.

(2) If the amount payable to this state arises from a tax levied under Chapter 5733., 5739., 5741., or 5747. of the Revised Code, the notice also shall specify all of the following:

(a) The assessment or case number;

(b) The tax pursuant to which the assessment is made;

(c) The reason for the liability, including, if applicable, that a penalty or interest is due;

(d) An explanation of how and when interest will be added to the amount assessed;

(e) That the attorney general and tax commissioner, acting together, have the authority, but are not required, to compromise the claim and accept payment over a reasonable time, if such actions are in the best interest of the state.

(C) The attorney general shall collect the claim or secure a judgment and issue an execution for its collection.

(D) Each claim shall bear interest, from the day on which the claim became due, at the ~~base~~ rate per annum ~~for advances and discounts to member banks in effect at the federal reserve bank in~~ required by section 5703.47 of the ~~second federal reserve district~~ Revised Code.

(E) The attorney general and the chief officer of the agency reporting a claim, acting together, may do ~~either or both~~ any of the following if such action is in the best interests of the state:

(1) Compromise the claim;

(2) Extend for a reasonable period the time for payment of the claim by agreeing to accept monthly or other periodic payments. The agreement may require security for payment of the claim.

(3) Add fees to recover the cost of processing checks or other draft instruments returned for insufficient funds and the cost of providing electronic payment options.

Sec. 131.23. The various political subdivisions of this state may issue bonds, and any indebtedness created by such issuance shall not be subject to the limitations or included in the calculation of indebtedness prescribed by sections 133.05, 133.06, 133.07, and 133.09 of the Revised Code, but such bonds may be issued only under the following conditions:

(A) The subdivision desiring to issue such bonds shall obtain from the county auditor a certificate showing the total amount of delinquent taxes due and unpayable to such subdivision at the last semiannual tax settlement.

(B) The fiscal officer of that subdivision shall prepare a statement, from the books of the subdivision, verified by ~~him~~ the fiscal officer under oath, which shall contain the following facts of such subdivision:

(1) The total bonded indebtedness;

(2) The aggregate amount of notes payable or outstanding accounts of the subdivision, incurred prior to the commencement of the current fiscal year, which shall include all evidences of indebtedness issued by the subdivision except notes issued in anticipation of bond issues and the indebtedness of any nontax-supported public utility;

(3) Except in the case of school districts, the aggregate current year's requirement for disability financial assistance and disability medical assistance provided under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code that the subdivision is unable to finance except by the issue of bonds;

(4) The indebtedness outstanding through the issuance of any bonds or notes pledged or obligated to be paid by any delinquent taxes;

(5) The total of any other indebtedness;

(6) The net amount of delinquent taxes unpledged to pay any bonds, notes, or certificates, including delinquent assessments on improvements on which the bonds have been paid;

(7) The budget requirements for the fiscal year for bond and note retirement;

(8) The estimated revenue for the fiscal year.

(C) The certificate and statement provided for in divisions (A) and (B) of this section shall be forwarded to the tax commissioner together with a request for authority to issue bonds of such subdivision in an amount not to

exceed seventy per cent of the net unobligated delinquent taxes and assessments due and owing to such subdivision, as set forth in division (B)(6) of this section.

(D) No subdivision may issue bonds under this section in excess of a sufficient amount to pay the indebtedness of the subdivision as shown by division (B)(2) of this section and, except in the case of school districts, to provide funds for disability financial assistance and disability medical assistance, as shown by division (B)(3) of this section.

(E) The tax commissioner shall grant to such subdivision authority requested by such subdivision as restricted by divisions (C) and (D) of this section and shall make a record of the certificate, statement, and grant in a record book devoted solely to such recording and which shall be open to inspection by the public.

(F) The commissioner shall immediately upon issuing the authority provided in division (E) of this section notify the proper authority having charge of the retirement of bonds of such subdivision by forwarding a copy of such grant of authority and of the statement provided for in division (B) of this section.

(G) Upon receipt of authority, the subdivision shall proceed according to law to issue the amount of bonds authorized by the commissioner, and authorized by the taxing authority, provided the taxing authority of that subdivision may by resolution submit to the electors of that subdivision the question of issuing such bonds. Such resolution shall make the declarations and statements required by section 133.18 of the Revised Code. The county auditor and taxing authority shall thereupon proceed as set forth in divisions (C) and (D) of such section. The election on the question of issuing such bonds shall be held under divisions (E), (F), and (G) of such section, except that publication of the notice of such election shall be made on four separate days prior to such election in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the subdivisions. Such bonds may be exchanged at their face value with creditors of the subdivision in liquidating the indebtedness described and enumerated in division (B)(2) of this section or may be sold as provided in Chapter 133. of the Revised Code, and in either event shall be uncontestable.

(H) The per cent of delinquent taxes and assessments collected for and to the credit of the subdivision after the exchange or sale of bonds as certified by the commissioner shall be paid to the authority having charge of the sinking fund of the subdivision, which money shall be placed in a separate fund for the purpose of retiring the bonds so issued. The proper authority of the subdivisions shall provide for the levying of a tax sufficient

in amount to pay the debt charges on all such bonds issued under this section.

(I) This section is for the sole purpose of assisting the various subdivisions in paying their unsecured indebtedness, and providing funds for disability financial assistance and disability medical assistance. The bonds issued under authority of this section shall not be used for any other purpose and any exchange for other purposes, or the use of the money derived from the sale of such bonds by the subdivision for any other purpose, is misapplication of funds.

(J) The bonds authorized by this section shall be redeemable or payable in not to exceed ten years from date of issue and shall not be subject to or considered in calculating the net indebtedness of the subdivision. The budget commission of the county in which the subdivision is located shall annually allocate such portion of the then delinquent levy due such subdivision which is unpledged for other purposes to the payment of debt charges on the bonds issued under authority of this section.

(K) The issue of bonds under this section shall be governed by Chapter 133. of the Revised Code, respecting the terms used, forms, manner of sale, and redemption except as otherwise provided in this section.

The board of county commissioners of any county may issue bonds authorized by this section and distribute the proceeds of such bond issues to any or all of the cities and townships of such counties, according to their relative needs for disability financial assistance and disability medical assistance as determined by such county.

All sections of the Revised Code inconsistent with or prohibiting the exercise of the authority conferred by this section are inoperative respecting bonds issued under this section.

Sec. 131.35. (A) With respect to the federal funds received into any fund of the state from which transfers may be made under division (D) of section 127.14 of the Revised Code:

(1) No state agency may make expenditures of any federal funds, whether such funds are advanced prior to expenditure or as reimbursement, unless such expenditures are made pursuant to specific appropriations of the general assembly ~~identifying the federal program that is the source of funds, are authorized pursuant to section 131.38 of the Revised Code~~, are authorized by the controlling board pursuant to division (A)(5) of this section, or are authorized by an executive order issued in accordance with section 107.17 of the Revised Code, and until an allotment has been approved by the director of budget and management. All federal funds received by a state agency shall be reported to the director within fifteen

days of the receipt of such funds or the notification of award, whichever occurs first. The director shall prescribe the forms and procedures to be used when reporting the receipt of federal funds.

(2) If the federal funds received are greater than the amount of such funds appropriated by the general assembly for a specific purpose, the total appropriation of federal and state funds for such purpose shall remain at the amount designated by the general assembly, except that the expenditure of federal funds received in excess of such specific appropriation may be authorized by the controlling board.

(3) To the extent that the expenditure of excess federal funds is authorized, the controlling board may transfer a like amount of general revenue fund appropriation authority from the affected agency to the emergency purposes appropriation of the controlling board, if such action is permitted under federal regulations.

(4) Additional funds may be created by the controlling board to receive revenues not anticipated in an appropriations act for the biennium in which such new revenues are received. Expenditures from such additional funds may be authorized by the controlling board, but such authorization shall not extend beyond the end of the biennium in which such funds are created.

(5) Controlling board authorization for a state agency to make an expenditure of federal funds constitutes authority for the agency to participate in the federal program providing the funds, and the agency is not required to obtain an executive order under section 107.17 of the Revised Code to participate in the federal program.

(B) With respect to nonfederal funds received into the waterways safety fund, the wildlife fund, and any fund of the state from which transfers may be made under division (D) of section 127.14 of the Revised Code:

(1) No state agency may make expenditures of any such funds unless the expenditures are made pursuant to specific appropriations of the general assembly.

(2) If the receipts received into any fund are greater than the amount appropriated, the appropriation for that fund shall remain at the amount designated by the general assembly or as increased and approved by the controlling board.

(3) Additional funds may be created by the controlling board to receive revenues not anticipated in an appropriations act for the biennium in which such new revenues are received. Expenditures from such additional funds may be authorized by the controlling board, but such authorization shall not extend beyond the end of the biennium in which such funds are created.

(C) The controlling board shall not authorize more than ten per cent of

additional spending from the occupational licensing and regulatory fund, created in section 4743.05 of the Revised Code, in excess of any appropriation made by the general assembly to a licensing agency except an appropriation for costs related to the examination or reexamination of applicants for a license. As used in this division, "licensing agency" and "license" have the same meanings as in section 4745.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 131.41. There is hereby created in the state treasury the family services stabilization fund. The fund shall consist of moneys deposited into it pursuant to acts of the general assembly. The director of budget and management, with advice from the director of job and family services, may transfer moneys in the family services stabilization fund to the general revenue fund for the department of job and family services. Moneys may be transferred due to identified shortfalls for family services activities, such as higher caseloads, federal funding changes, and unforeseen costs due to significant state policy changes. Before transfers are authorized, the director of budget and management shall exhaust the possibilities for transfers of moneys within the department of job and family services to meet the identified shortfall. Transfers shall not be used to fund policy changes not contemplated by acts of the general assembly. Any investment earnings of the family services stabilization fund shall be credited to that fund.

Sec. 145.38. (A) As used in this section and ~~section~~ sections 145.381 and 145.384 of the Revised Code:

(1) "PERS retirant" means a former member of the public employees retirement system who is receiving one of the following:

(a) Age and service retirement benefits under section 145.32, 145.33, 145.331, 145.34, or 145.46 of the Revised Code;

(b) Age and service retirement benefits paid by the public employees retirement system under section 145.37 of the Revised Code;

(c) Any benefit paid under a PERS defined contribution plan.

(2) "Other system retirant" means both of the following:

(a) A member or former member of the Ohio police and fire pension fund, state teachers retirement system, school employees retirement system, state highway patrol retirement system, or Cincinnati retirement system who is receiving age and service or commuted age and service retirement benefits or a disability benefit from a system of which the person is a member or former member;

(b) A member or former member of the public employees retirement system who is receiving age and service retirement benefits or a disability benefit under section 145.37 of the Revised Code paid by the school

employees retirement system or the state teachers retirement system.

(B)(1) Subject to this section and section 145.381 of the Revised Code, a PERS retirant or other system retirant may be employed by a public employer. If so employed, the PERS retirant or other system retirant shall contribute to the public employees retirement system in accordance with section 145.47 of the Revised Code, and the employer shall make contributions in accordance with section 145.48 of the Revised Code.

(2) A public employer that employs a PERS retirant or other system retirant, or enters into a contract for services as an independent contractor with a PERS retirant shall notify the retirement board of the employment or contract not later than the end of the month in which the employment or contract commences. Any overpayment of benefits to a PERS retirant by the retirement system resulting from delay or failure of the employer to give the notice shall be repaid to the retirement system by the employer.

(3) On receipt of notice from a public employer that a person who is an other system retirant has been employed, the retirement system shall notify the retirement system of which the other system retirant was a member of such employment.

(4)(a) A PERS retirant who has received a retirement allowance for less than two months when employment subject to this section commences shall forfeit the retirement allowance for any month the PERS retirant is employed prior to the expiration of the two-month period. Service and contributions for that period shall not be included in calculation of any benefits payable to the PERS retirant and those contributions shall be refunded on the retirant's death or termination of the employment.

(b) An other system retirant who has received a retirement allowance or disability benefit for less than two months when employment subject to this section commences shall forfeit the retirement allowance or disability benefit for any month the other system retirant is employed prior to the expiration of the two-month period. Service and contributions for that period shall not be included in the calculation of any benefits payable to the other system retirant and those contributions shall be refunded on the retirant's death or termination of the employment.

(c) Contributions made on compensation earned after the expiration of the two-month period shall be used in the calculation of the benefit or payment due under section 145.384 of the Revised Code.

(5) On receipt of notice from the Ohio police and fire pension fund, school employees retirement system, or state teachers retirement system of the re-employment of a PERS retirant, the public employees retirement system shall not pay, or if paid, shall recover, the amount to be forfeited by

the PERS retirant in accordance with section 742.26, 3307.35, or 3309.341 of the Revised Code.

(6) A PERS retirant who enters into a contract to provide services as an independent contractor to the employer by which the retirant was employed at the time of retirement or, less than two months after the retirement allowance commences, begins providing services as an independent contractor pursuant to a contract with another public employer, shall forfeit the pension portion of the retirement benefit for the period beginning the first day of the month following the month in which the services begin and ending on the first day of the month following the month in which the services end. The annuity portion of the retirement allowance shall be suspended on the day services under the contract begin and shall accumulate to the credit of the retirant to be paid in a single payment after services provided under the contract terminate. A PERS retirant subject to division (B)(6) of this section shall not contribute to the retirement system and shall not become a member of the system.

(7) As used in this division, "employment" includes service for which a PERS retirant or other system retirant, the retirant's employer, or both, have waived any earnable salary for the service.

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(3) of this section, this division applies to both of the following:

(a) A PERS retirant who, prior to September 14, 2000, was subject to division (C)(1)(b) of this section as that division existed immediately prior to September 14, 2000, and has not elected pursuant to Am. Sub. S.B. 144 of the 123rd general assembly to cease to be subject to that division;

(b) A PERS retirant to whom both of the following apply:

(i) The retirant held elective office in this state, or in any municipal corporation, county, or other political subdivision of this state at the time of retirement under this chapter.

(ii) The retirant was elected or appointed to the same office for the remainder of the term or the term immediately following the term during which the retirement occurred.

(2) A PERS retirant who is subject to this division is a member of the public employees retirement system with all the rights, privileges, and obligations of membership, except that the membership does not include survivor benefits provided pursuant to section 145.45 of the Revised Code or, beginning on the ninetieth day after September 14, 2000, any amount calculated under section 145.401 of the Revised Code. The pension portion of the PERS retirant's retirement allowance shall be forfeited until the first day of the first month following termination of the employment. The

annuity portion of the retirement allowance shall accumulate to the credit of the PERS retirant to be paid in a single payment after termination of the employment. The retirement allowance shall resume on the first day of the first month following termination of the employment. On termination of the employment, the PERS retirant shall elect to receive either a refund of the retirant's contributions to the retirement system during the period of employment subject to this section or a supplemental retirement allowance based on the retirant's contributions and service credit for that period of employment.

(3) This division does not apply to any of the following:

(a) A PERS retirant elected to office who, at the time of the election for the retirant's current term, was not retired but, not less than ninety days prior to the primary election for the term or the date on which a primary for the term would have been held, filed a written declaration of intent to retire before the end of the term with the board of elections of the county in which petitions for nomination or election to the office ~~were~~ are filed;

(b) A PERS retirant elected to office who, at the time of the election for the retirant's current term, was a retirant and had been retired for not less than ninety days;

(c) A PERS retirant appointed to office who, at the time of appointment to the retirant's current term, notified the person or entity making the appointment that the retirant was already retired or intended to retire before the end of the term.

(D)(1) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, a PERS retirant or other system retirant subject to this section is not a member of the public employees retirement system, and, except as specified in this section does not have any of the rights, privileges, or obligations of membership. Except as specified in division (D)(2) of this section, the retirant is not eligible to receive health, medical, hospital, or surgical benefits under section 145.58 of the Revised Code for employment subject to this section.

(2) A PERS retirant subject to this section shall receive primary health, medical, hospital, or surgical insurance coverage from the retirant's employer, if the employer provides coverage to other employees performing comparable work. Neither the employer nor the PERS retirant may waive the employer's coverage, except that the PERS retirant may waive the employer's coverage if the retirant has coverage comparable to that provided by the employer from a source other than the employer or the public employees retirement system. If a claim is made, the employer's coverage shall be the primary coverage and shall pay first. The benefits provided under section 145.58 of the Revised Code shall pay only those medical

expenses not paid through the employer's coverage or coverage the PERS retirant receives through a source other than the retirement system.

(E) If the disability benefit of an other system retirant employed under this section is terminated, the retirant shall become a member of the public employees retirement system, effective on the first day of the month next following the termination with all the rights, privileges, and obligations of membership. If such person, after the termination of the disability benefit, earns two years of service credit under this system or under the Ohio police and fire pension fund, state teachers retirement system, school employees retirement system, or state highway patrol retirement system, the person's prior contributions as an other system retirant under this section shall be included in the person's total service credit as a public employees retirement system member, and the person shall forfeit all rights and benefits of this section. Not more than one year of credit may be given for any period of twelve months.

(F) This section does not affect the receipt of benefits by or eligibility for benefits of any person who on August 20, 1976, was receiving a disability benefit or service retirement pension or allowance from a state or municipal retirement system in Ohio and was a member of any other state or municipal retirement system of this state.

(G) The public employees retirement board may adopt rules to carry out this section.

Sec. 145.381. (A) This section applies in the case of a person who is or most recently has been employed by a public employer in a position that is customarily filled by a vote of members of a board or commission or by the legislative authority of a county, municipal corporation, or township.

(B) A board, commission, or legislative authority that proposes to continue the employment as a reemployed retirant or rehire as a reemployed retirant to the same position an individual described in division (A) of this section shall do both of the following in accordance with rules adopted under division (C) of this section:

(1) Not less than sixty days before the employment as a reemployed retirant is to begin, give public notice that the person is or will be retired and is seeking employment with the public employer;

(2) Between fifteen and thirty days before the employment as a reemployed retirant is to begin and after complying with division (B)(1) of this section, hold a public meeting on the issue of the person being employed by the public employer.

The notice regarding division (B)(1) of this section shall include the time, date, and location at which the public meeting is to take place.

(C) The public employees retirement board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

Sec. 147.01. (A) The secretary of state may appoint and commission as notaries public as many persons who meet the qualifications of division (B) of this section as the secretary of state considers necessary.

(B) In order for a person to qualify to be appointed and commissioned as a notary public, the person must satisfy both of the following:

(1) The person has attained the age of eighteen years.

(2) One of the following applies:

(a) The person is a ~~citizen~~ legal resident of this state who is not an attorney admitted to the practice of law in this state by the Ohio supreme court.

(b) The person is a ~~citizen~~ legal resident of this state who is an attorney admitted to the practice of law in this state by the Ohio supreme court.

(c) The person is not a ~~citizen~~ legal resident of this state, is an attorney admitted to the practice of law in this state by the Ohio supreme court, and has the person's principal place of business or the person's primary practice in this state.

(C) A notary public shall be appointed and commissioned as a notary public for the state. The secretary of state may revoke a commission issued to a notary public upon presentation of satisfactory evidence of official misconduct or incapacity.

Sec. 147.37. Each person receiving a commission as notary public, ~~except~~ including an attorney admitted to the practice of law in this state by the Ohio supreme court, shall pay a fee of ~~five~~ fifteen dollars to the secretary of state. ~~Each person receiving a commission as a notary public who is an attorney admitted to the practice of law in this state by the Ohio supreme court shall pay a fee of ten dollars to the secretary of state.~~

Sec. 149.011. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Public office" includes any state agency, public institution, political subdivision, or ~~any~~ other organized body, office, agency, institution, or entity established by the laws of this state for the exercise of any function of government.

(B) "State agency" includes every department, bureau, board, commission, office, or other organized body established by the constitution and laws of this state for the exercise of any function of state government, including any state-supported institution of higher education, the general assembly, ~~or~~ any legislative agency, any court or judicial agency, or any political subdivision or agency ~~thereof~~ of a political subdivision.

(C) "Public money" includes all money received or collected by or due a

public official, whether in accordance with or under authority of any law, ordinance, resolution, or order, under color of office, or otherwise. It also includes any money collected by any individual on behalf of a public office or as a purported representative or agent of the public office.

(D) "Public official" includes all officers, employees, or duly authorized representatives or agents of a public office.

(E) "Color of office" includes any act purported or alleged to be done under any law, ordinance, resolution, order, or other pretension to official right, power, or authority.

(F) "Archive" includes any public record that is transferred to the state archives or other designated archival institutions because of the historical information contained on it.

(G) "Records" includes any document, device, or item, regardless of physical form or characteristic, including an electronic record as defined in section 1306.01 of the Revised Code, created or received by or coming under the jurisdiction of any public office of the state or its political subdivisions, which serves to document the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities of the office.

Sec. 149.30. The Ohio historical society, chartered by this state as a corporation not for profit to promote a knowledge of history and archaeology, especially of Ohio, and operated continuously in the public interest since 1885, may perform public functions as prescribed by law.

The general assembly may appropriate money to the Ohio historical society each biennium to carry out the public functions of the society as enumerated in this section. An appropriation by the general assembly to the society constitutes an offer to contract with the society to carry out those public functions for which appropriations are made. An acceptance by the society of the appropriated funds constitutes an acceptance by the society of the offer and is considered an agreement by the society to perform those functions in accordance with the terms of the appropriation and the law and to expend the funds only for the purposes for which appropriated. The governor may request on behalf of the society, and the controlling board may release, additional funds to the society for survey, salvage, repair, or rehabilitation of an emergency nature for which funds have not been appropriated, and acceptance by the society of those funds constitutes an agreement on the part of the society to expend those funds only for the purpose for which released by the controlling board.

The society shall faithfully expend and apply all moneys received from the state to the uses and purposes directed by law and for necessary administrative expenses. The society shall perform the public function of

sending notice by certified mail to the owner of any property at the time it is listed on the national register of historic places. The society shall accurately record all expenditures of such funds in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

The auditor of state shall audit all funds and fiscal records of the society.

The public functions to be performed by the Ohio historical society shall include all of the following:

(A) Creating, supervising, operating, protecting, maintaining, and promoting for public use a system of state memorials, titles to which may reside wholly or in part with this state or wholly or in part with the society as provided in and in conformity to appropriate acts and resolves of the general assembly, and leasing for renewable periods of two years or less, with the advice and consent of the attorney general and the director of administrative services, lands and buildings owned by the state which are in the care, custody, and control of the society, all of which shall be maintained and kept for public use at reasonable hours;

(B) Making alterations and improvements, marking, and constructing, reconstructing, protecting, or restoring structures, earthworks, and monuments in its care, and equipping such facilities with appropriate educational maintenance facilities;

(C) Serving as the archives administration for the state and its political subdivisions as provided in sections 149.31 to 149.42 of the Revised Code;

(D) Administering a state historical museum, to be the headquarters of the society and its principal museum and library, which shall be maintained and kept for public use at reasonable hours;

(E) Establishing a marking system to identify all designated historic and archaeological sites within the state and marking or causing to be marked historic sites and communities considered by the society to be historically or archaeologically significant;

(F) Publishing books, pamphlets, periodicals, and other publications about history, archaeology, and natural science and ~~supplying~~ offering one copy of each regular periodical issue to all public libraries in this state ~~without charge~~ at a reasonable price, which shall not exceed one hundred ten per cent more than the total cost of publication;

(G) Engaging in research in history, archaeology, and natural science and providing historical information upon request to all state agencies;

(H) Collecting, preserving, and making available by all appropriate means and under approved safeguards all manuscript, print, or near-print library collections and all historical objects, specimens, and artifacts which

pertain to the history of Ohio and its people, including the following original documents: Ohio Constitution of 1802; Ohio Constitution of 1851; proposed Ohio Constitution of 1875; design and the letters of patent and assignment of patent for the state flag; S.J.R. 13 (1873); S.J.R. 53 (1875); S.J.R. 72 (1875); S.J.R. 50 (1883); H.J.R. 73 (1883); S.J.R. 28 (1885); H.J.R. 67 (1885); S.J.R. 17 (1902); S.J.R. 28 (1902); H.J.R. 39 (1902); S.J.R. 23 (1903); H.J.R. 19 (1904); S.J.R. 16 (1905); H.J.R. 41 (1913); H.J.R. 34 (1917); petition form (2) (1918); S.J.R. 6 (1921); H.J.R. 5 (1923); H.J.R. 40 (1923); H.J.R. 8 (1929); H.J.R. 20 (1929); S.J.R. 4 (1933); petition form (2) (1933); S.J.R. 57 (1936); petition form (1936); H.J.R. 14 (1942); H.J.R. 15 (1944); H.J.R. 8 (1944); S.J.R. 6 (1947); petition form (1947); H.J.R. 24 (1947); and H.J.R. 48 (1947);

(I) Encouraging and promoting the organization and development of county and local historical societies;

(J) Providing to Ohio schools ~~with~~ such materials ~~at cost or near cost~~ as the society may prepare to facilitate the instruction of Ohio history at a reasonable price, which shall not exceed one hundred ten per cent more than the total cost of preparation and delivery;

(K) Providing advisory and technical assistance to local societies for the preservation and restoration of historic and archaeological sites;

(L) Devising uniform criteria for the designation of historic and archaeological sites throughout the state and advising local historical societies of the criteria and their application;

(M) Taking inventory, in cooperation with the Ohio arts council, the Ohio archaeological council, and the archaeological society of Ohio, of significant designated and undesignated state and local sites and keeping an active registry of all designated sites within the state;

(N) Contracting with the owners or persons having an interest in designated historic or archaeological sites or property adjacent or contiguous to those sites, or acquiring, by purchase, gift, or devise, easements in those sites or in property adjacent or contiguous to those sites, in order to control or restrict the use of those historic or archaeological sites or adjacent or contiguous property for the purpose of restoring or preserving the historical or archaeological significance or educational value of those sites;

(O) Constructing a monument honoring Governor James A. Rhodes, which shall stand on the northeast quadrant of the grounds surrounding the capitol building. The monument shall be constructed with private funds donated to the Ohio historical society and designated for this purpose. No public funds shall be expended to construct this monument. The department of administrative services shall cooperate with the Ohio historical society in

carrying out this function and shall maintain the monument in a manner compatible with the grounds of the capitol building.

(P) Commissioning a portrait of each departing governor, which shall be displayed in the capitol building. The Ohio historical society may accept private contributions designated for this purpose and, at the discretion of its board of trustees, also may apply for the same purpose funds appropriated by the general assembly to the society pursuant to this section.

(Q) Planning and developing a center at the capitol building for the purpose of educating visitors about the history of Ohio, including its political, economic, and social development and the design and erection of the capitol building and its grounds. The Ohio historical society may accept contributions of private moneys and in-kind services designated for this purpose and may, at the discretion of its board of trustees, also apply, for the same purpose, personnel and other resources paid in whole or in part by its state subsidy.

(R) Submitting an annual report of its activities, programs, and operations to the governor within two months after the close of each fiscal year of the state.

The society shall not sell, mortgage, transfer, or dispose of historical or archaeological sites to which it has title and in which the state has monetary interest except by action of the general assembly.

In consideration of the public functions performed by the Ohio historical society for the state, employees of the society shall be considered public employees within the meaning of section 145.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 149.31. (A) The Ohio historical society, in addition to its other functions, shall function as the state archives administration for the state and its political subdivisions.

It shall be the function of the state archives to preserve government archives, documents, and records of historical value ~~which~~ that may come into its possession from public or private sources.

The archives administration shall evaluate, preserve, arrange, service repair, or make other disposition, such as transfer to public libraries, county historical societies, state universities, or other public or quasi-public institutions, agencies, or corporations, of those public records of the state and its political subdivisions ~~which~~ that may come into its possession under ~~the provisions of~~ this section. Such public records shall be transferred by written agreement only, and only to public or quasi-public institutions, agencies, or corporations capable of meeting accepted archival standards for housing and use.

The archives administration shall be headed by a trained archivist designated by the Ohio historical society, and shall make its services available to county, city, township, and ~~school~~ school district records commissions upon request. The archivist shall be designated as the "state archivist."

(B) The archives administration ~~of the Ohio historical society~~ may purchase or procure for itself, or authorize the board of trustees of an archival institution to purchase or procure from an insurance company licensed to do business in this state policies of insurance insuring the administration or the members of the board and their officers, employees, and agents against liability on account of damage or injury to persons and property resulting from any act or omission of the board members, officers, employees, and agents in their official capacity.

(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, the archives administration may establish a fee schedule, which may include the cost of labor, for researching, retrieving, copying, and mailing copies of public records in the state archives. Revisions to the fee schedule shall be subject to approval by the board of trustees of the Ohio historical society.

Sec. 149.33. (A) The department of administrative services shall have ~~full~~ responsibility for establishing and administering a state records program for all state agencies, except for state-supported institutions of higher education. The department shall apply efficient and economical management methods to the creation, utilization, maintenance, retention, preservation, and disposition of state records.

There is hereby established within the department of administrative services ~~an office of~~ a state records ~~administration~~ program, which shall be under the control and supervision of the director of administrative services or ~~his~~ the director's appointed deputy. ~~The director shall designate an administrator of the office of state records administration.~~

(B) The boards of trustees of state-supported institutions of higher education shall have full responsibility for establishing and administering a records program for their respective institutions. The boards shall apply efficient and economical management methods to the creation, utilization, maintenance, retention, preservation, and disposition of the records of their respective institutions.

Sec. 149.331. The state ~~record administration~~ records program of the department of administrative services shall do all of the following:

(A) Establish and promulgate in consultation with the state archivist standards, procedures, and techniques for the effective management of state

records;

(B) ~~Make continuing surveys of record-keeping operations and recommend improvements in current records management practices including the use of space, equipment, and supplies employed in creating, maintaining, storing, and servicing records;~~

~~(C) Establish and operate such state records centers and auxiliary facilities as may be authorized by appropriation and provide such related services as are deemed necessary for the preservation, screening, storage, and servicing of state records pending disposition;~~

~~(D)~~ Review applications for one-time records disposal and schedules of records retention and destruction submitted by state agencies in accordance with section 149.333 of the Revised Code;

~~(E)~~(C) Establish "general schedules" proposing the disposal, after the lapse of specified periods of time, of records of specified form or character common to several or all agencies that either have accumulated or may accumulate in such agencies and that apparently will not, after the lapse of the periods specified, have sufficient administrative, legal, fiscal, or other value to warrant their further preservation by the state;

~~(F)~~(D) Establish and maintain a records management training program, and provide a basic consulting service, for personnel involved in record-making and record-keeping functions of departments, offices, and institutions;

~~(G) Obtain reports from departments, offices, and institutions necessary for the effective administration of the program;~~

~~(H)~~(E) Provide for the disposition of any remaining records of any state agency, board, or commission, whether in the executive, judicial, or legislative branch of government, that has terminated its operations. After the closing of the Ohio veterans' children's home, the resident records of the home and the resident records of the home when it was known as the soldiers' and sailors' orphans' home required to be maintained by approved records retention schedules shall be administered by the state department of education pursuant to this chapter, the administrative records of the home required to be maintained by approved records retention schedules shall be administered by the department of administrative services pursuant to this chapter, and historical records of the home shall be transferred to an appropriate archival institution in this state prescribed by the state ~~record administration~~ records program.

~~(I)~~(F) Establish a centralized program coordinating micrographics standards, training, and services for the benefit of all state agencies;

~~(J)~~(G) Establish and publish in accordance with the applicable law

necessary procedures and rules for the retention and disposal of state records.

This section does not apply to the records of state-supported institutions of higher education, which shall keep their own records.

Sec. 149.332. Upon request the ~~state records administrator~~ director of administrative services and the state archivist shall assist and advise in the establishment of records management programs in the legislative and judicial branches of state government and shall, as required by them, provide program services similar to those available to the executive branch ~~pursuant to~~ under section 149.33 of the Revised Code. Prior to the disposal of any records, the state archivist shall be allowed sixty days to select for preservation in the state archives those records ~~he~~ the state archivist determines to have continuing historical value.

Sec. 149.333. No state agency shall retain, destroy, or otherwise transfer its state records in violation of this section. This section does not apply to state-supported institutions of higher education.

Each state agency shall submit to the state records ~~administrator~~ program under the director of administrative services all applications for records disposal or transfer and all schedules of records retention and destruction. The state records ~~administrator~~ program shall review ~~such~~ the applications and schedules and provide written approval, rejection, or modification of ~~the~~ an application or schedule. The state records ~~administrator~~ program shall then forward the application for records disposal or transfer or the schedule for retention or destruction, with the ~~administrator's~~ program's recommendation attached, to the auditor of state for review and approval. The decision of the auditor of state to approve, reject, or modify the ~~applications~~ application or ~~schedules~~ schedule shall be based upon the continuing administrative and fiscal value of the state records to the state or to its citizens. If the auditor of state disapproves the action by the state agency, ~~he~~ the auditor of state shall so inform the state agency through the state records ~~administrator~~ program within sixty days, and ~~these~~ the records shall not be destroyed. ~~At~~

At the same time, the state records ~~administrator~~ program shall forward the application for records disposal or transfer or the schedule for retention or destruction to the state archivist for review and approval. The state archivist shall have sixty days to select for custody ~~such~~ the state records ~~as he~~ that the state archivist determines to be of continuing historical value. Records not ~~so~~ selected shall be disposed of in accordance with this section.

Sec. 149.34. The head of each state agency, office, institution, board, or commission shall do the following:

(A) Establish, maintain, and direct an active continuing program for the effective management of the records of the state agency;

(B) ~~Cooperate with the state records administrator in the conduct of surveys pursuant to section 149.331 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(C)~~ Submit to the state records ~~administrator~~ program, in accordance with applicable standards and procedures, schedules proposing the length of time each record series warrants retention for administrative, legal, or fiscal purposes after it has been received or created by the agency. The head ~~of each state agency~~ also shall submit to the state records ~~administrator~~ program applications for disposal of records in ~~his~~ the head's custody that are not needed in the transaction of current business and are not otherwise scheduled for retention or destruction.

~~(D) Transfer to a state records center or auxiliary facilities, in the manner prescribed by the state records administrator, those records of the agency that can be retained more efficiently and economically in such a center;~~

~~(E)~~(C) Within one year after their date of creation or receipt, schedule all records for disposition or retention in the manner prescribed by applicable law and procedures.

This section does not apply to state-supported institutions of higher education.

Sec. 149.35. If any law prohibits the destruction of records, ~~neither~~ the ~~state records administrator nor~~ director of administrative services, the director's designee, or the boards of trustees of state-supported institutions of higher education shall not order their destruction or other disposition~~, and, if~~. If any law provides that records shall be kept for a specified period of time, ~~neither~~ the ~~administrator nor~~ director of administrative services, the director's designee, or the boards shall not order their destruction or other disposition prior to the expiration of ~~such~~ that period.

Sec. 153.65. As used in sections 153.65 to 153.71 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Public authority" means the state, ~~or~~ a county, township, municipal corporation, school district, or other political subdivision, or any public agency, authority, board, commission, instrumentality, or special district of the state or a county, township, municipal corporation, school district, or other political subdivision.

(B) "Professional design firm" means any person legally engaged in rendering professional design services.

(C) "Professional design services" means services within the scope of practice of an architect or landscape architect registered under Chapter 4703. of the Revised Code or a professional engineer or surveyor registered under

Chapter 4733. of the Revised Code.

(D) "Qualifications" means all of the following:

(1) Competence of the professional design firm to perform the required professional design services as indicated by the technical training, education, and experience of the firm's personnel, especially the technical training, education, and experience of the employees within the firm who would be assigned to perform the services;

(2) Ability of the firm in terms of its workload and the availability of qualified personnel, equipment, and facilities to perform the required professional design services competently and expeditiously;

(3) Past performance of the firm as reflected by the evaluations of previous clients with respect to such factors as control of costs, quality of work, and meeting of deadlines;

(4) ~~Other similar~~ Any other relevant factors as determined by the public authority.

Sec. 153.691. No public authority planning to contract for professional design services under section 153.69 of the Revised Code shall require any form of fee estimate, fee proposal, or other estimate or measure of compensation prior to selecting and ranking professional design firms, except in instances when firms are selected and ranked by a state agency from a list of prequalified firms created under section 153.68 of the Revised Code and the state agency's payment of funds for the professional design services has been preapproved by the controlling board.

Sec. 164.14. (A) The local transportation improvement program fund is hereby created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of moneys credited to it pursuant to ~~section~~ sections 117.16 and 5735.23 of the Revised Code, and, subject to the limitations of section 5735.05 of the Revised Code, shall be used to make grants to local subdivisions for projects that have been approved by district public works integrating committees and the Ohio public works commission in accordance with this section. The fund shall be administered by the Ohio public works commission, and shall be allocated each fiscal year on a per capita basis to district public works integrating committees in accordance with the most recent decennial census statistics. Money in the fund may be used to pay reasonable costs incurred by the commission in administering this section. Investment earnings on moneys credited to the fund shall be retained by the fund.

(B) Grants awarded under this section may provide up to one hundred per cent of the estimated total cost of the project.

(C) No grant shall be awarded for a project under this section unless the project is designed to have a useful life of at least seven years, except that

the average useful life of all such projects for which grants are awarded in each district during a fiscal year shall be not less than twenty years.

(D) For the period beginning on July 1, 1989, and ending on June 30, 1994, and for each succeeding five-year period, at least one-third of the total amount of money allocated to each district from the local transportation improvement program fund shall be awarded as follows:

(1) Forty-two and eight-tenths per cent for projects of municipal corporations;

(2) Thirty-seven and two-tenths per cent for projects of counties;

(3) Twenty per cent for projects of townships, except that the requirement of division (D)(3) of this section shall not apply in districts where the combined population of the townships in the district is less than five per cent of the population of the district.

(E) Each district public works integrating committee shall review, and approve or disapprove requests submitted to it by local subdivisions for assistance from the local transportation improvement program fund. In reviewing projects submitted to it, a district public works integrating committee shall consider the following factors:

(1) Whether the project is of critical importance to the safety of the residents of the local subdivision;

(2) Whether the project would alleviate serious traffic problems or hazards or would respond to needs caused by rapid growth and development;

(3) Whether the project would assist the local subdivision in attaining the transportation infrastructure needed to pursue significant and specific economic development opportunities;

(4) The availability of other sources of funding for the project;

(5) The adequacy of the planning for the project and the readiness of the local subdivision to proceed should the project be approved;

(6) The local subdivision's ability to pay for and history of investing in bridge and highway improvements;

(7) The impact of the project on the multijurisdictional highway and bridge needs of the district;

(8) The requirements of divisions (A), (B), (C), and (D) of this section;

(9) The condition of the infrastructure system proposed for improvement;

(10) Any other factors related to the safety, orderly growth, or economic development of the district or local subdivision that the district public works integrating committee considers relevant.

A district public works integrating committee or its executive committee

may appoint a subcommittee to assist it in carrying out its responsibilities under this section.

(F) Every project approved by a district public works integrating committee shall be submitted to the Ohio public works commission for its review and approval or disapproval. The commission shall not approve any project that fails to meet the requirements of this section.

(G) Grants awarded from the local transportation improvement program fund shall not be limited in their usage by divisions (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), and (I) of section 164.05 of the Revised Code.

(H) As used in this section, "local subdivision" means a county, municipal corporation, or township.

(I) The director of the Ohio public works commission shall notify the director of budget and management of the amounts allocated pursuant to this section, and the allocation information shall be entered into the state accounting system. The director of budget and management shall establish appropriation line items as needed to track these allocations.

Sec. 164.27. (A) The clean Ohio conservation fund is hereby created in the state treasury. Seventy-five per cent of the net proceeds of obligations issued and sold by the issuing authority pursuant to sections 151.01 and 151.09 of the Revised Code shall be deposited into the fund. Investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund~~. For two years after the effective date of this section, investment earnings credited to the fund~~ and may be used to pay costs incurred by the Ohio public works commission in administering sections 164.20 to 164.27 of the Revised Code. Moneys in the clean Ohio conservation fund shall be used to make grants to local political subdivisions and nonprofit organizations for projects that have been approved for grants under sections 164.20 to 164.27 of the Revised Code.

The clean Ohio conservation fund shall be administered by the Ohio public works commission.

(B) For the purpose of grants issued under sections 164.20 to 164.27 of the Revised Code, moneys shall be allocated on an annual basis from the clean Ohio conservation fund to districts represented by natural resources assistance councils as follows:

(1) Each district shall receive an amount that is equal to one-fourth of one per cent of the total annual amount allocated to all districts each year for each county that is represented by the district.

(2) The remaining moneys shall be allocated to each district annually on a per capita basis.

(C) A grant that is awarded under sections 164.20 to 164.27 of the Revised Code may provide up to seventy-five per cent of the estimated cost

of a project. Matching funds from a grant recipient may consist of contributions of money by any person, any local political subdivision, or the federal government or of contributions in-kind by such entities through the purchase or donation of equipment, land, easements, interest in land, labor, or materials necessary to complete the project.

(D) The director of the Ohio public works commission shall notify the director of budget and management of the amounts allocated pursuant to this section, and that information shall be entered in the state accounting system. The director of budget and management may establish appropriate line items or other mechanisms that are needed to track the allocations.

(E) Grants awarded under sections 164.20 to 164.27 of the Revised Code from the clean Ohio conservation fund shall be used by a local political subdivision or nonprofit organization only to pay the costs related to the purposes for which grants may be issued under section 164.22 of the Revised Code and shall not be used by a local political subdivision or nonprofit organization to pay any administrative costs incurred by the local political subdivision or nonprofit organization.

Sec. 165.09. Any real or personal property, or both, of an issuer ~~which~~ that is acquired, constructed, reconstructed, enlarged, improved, furnished or equipped, or any combination thereof, and leased or subleased under authority of either Chapter 165. or 761. of the Revised Code shall be subject to ad valorem, sales, use, and franchise taxes and to zoning, planning, and building regulations and fees, to the same extent and in the same manner as if the lessee-user or sublessee-user thereof, rather than the issuer, had acquired, constructed, reconstructed, enlarged, improved, furnished, or equipped, or any combination thereof, such real or personal property, and title thereto was in the name of such lessee-user or sublessee-user.

The transfer of tangible personal property by lease or sublease under authority of either Chapter 165. or 761. of the Revised Code is not a sale as used in Chapter 5739. of the Revised Code. The exemptions provided in divisions (B)(1) and (B)~~(14)~~(13) of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code shall not be applicable to purchases for a project under either Chapters 165. or 761. of the Revised Code.

An issuer shall be exempt from all taxes on its real or personal property, or both, which has been acquired, constructed, reconstructed, enlarged, improved, furnished, or equipped, or any combination thereof, under Chapter 165. or 761. of the Revised Code, so long as such property is used by the issuer for purposes which would otherwise exempt such property; has ceased to be used by a former lessee-user or sublessee-user and is not occupied or used; or has been acquired by the issuer, but development has

not yet commenced. The exemption shall be effective as of the date the exempt use begins. All taxes on the exempt real or personal property for the year should be prorated and the taxes for the exempt portion of the year shall be remitted by the county auditor.

Sec. 166.16. (A) The director of development, with the approval of the controlling board and subject to the other applicable provisions of this chapter, may lend moneys in the innovation Ohio loan fund to persons for the purpose of paying allowable innovation costs of an eligible innovation project if the director determines that:

(1) The project is an eligible innovation project and is economically sound.

(2) The borrower is unable to finance the necessary allowable costs through ordinary financial channels upon comparable terms.

(3) The amount to be lent from the innovation Ohio loan fund will not exceed ninety per cent of the total costs of the eligible innovation project.

(4) The repayment of the loan from the innovation Ohio loan fund will be secured by a mortgage, lien, assignment, or pledge, or other interest in property or innovation property at such level of priority and value as the director may determine necessary, provided that, in making such a determination, the director may take into account the value of any rights granted by the borrower to the director to control the use of any property or innovation property of the borrower under the circumstances described in the loan documents.

(B) The determinations of the director under division (A) of this section shall be conclusive for purposes of the validity of a loan commitment evidenced by a loan agreement signed by the director.

(C) Fees, charges, rates of interest, times of payment of interest and principal, and other terms, conditions, and provisions of and security for loans made from the innovation Ohio loan fund shall be such as the director determines to be appropriate and in furtherance of the purpose for which the loans are made. The moneys used in making the loans shall be disbursed from the innovation Ohio loan fund upon order of the director. Unless otherwise specified in any indenture or other instrument securing obligations under division (D) of section 166.08 of the Revised Code, any payments of principal and interest from loans made from the innovation Ohio loan fund shall be paid to the innovation Ohio loan fund and used for the purpose of making loans.

(D) ~~The~~ There is hereby created in the state treasury the innovation Ohio loan fund ~~is hereby created as a special revenue fund and a trust fund which shall be in the custody of the treasurer of state but shall be separate~~

~~and apart from and not a part of the state treasury~~. The fund shall consist of all grants, gifts, and contributions of moneys or rights to moneys lawfully designated for or deposited in such fund, all moneys and rights to moneys lawfully appropriated and transferred to such fund, including moneys received from the issuance of obligations for purposes of allowable innovation costs under section 166.08 of the Revised Code, and moneys deposited to such fund pursuant to divisions (C) and (G) of this section. All investment earnings on the cash balance in the fund shall be credited to the fund. The ~~innovation Ohio loan~~ fund shall not be comprised, in any part, of moneys raised by taxation.

(E) The director may take actions necessary or appropriate to collect or otherwise deal with any loan made under this section.

(F) The director may fix service charges for the making of a loan. The charges shall be payable at such times and place and in such amounts and manner as may be prescribed by the director.

(G) ~~The treasurer of state shall serve as an agent for the director in the making of deposits and withdrawals and maintenance of records pertaining to the innovation Ohio loan fund.~~

~~(H)~~(1) There shall be credited to the innovation Ohio loan fund the moneys received by this state from the repayment of innovation Ohio loans and recovery on loan guarantees, including interest thereon, made from the innovation Ohio loan fund or from the innovation Ohio loan guarantee fund and from the sale, lease, or other disposition of property acquired or constructed ~~from~~ with moneys in the innovation Ohio loan fund with moneys derived from the proceeds of the sale of obligations under section 166.08 of the Revised Code. Such moneys shall be applied as provided in this chapter pursuant to appropriations made by the general assembly.

(2) Notwithstanding division ~~(H)~~(G)(1) of this section, any amounts recovered on innovation Ohio loan guarantees shall be deposited to the credit of the innovation Ohio loan guarantee fund to the extent necessary to restore that fund to the innovation Ohio loan guarantee reserve requirement or any level in excess thereof required by any guarantee contract. Money in the innovation Ohio loan guarantee fund in excess of the innovation Ohio loan guarantee reserve requirement, but subject to the provisions and requirements of any guarantee contracts, may be transferred to the innovation Ohio loan fund by the treasurer of state upon the order of the director of development.

(3) In addition to the requirements of division ~~(H)~~(G)(1) of this section, moneys referred to in that division may be deposited to the credit of separate accounts within the innovation Ohio loan fund or in the bond service fund

and pledged to the security of obligations, applied to the payment of bond service charges without need for appropriation, released from any such pledge and transferred to the innovation Ohio loan fund, all as and to the extent provided in the bond proceedings pursuant to written directions by the director of development. Accounts may be established by the director in the innovation Ohio loan fund for particular projects or otherwise. ~~Income from the investment of moneys in the innovation Ohio loan fund shall be credited to that fund and, as may be provided in bond proceedings, to particular accounts in that fund.~~ The ~~treasurer of state~~ director may withdraw from the innovation Ohio loan fund or, subject to provisions of the applicable bond proceedings, from any special funds established pursuant to the bond proceedings, or from any accounts in such funds, any amounts of investment income required to be rebated and paid to the federal government in order to maintain the exemption from federal income taxation of interest on obligations issued under this chapter, which withdrawal and payment may be made without necessity for appropriation.

Sec. 173.06. (A) The director of aging shall establish a golden buckeye card program and provide a golden buckeye card to any resident of this state who applies to the director for a card and ~~who~~ is sixty years of age or older or ~~disabled~~ is a person with a disability and is eighteen years of age or older. The director shall devise programs to provide benefits of any kind to card holders, and encourage support and participation in them by all persons, including governmental organizations. Card holders shall be entitled to any benefits granted to them by private persons or organizations, the laws of this state, or ordinances or resolutions of political subdivisions. This section does not require any person or organization to provide benefits to any card holder. The department of aging shall bear all costs of the program, except that the department is not required to bear any costs related to the prescription drug ~~discount~~ programs established pursuant to section 173.061 of the Revised Code.

(B) Before issuing a golden buckeye card to any person, the director shall establish the identity of any person who applies for a card and shall ascertain that such person is sixty years of age or older or ~~disabled~~ is a person with a disability and is eighteen years of age or older. The director shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to prevent the issuance of cards to persons not qualified to have them. Cards shall contain the signature of the card holder and any other information the director considers necessary to carry out the purposes of the golden buckeye card program under this section. Any card that the director issues shall be held in perpetuity by the original card holder and shall not be transferable to any

other person. A person who loses the person's card may obtain another card from the director upon providing the same information to the director as was required for the issuance of the original card.

(C) No person shall use a golden buckeye card except to obtain a benefit for the holder of the card to which the holder is entitled under the conditions of the offer.

(D) As used in this section, "~~disabled~~ person with a disability" means a person who has some impairment of body or mind ~~that makes the person unfit to work at any substantially remunerative employment that the person is substantially able to perform and that will, with reasonable probability, continue for a period of at least twelve months without any present indication of recovery therefrom, or who~~ and has been certified as permanently and totally disabled by an agency of this state or the United States having the function of so classifying persons.

Sec. 173.061. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Prescription drug" means a drug that may not be dispensed without a prescription from a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs.

(2) "Drug," "licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs," "pharmacy," and "prescription" have the same meanings as in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "~~Disabled person~~ Person with a disability" has the same meaning as in section 173.06 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Drug discount" means a reimbursement of a certain portion of the wholesale price of a drug to the administrator of a prescription drug program for funds accrued or paid in connection with a reduction in cost of the drug by the manufacturer to the prescription drug program cardholder pursuant to an agreement between the manufacturer and the administrator and in consideration of the administrator's agreement to return one hundred per cent of the non-negotiated discounts to the cardholder at the point of sale. A discount is not tied to and does not vary based on market share performance.

(5) "Rebate" means a refund of a certain portion of the wholesale price of a drug to the administrator of a prescription drug program based on a negotiated agreement between the manufacturer and the administrator and in consideration of market share performance or continued access or availability of the drug under the administrator's prescription drug program.

(B) The director of aging shall establish one or more prescription drug ~~discount card~~ programs that enable cardholders to receive ~~discounts~~ reduced prices on prescription drugs dispensed at participating pharmacies. A card shall be provided to any resident of this state who applies in accordance with

rules adopted by the director pursuant to division (F) of this section and is sixty years of age or older or is a ~~disabled~~ person with a disability.

If the director establishes more than one prescription drug ~~discount card~~ program under this section, an eligible resident may participate in one or more or all of the programs.

(C)(1) The director shall solicit and accept proposals from entities separate from the department of aging to provide for administration of a program or programs in accordance with rules adopted under division (F) of this section. Proposals must be submitted not later than a date established by the director. The director shall accept only those proposals that specify all of the following:

(a) The estimated amount of the ~~discount~~ reduced prices on prescription drugs based on the entity's previous experience and how the ~~discount~~ reduction is to be achieved;

(b) To the extent that ~~discounts on prescription drugs are to be achieved through rebates or discounts in prices that the~~ an entity negotiates rebates with drug manufacturers, the proportion of the rebates ~~or discounts~~ to be used to do ~~all~~ any of the following:

(i) Reduce any costs to cardholders;

(ii) ~~Achieve discounts for cardholders;~~

~~(iii)~~ Cover costs for administering the program;

(iii) Offer any other benefits to cardholders.

(c) Any other benefits offered to cardholders;

(d) If fees are permitted, the fee, if any, to cardholders for participation in the program and whether the fee is to be a one-time or periodic fee;

(e) The estimated number and geographic distribution of participating pharmacies and the process for establishing the program's pharmacy network;

(f) Financial incentives to be paid to participating pharmacies by the entity;

(g) The percentage of prescription drugs to be covered by the program by major drug category;

(h) How the entity proposes to improve medication management for cardholders;

(i) How cardholders and participating pharmacies will be informed of the ~~discounted~~ reduced price negotiated by the entity;

(j) How the entity will handle complaints about the program's operation;

(k) The entity's previous experience in managing similar programs;

(l) Any additional information requested by the director.

(2) The director shall contract with one or more entities to administer a

program or programs on the basis of the proposals submitted, but may require an administrator to modify its conduct of a program in accordance with rules adopted under division (F) of this section. Prior to entering into a contract with an entity, the director shall obtain approval of the contract from the controlling board at a public hearing.

The director shall adopt rules specifying the period for which a contract will be in effect and may terminate a contract if an administrator fails to conduct a program in accordance with its proposal or with any modifications required by rule. When a contract period ends or a contract is terminated, the director shall enter into a new contract in the manner specified in this section for an original contract. Prior to making a new contract, the director may modify the rules for administration of the program or programs.

(D) The rules for administration of a program established under division (C)(2) of this section may permit an administrator to charge a fee for a prescription drug ~~discount~~ card. The fee may be a one-time or periodic fee. If the rules permit a fee to be charged, each entity that submits a proposal under which a fee will be charged shall specify the amount of the fee and the period to which the fee will apply.

If an administrator charges a fee for a prescription drug ~~discount~~ card, the rules may require the administrator to issue the cards. If an administrator does not charge a fee, the rules may require the administrator to issue the cards or may include the prescription drug ~~discount~~ information on golden buckeye cards issued under section 173.06 of the Revised Code.

(E) As used in this division, "administrator" includes the administrator's parent company and any subsidiary of the parent company.

(1) No administrator shall sell any information concerning a person who holds a prescription drug ~~discount~~ card, other than aggregate information that does not identify the cardholder, without the cardholder's written consent.

(2) Unless an administrator has the cardholder's written consent, no administrator shall use any personally identifiable information that it obtains concerning a cardholder through the program to promote or sell a program or product offered by the administrator that is not related to the administration of the program. This division does not prohibit an administrator from contacting cardholders concerning participation in or administration of the program, including, but not limited to, mailing a list of pharmacies participating in the program's network.

(3) When determining medicaid drug rebates, an administrator shall be subject to best price calculations promulgated by the centers for medicare and medicaid services in the United States department of health and human

services. With prior approval of the controlling board, an administrator may use rebates negotiated with a drug manufacturer for purposes other than those provided in divisions (E)(3)(a), (b), and (c) of this section, including sharing a portion of the rebate with the administrator's clients, prescription drug program participants, or participating pharmacies. To the extent that ~~a discount is achieved through rebates or discounts in prices that~~ an administrator negotiates rebates with drug manufacturers, ~~an~~ the administrator shall use the rebates ~~or discounts~~ to do one or more of the following:

(a) Reduce any costs to cardholders;

(b) ~~Achieve discounts for cardholders;~~

~~(c)~~ Cover any administrative costs of the program;

(c) Offer any other benefits to cardholders.

(4) An administrator may negotiate with drug manufacturers to have the prescription drug program or programs established by the department of aging under this section serve as a single enrollment point for the manufacturer's discount program. To the extent that discounts are offered by manufacturers through the program, discounts are exempt from best price calculations when determining medicaid drug rebates pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1396r-8, as amended, if all of the following apply:

(a) The manufacturer's program provides prescription drug assistance to a limited group of persons without negotiations between the manufacturer and a third party regarding the amount of assistance.

(b) The manufacturer establishes the amount of the benefit to be given to persons without negotiations between the manufacturer and a third party regarding the amount of the benefit.

(c) The entire amount of the discount is used to benefit an individual without providing an opportunity for the administrator, participating pharmacies, or any other third party to reduce or take for its use a portion of the benefit.

(d) A participating pharmacy is reimbursed based on the lower of a calculated formula equal to the average wholesale price less a defined percentage plus a dispensing fee, or the pharmacy's usual and customary price for the drug.

(e) Other than the benefit amount, a participating pharmacy collects no additional payment from the manufacturer's discount program.

(5) To the extent that drug discounts on prescription drugs are achieved through reduced prices an administrator obtains from drug manufacturers, the administrator shall use the drug discounts to reduce prescription drug costs for cardholders.

(F) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that do all of the following:

(1) Specify how a resident may apply to participate in any one or more prescription drug discount card programs;

(2) Provide for the administration of each program;

(3) Specify the circumstances under which the director may require an administrator to modify its conduct of a program;

(4) Specify the duration of a contract;

(5) Specify whether an administrator may charge a fee for a card and whether an administrator is required to issue the cards;

(6) Require that an administrator permit any pharmacy willing to comply with the administrator's terms and conditions for participation in the program's network to participate in any network used by the administrator for its program;

(7) Prohibit an administrator from requiring a pharmacy or drug manufacturer to participate in the program's network as a condition of participation in another network operated by the administrator;

(8) Permit an administrator to work with one or more drug manufacturers to obtain drug discounts;

(9) Permit an administrator to negotiate with one or more drug manufacturers for ~~discounts in drug prices or~~ rebates;

~~(9)~~(10) Permit an administrator to receive any rebate payments from drug manufacturers;

~~(10)~~(11) Require that an administrator create a financial incentive program for participating pharmacies through which the administrator shall distribute a portion of any rebate payments from drug manufacturers received under division (F)~~(9)~~(10) of this section.

(G) Not later than one month after the end of each twelve-month period that one or more prescription drug ~~discount card~~ programs are in operation, each administrator shall collect from each of its participating pharmacies and provide to the director of aging the information required by section 173.071 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 173.062. Records identifying the recipients of golden buckeye cards issued under section 173.06 of the Revised Code or prescription drug ~~discount~~ cards issued under section 173.061 of the Revised Code are not public records subject to inspection or copying under section 149.43 of the Revised Code and may be disclosed only at the discretion of the director of aging. The director may disclose only information in records identifying the recipients of golden buckeye cards or prescription drug ~~discount~~ cards that does not contain the recipient's medical history or prescription drug

utilization history.

Sec. 173.07. Not later than four months after the end of each twelve-month period that one or more prescription drug ~~discount card~~ programs established under section 173.061 of the Revised Code are in operation, the director of aging shall issue a report on the operation of each program during that twelve-month period.

Sec. 173.071. Each report issued under section 173.07 of the Revised Code shall be based on information received by the director of aging from each administrator under division (G) of section 173.061 of the Revised Code and specify all of the following about each program:

(A) The number of prescription drug ~~discount~~ cardholders;

(B) The number of cardholders who used the card at least once in the immediately preceding twelve-month period;

(C) The total cost savings to all cardholders generated by the program;

(D) The average cost savings to a cardholder per prescription;

(E) The source and method of cost savings under the program;

(F) The drugs that are discounted under the program listed according to major drug category;

(G) The drugs for which rebates are offered under the program, listed according to major drug category;

(H) For each participating pharmacy, the number of times in the twelve-month period that the pharmacy's customary and usual price was lower than the price offered under the prescription drug ~~discount~~ program;

~~(H)~~(I) The name of the program's administrator;

~~(I)~~(J) The length of the contract between the director and the program's administrator;

~~(J)~~(K) The number of pharmacies participating in the program;

~~(K)~~(L) Other than the cost of prescription drugs, any fees paid by cardholders to participate in the program;

~~(L)~~(M) Any costs incurred by the state to operate the program;

~~(M)~~(N) Any costs incurred by participating pharmacies to participate in the program.

Sec. 173.08. (A) The resident services coordinator program is established in the department of aging to fund resident services coordinators. The coordinators shall provide information to low-income and special-needs tenants, including the elderly, who live in subsidized rental housing complexes, and assist those tenants in identifying and obtaining community and program services and other benefits for which they are eligible.

(B) The resident services coordinator program fund is hereby created in the state treasury to support the resident services coordinator program

established pursuant to this section. The fund consists of all moneys the department of development sets aside pursuant to division (A)(4) of section 175.21 of the Revised Code and moneys the general assembly appropriates to the fund.

Sec. 173.14. As used in sections 173.14 to 173.26 of the Revised Code:

(A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of this section, "long-term care facility" includes any residential facility that provides personal care services for more than twenty-four hours for two or more unrelated adults, including all of the following:

(a) A "nursing home," "residential care facility," or "home for the aging" as defined in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code;

(b) A facility authorized to provide extended care services under Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C. 301, as amended;

(c) A county home or district home operated pursuant to Chapter 5155. of the Revised Code;

(d) An "adult care facility" as defined in section 3722.01 of the Revised Code;

(e) A facility approved by the veterans administration under section 104(a) of the "Veterans Health Care Amendments of 1983," 97 Stat. 993, 38 U.S.C. 630, as amended, and used exclusively for the placement and care of veterans;

(f) An adult foster home certified under section 173.36 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Long-term care facility" does not include a "residential facility" as defined in section 5119.22 of the Revised Code or a "residential facility" as defined in section 5123.19 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Resident" means a resident of a long-term care facility and, where appropriate, includes a prospective, previous, or deceased resident of a long-term care facility.

(C) "Community-based long-term care services" means health and social services provided to persons ~~age sixty or older~~ in their own homes or in community care settings, and includes any of the following:

(1) Case management;

(2) Home health care;

(3) Homemaker services;

(4) Chore services;

(5) Respite care;

(6) Adult day care;

(7) Home-delivered meals;

(8) Personal care;

(9) Physical, occupational, and speech therapy;

(10) Any other health and social services provided to persons ~~age sixty or older~~ that allow them to retain their independence in their own homes or in community care settings.

(D) "Recipient" means a recipient of community-based long-term care services and, where appropriate, includes a prospective, previous, or deceased recipient of community-based long-term care services.

(E) "Sponsor" means an adult relative, friend, or guardian who has an interest in or responsibility for the welfare of a resident or a recipient.

(F) "Personal care services" has the same meaning as in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Regional long-term care ombudsperson program" means an entity, either public or private and nonprofit, designated as a regional long-term care ombudsperson program by the state long-term care ombudsperson.

(H) "Representative of the office of the state long-term care ombudsperson program" means the state long-term care ombudsperson or a member of the ombudsperson's staff, or a person certified as a representative of the office under section 173.21 of the Revised Code.

(I) "Area agency on aging" means an area agency on aging established under the "Older Americans Act of 1965," 79 Stat. 219, 42 U.S.C.A. 3001, as amended.

Sec. 173.26. (A) Each of the following facilities shall annually pay to the department of aging ~~three~~ six dollars for each bed maintained by the facility for use by a resident during any part of the previous year:

(1) Nursing homes, residential care facilities, and homes for the aging as defined in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code;

(2) Facilities authorized to provide extended care services under Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C. 301, as amended;

(3) County homes and district homes operated pursuant to Chapter 5155. of the Revised Code;

(4) Adult care facilities as defined in section 3722.01 of the Revised Code;

(5) ~~Adult foster homes certified under section 173.36 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(6)~~ Facilities approved by the Veterans Administration under Section 104(a) of the "Veterans Health Care Amendments of 1983," 97 Stat. 993, 38 U.S.C. 630, as amended, and used exclusively for the placement and care of veterans.

The department shall, by rule adopted ~~under section 111.15~~ in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, establish deadlines for payments required by this section.

(B) All money collected under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the office of the state long-term care ~~ombudsman~~ ombudsperson program fund, which is hereby created. Money credited to the fund shall be used solely to pay the costs of operating the regional long-term care ~~ombudsman~~ ombudsperson programs.

(C) The state long-term care ~~ombudsman~~ ombudsperson and the regional programs may solicit and receive contributions to support the operation of the office or a regional program, except that no contribution shall be solicited or accepted that would interfere with the independence or objectivity of the office or program.

Sec. 175.03. (A)(1) The Ohio housing finance agency shall consist of eleven members. Nine of the members shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The director of commerce and the director of development, or their respective designees, shall also be voting members of the agency. Of the nine appointed members, at least one shall have experience in residential housing construction; at least one shall have experience in residential housing mortgage lending, loan servicing, or brokering; at least one shall have experience in the licensed residential housing brokerage business; at least one shall have experience with the housing needs of senior citizens; at least one shall be from a background in labor representation in the construction industry; at least one shall represent the interests of nonprofit multifamily housing development corporations; at least one shall represent the interests of for-profit multifamily housing development organizations; and two shall be public members. The governor shall receive recommendations from the Ohio housing council for appointees to represent the interests of nonprofit multifamily housing development corporations and for-profit multifamily housing development organizations. Each appointee representing multifamily housing interests currently shall be employed with an organization that is active in the area of affordable housing development or management. No more than six of the appointed members of the agency shall be of the same political party. Of the appointments made to the agency for the eighth and ninth appointed members in accordance with this amendment, one shall be for a term ending on January 31, 2005, and one shall be for a term ending on January 31, 2006. Thereafter, each appointed member shall serve for a term ending on the thirty-first day of January which is six years following the date of termination of the term which it succeeds. Each member shall hold office

from the date of the member's appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. 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. Each appointed member may be removed from office by the governor for misfeasance, nonfeasance, malfeasance in office, or for failure to attend in person three consecutive meetings of the agency.

(2) The ~~director of development or the director's designee~~ governor shall ~~be~~ appoint the chairperson of the agency. The agency shall elect one of its ~~appointed~~ members as vice-chairperson and such other officers as it deems necessary, who need not be members of the agency. Each appointed member of the agency shall receive compensation at the rate of one hundred fifty dollars per agency meeting attended in person, not to exceed a maximum of three thousand dollars per year. All members shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties.

(3) Six members of the agency constitute a quorum, and the affirmative vote of six members shall be necessary for any action taken by the agency. No vacancy in membership of the agency impairs the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the agency. Meetings of the agency may be held at any place within the state. Meetings of the agency, including notice of the place of meetings, shall comply with section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) The appointed members of the agency are not subject to section 102.02 of the Revised Code. Each such appointed member shall file with the agency a signed written statement setting forth the general nature of sales of goods, property or services or of loans to the agency in which such member has a pecuniary interest or in which any member of the member's immediate family, as defined in section 102.01 of the Revised Code, or any corporation, partnership or enterprise of which the member is an officer, director, or partner, or of which the member or a member of the member's immediate family, as so defined, owns more than a five per cent interest, has a pecuniary interest, and of which sale, loan and interest such member has knowledge. The statement shall be supplemented from time to time to reflect changes in the general nature of any such sales or loans. No member shall participate in portions of agency meetings dealing with, or vote concerning, any such matter.

(2) The requirements of this section pertaining to disclosure and prohibition from participation and voting do not apply to agency loans to lending institutions or contracts between the agency and lending institutions for the purchase, administration, or servicing of loans notwithstanding that such lending institution has a director, officer, employee, or owner who is a member of the agency, and no such loans or contracts shall be deemed to be prohibited or otherwise regulated by reason of any other law or rule.

(3) The members of the agency representing multifamily housing interests are not in violation of division (A) of section 2921.42, division (D) of section 102.03, or division (E) of section 102.03 of the Revised Code in regard to a contract the agency enters into if both of the following apply:

(a) The contract is entered into for a loan, grant, or participation in a program administered or funded by the agency and the contract was awarded pursuant to rules or guidelines the agency adopted.

(b) The member does not participate in the discussion or vote on the contract if the contract secured a grant or loan that would directly benefit the member, a family member, or a business associate of the member.

Sec. 175.21. (A) The low- and moderate-income housing trust fund is hereby created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of all appropriations~~,~~ made to the fund, housing trust fund fees collected by county recorders pursuant to section 317.36 of the Revised Code and deposited into the fund pursuant to section 319.63 of the Revised Code, and all grants, gifts, loan repayments, and contributions of money made from any source to the department of development for deposit in the fund. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund. The director of development shall allocate a portion of the money in the fund to an account of the Ohio housing finance agency. The department shall administer the fund. The agency shall use money allocated to it in the fund for implementing and administering its programs and duties under sections 175.22 and 175.24 of the Revised Code, and the department shall use the remaining money in the fund for implementing and administering its programs and duties under sections 175.22 to 175.25 of the Revised Code. Use of all money in the fund is subject to the following restrictions:

(1) Not more than six per cent of any current year appropriation authority for the fund shall be used for the transitional and permanent housing program to make grants to municipal corporations, counties, townships, and nonprofit organizations for the acquisition, rehabilitation, renovation, construction, conversion, operation, and cost of supportive services for new and existing transitional and permanent housing for homeless persons.

(2)(a) Not more than five per cent of any current year appropriation authority for the fund shall be used for grants and loans to community development corporations and the Ohio community development finance fund, a private nonprofit corporation.

(b) In any year in which the amount in the fund exceeds one hundred thousand dollars, not less than one hundred thousand dollars shall be used to provide training, technical assistance, and capacity building assistance to nonprofit development organizations in areas of the state the director designates as underserved.

(c) For monies awarded in any fiscal year, priority shall be given to proposals submitted by nonprofit development organizations from areas of the state the director designates as underserved.

(3) Not more than seven per cent of any current year appropriation authority for the fund shall be used for the emergency shelter housing grants program to make grants to private, nonprofit organizations and municipal corporations, counties, and townships for emergency shelter housing for the homeless. The grants shall be distributed pursuant to rules the director adopts and qualify as matching funds for funds obtained pursuant to the McKinney Act, 101 Stat. 85 (1987), 42 U.S.C.A. 11371 to 11378.

(4) In any fiscal year in which the amount in the fund exceeds the amount awarded pursuant to division (A)(2)(b) of this section by at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars, at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars from the fund shall be provided to the department of aging for the resident services coordinator program.

(5) Of all money in the fund:

(a) Not more than five per cent shall be used for administration.

(b) Not less than forty-five per cent of the ~~amount of~~ funds awarded during any one fiscal year shall be ~~used to make~~ for grants and loans to nonprofit organizations under section 175.22 of the Revised Code~~, not~~.

(c) Not less than fifty per cent of the ~~amount of~~ funds awarded during any one fiscal year, excluding the amounts awarded pursuant to divisions (A)(1), (A)(2), and (A)(3) of this section, shall be ~~used to make~~ for grants and loans for activities that ~~will~~ provide housing and housing assistance to families and individuals in rural areas and small cities that ~~would~~ are not ~~be~~ eligible to participate as a participating jurisdiction under the "HOME Investment Partnerships Act," 104 Stat. 4094 (1990), 42 U.S.C. 12701 note, 12721~~, no more than five per cent of the money in the fund shall be used for administration, and no~~.

(d) No money in the fund shall be used to pay for any legal services other than the usual and customary legal services associated with the

acquisition of housing.

(6) Except as otherwise provided by the director under division (B) of this section, money in the fund may be used as matching money for federal funds received by the state, counties, municipal corporations, and townships for the activities listed in section 175.22 of the Revised Code.

(B) If after the second quarter of any year it appears to the director that the full amount of the money in the ~~low- and moderate-income housing trust~~ fund designated in that year for activities that ~~will~~ provide housing and housing assistance to families and individuals in rural areas and small cities under division (A) of this section will not be ~~so~~ used for that purpose, the director may reallocate all or a portion of that amount for other housing activities. In determining whether or how to reallocate money under this division, the director may consult with and shall receive advice from the housing trust fund advisory committee.

Sec. 175.22. (A) The department of development and the Ohio housing finance agency shall each develop programs under which, in accordance with rules adopted under this section, ~~it~~ they may make grants, loans, loan guarantees, and loan subsidies to counties, municipal corporations, townships, local housing authorities, and nonprofit organizations and may make loans, loan guarantees, and loan subsidies to private developers and private lenders to assist ~~them~~ in activities that ~~will~~ provide housing and housing assistance for specifically targeted low- and moderate-income families and individuals. There ~~shall be~~ is no minimum housing project size for awards under this division for any project that is ~~being~~ developed for a special needs population and that is supported by a social service agency where the housing project ~~will be~~ is located. Activities for which grants, loans, loan guarantees, and loan subsidies may be made under this section include all of the following:

(1) Acquiring, financing, constructing, leasing, rehabilitating, remodeling, improving, and equipping publicly or privately owned housing;

(2) Providing supportive services related to housing and the homeless, including housing counseling. Not more than twenty per cent of the current year appropriation authority for the low- and moderate-income housing trust fund that remains after the award of funds made pursuant to divisions (A)(1), (A)(2), and (A)(3) of section 175.21 of the Revised Code, shall be awarded in any fiscal year for ~~such~~ supportive services.

(3) Providing rental assistance payments or other project operating subsidies that lower tenant rents.

(B) Grants, loans, loan guarantees, and loan subsidies may be made to counties, municipal corporations, townships, and nonprofit organizations for

the additional purposes of providing technical assistance, design and finance services and consultation, and payment of pre-development and administrative costs related to any of the activities listed above.

(C) In developing programs under this section, the department and the agency shall invite, accept, and consider public comment, and recommendations from the housing trust fund advisory committee created under section 175.25 of the Revised Code, on how the programs should be designed to most effectively benefit low- and moderate-income families and individuals. The programs developed under this section shall respond collectively to housing and housing assistance needs of low- and moderate-income families and individuals statewide.

(D) The department and the agency, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall each adopt rules ~~under which it shall~~ to administer programs developed ~~by it~~ under this section. The rules shall prescribe procedures and forms ~~whereby~~ that counties, municipal corporations, townships, local housing authorities, and nonprofit organizations ~~may apply~~ shall use in applying for grants, loans, loan guarantees, and loan subsidies and that private developers and private lenders ~~may apply~~ shall use in applying for loans, loan guarantees, and loan subsidies; eligibility criteria for the receipt of funds; procedures for reviewing and granting or denying applications; procedures for paying out funds; conditions on the use of funds; procedures for monitoring the use of funds; and procedures under which a recipient shall be required to repay funds that are improperly used. The rules ~~adopted by the department~~ shall do both of the following:

(1) Require each recipient of a grant or loan made from the low- and moderate-income housing trust fund for activities that ~~will~~ provide, or assist in providing, a rental housing project, to reasonably ensure that the rental housing project will ~~be~~ remain affordable to those families and individuals targeted for the rental housing project for the useful life of the rental housing project or for thirty years, whichever is longer;

(2) Require each recipient of a grant or loan made from the low- and moderate-income housing trust fund for activities that ~~will~~ provide, or assist in providing, a housing project to prepare and implement a plan to reasonably assist any families and individuals displaced by the housing project in obtaining decent affordable housing.

(E) In prescribing eligibility criteria and conditions for the use of funds, neither the department nor the agency is limited to the criteria and conditions specified in this section and each may prescribe additional eligibility criteria and conditions that relate to the purposes for which grants, loans, loan guarantees, and loan subsidies may be made. However, the

department and agency are limited by the following specifically targeted low- and moderate-income guidelines:

(1) Not less than seventy-five per cent of the money granted and loaned under this section in any fiscal year shall be for activities that ~~will~~ provide affordable housing and housing assistance to families and individuals ~~in a county~~ whose incomes are equal to or less than fifty per cent of the median income for ~~that~~ the county in which they live, as determined by the department under section 175.23 of the Revised Code.

(2) ~~The remainder of the~~ Any money granted and loaned under this section in any fiscal year that is not granted or loaned pursuant to division (E)(1) of this section shall be for activities that ~~will~~ provide affordable housing and housing assistance to families and individuals ~~in a county~~ whose incomes are equal to or less than eighty per cent of the median income for ~~that~~ the county in which they live, as determined by the department under section 175.23 of the Revised Code.

(F) In making grants, loans, loan guarantees, and loan subsidies under this section, the department and the agency shall give preference to viable projects and activities that ~~will~~ benefit those families and individuals ~~in a county~~ whose incomes are equal to or less than thirty-five per cent of the median income for ~~that~~ the county in which they live, as determined by the department under section 175.23 of the Revised Code.

(G) The department and the agency shall monitor the programs developed under this section to ensure that money granted and loaned under this section is not used in a manner that violates division (H) of section 4112.02 of the Revised Code or discriminates against families with children.

Sec. 183.02. This section's references to years mean state fiscal years.

All payments received by the state pursuant to the tobacco master settlement agreement shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the tobacco master settlement agreement fund, which is hereby created. All investment earnings of the fund shall also be credited to the fund. Except as provided in division (K) of this section, payments and interest credited to the fund shall be transferred by the director of budget and management as follows:

(A)(1) Of the first payment credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund in 2000 and the net amounts credited to the fund annually from 2000 to 2006 and in 2012, the following amount or percentage shall be transferred to the tobacco use prevention and cessation trust fund, created in section 183.03 of the Revised Code:

YEAR	AMOUNT OR PERCENTAGE
2000 (first payment credited)	$104,855,222.85

2000 (net amount credited)	70.30%
2001	62.84
2002	61.41
2003	63.24
2004	66.65
2005	66.24
2006	65.97
2012	56.01

(2) Of the net amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund in 2013, the director shall transfer to the tobacco use prevention and cessation trust fund the amount not transferred to the tobacco use prevention and cessation trust fund from the net amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund in 2002 due to Am. Sub. H.B. No. 405 and Am. Sub. S.B. No. 242 of the 124th general assembly. Of the net amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund in 2014, the director shall transfer to the tobacco use prevention and cessation trust fund the amount not transferred to the tobacco use prevention and cessation trust fund from the net amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund in 2003 due to Am. Sub. H.B. No. 405 and Am. Sub. S.B. No. 242 of the 124th general assembly. Of the net amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund in 2015, the director shall transfer to the tobacco use prevention and cessation trust fund the amount not transferred to the tobacco use prevention and cessation trust fund from the net amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund in 2004 due to Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th general assembly.

(B) Of the first payment credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund in 2000 and the net amounts credited to the fund annually in 2000 and 2001, the following amount or percentage shall be transferred to the law enforcement improvements trust fund, created in section 183.10 of the Revised Code:

YEAR	AMOUNT OR PERCENTAGE
2000 (first payment credited)	$10,000,000
2000 (net amount credited)	5.41%
2001	2.32

(C)(1) Of the first payment credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund in 2000 and the net amounts credited to the fund annually from 2000 to 2011, the following percentages shall be transferred to the southern Ohio agricultural and community development trust fund, created in section 183.11 of the Revised Code:

YEAR	PERCENTAGE
2000 (first payment credited)	5.00%
2000 (net amount credited)	8.73
2001	8.12
2002	9.18
2003	8.91
2004	7.84
2005	7.79
2006	7.76
2007	17.39
2008 through 2011	17.25

(2) Of the net amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund in 2013, the director shall transfer to the southern Ohio agricultural and community development trust fund the amount not transferred to the southern Ohio agricultural and community development trust fund from the net amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund in 2002 due to Am. Sub. H.B. No. 405 and Am. Sub. S.B. No. 242 of the 124th general assembly. Of the net amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund in 2014, the director shall transfer to the southern Ohio agricultural and community development trust fund the amount not transferred to the southern Ohio agricultural and community development trust fund from the net amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund in 2003 due to Am. Sub. H.B. No. 405 and Am. Sub. S.B. No. 242 of the 124th general assembly.

(D)~~(1)~~ The following percentages of the net amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund annually shall be transferred to Ohio's public health priorities trust fund, created in section 183.18 of the Revised Code:

YEAR	PERCENTAGE
2000	5.41
2001	6.68
2002	6.79
2003	6.90
2004	7.82
2005	8.18
2006	8.56
2007	19.83
2008	19.66
2009	20.48
2010	21.30

2011	22.12
2012	10.47

~~(2) Of the net amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund in 2013, the director shall transfer to Ohio's public health priorities trust fund the amount not transferred to Ohio's public health priorities trust fund from the net amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund in 2002 due to Am. Sub. H.B. No. 405 and Am. Sub. S.B. No. 242 of the 124th general assembly. Of the net amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund in 2014, the director shall transfer to Ohio's public health priorities trust fund the amount not transferred to Ohio's public health priorities trust fund from the net amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund in 2003 due to Am. Sub. H.B. No. 405 and Am. Sub. S.B. No. 242 of the 124th general assembly.~~

(E) The following percentages of the net amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund annually shall be transferred to the biomedical research and technology transfer trust fund, created in section 183.19 of the Revised Code:

YEAR	PERCENTAGE
2000	2.71
2001	14.03
2002	13.29
2003	12.73
2004	13.78
2005	14.31
2006	14.66
2007	49.57
2008 to 2011	45.06
2012	18.77

(F) Of the amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund annually, the following amounts shall be transferred to the education facilities trust fund, created in section 183.26 of the Revised Code:

YEAR	AMOUNT
2000	$133,062,504.95
2001	128,938,732.73
2002	185,804,475.78
2003	180,561,673.11
2004	122,778,219.49
2005	121,389,325.80
2006	120,463,396.67

2007	246,389,369.01
2008 to 2011	267,531,291.85
2012	110,954,545.28

(G) Of the amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund annually, from 2000 to 2012 five million dollars per year shall be transferred to the education facilities endowment fund, created in section 183.27 of the Revised Code. From 2013 to 2025, the following percentages of the amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund annually shall be transferred to the endowment fund:

YEAR	PERCENTAGE
2013	30.22
2014	33.36
2015 to 2025	40.90

(H) The following percentages of the net amounts credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund annually shall be transferred to the education technology trust fund, created in section 183.28 of the Revised Code:

YEAR	PERCENTAGE
2000	7.44
2001	6.01
2002	9.33
2003	8.22
2004	3.91
2005	3.48
2006	3.05
2007	13.21
2008	18.03
2009	17.21
2010	16.39
2011	15.57
2012	14.75

(I) In each year from 2003 to 2025, after the transfers made under divisions (F) and (G) of this section but prior to the transfers made under divisions (A) to (E) of this section, the director of budget and management shall transfer to the tobacco settlement oversight, administration, and enforcement fund created in section 183.34 of the Revised Code such amount as the director determines necessary to pay the costs incurred by the attorney general in tobacco settlement oversight, administration, and enforcement.

(J) In each year from 2003 to 2025, after the transfers made under

divisions (F) and (G) of this section but prior to the transfers made under divisions (A) to (E) of this section, the director of budget and management shall transfer to the tobacco settlement enforcement fund created in section 183.35 of the Revised Code such amount as the director determines necessary to pay the costs incurred by the tax commissioner in the enforcement of divisions (F) and (G) of section 5743.03 of the Revised Code.

(K) If in any year from 2001 to 2012 the payments and interest credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund during the year amount to less than the amounts required to be transferred to the education facilities trust fund and the education facilities endowment fund that year, the director of budget and management shall make none of the transfers required by divisions (A) to (J) of this section.

(L) If in any year from 2000 to 2025 the payments credited to the tobacco master settlement agreement fund during the year exceed the following amounts, the director of budget and management shall transfer the excess to the income tax reduction fund, created in section 131.44 of the Revised Code:

YEAR	AMOUNT
2000	$443,892,767.51
2001	348,780,049.22
2002	418,783,038.09
2003	422,746,368.61
2004	352,827,184.57
2005	352,827,184.57
2006	352,827,184.57
2007	352,827,184.57
2008 to 2017	383,779,323.15
2018 to 2025	403,202,282.16

Sec. 306.35. Upon the creation of a regional transit authority as provided by section 306.32 of the Revised Code, and upon the qualifying of its board of trustees and the election of a president and a vice-president, the authority shall exercise in its own name all the rights, powers, and duties vested in and conferred upon it by sections 306.30 to 306.53 of the Revised Code. Subject to any reservations, limitations, and qualifications that are set forth in those sections, the regional transit authority:

(A) May sue or be sued in its corporate name;

(B) May make contracts in the exercise of the rights, powers, and duties conferred upon it;

(C) May adopt and at will alter a seal and use such seal by causing it to

be impressed, affixed, reproduced, or otherwise used, but failure to affix the seal shall not affect the validity of any instrument;

(D)(1) May adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws for the administration of its affairs and rules for the control of the administration and operation of transit facilities under its jurisdiction, and for the exercise of all of its rights of ownership in those transit facilities;

(2) The regional transit authority also may adopt bylaws and rules for the following purposes:

(a) To prohibit selling, giving away, or using any beer or intoxicating liquor on transit vehicles or transit property;

(b) For the preservation of good order within or on transit vehicles or transit property;

(c) To provide for the protection and preservation of all property and life within or on transit vehicles or transit property;

(d) To regulate and enforce the collection of fares.

(3) Before a bylaw or rule adopted under division (D)(2) of this section takes effect, the regional transit authority shall provide for a notice of its adoption to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the territorial boundaries of the regional transit authority.

(4) No person shall violate any bylaw or rule of a regional transit authority adopted under division (D)(2) of this section.

(E) May fix, alter, and collect fares, rates, and rentals and other charges for the use of transit facilities under its jurisdiction to be determined exclusively by it for the purpose of providing for the payment of the expenses of the regional transit authority, the acquisition, construction, improvement, extension, repair, maintenance, and operation of transit facilities under its jurisdiction, the payment of principal and interest on its obligations, and to fulfill the terms of any agreements made with purchasers or holders of any such obligations, or with any person or political subdivision;

(F) Shall have jurisdiction, control, possession, and supervision of all property, rights, easements, licenses, moneys, contracts, accounts, liens, books, records, maps, or other property rights and interests conveyed, delivered, transferred, or assigned to it;

(G) May acquire, construct, improve, extend, repair, lease, operate, maintain, or manage transit facilities within or without its territorial boundaries, considered necessary to accomplish the purposes of its organization and make charges for the use of transit facilities;

(H) May levy and collect taxes as provided in sections 306.40 and

306.49 of the Revised Code;

(I) May issue bonds secured by its general credit as provided in section 306.40 of the Revised Code;

(J) May hold, encumber, control, acquire by donation, by purchase for cash or by installment payments, by lease-purchase agreement, by lease with option to purchase, or by condemnation, and may construct, own, lease as lessee or lessor, use, and sell, real and personal property, or any interest or right in real and personal property, within or without its territorial boundaries, for the location or protection of transit facilities and improvements and access to transit facilities and improvements, the relocation of buildings, structures, and improvements situated on lands acquired by the regional transit authority, or for any other necessary purpose, or for obtaining or storing materials to be used in constructing, maintaining, and improving transit facilities under its jurisdiction;

(K) May exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire property or any interest in property, within or without its territorial boundaries, that is necessary or proper for the construction or efficient operation of any transit facility or access to any transit facility under its jurisdiction in accordance with section 306.36 of the Revised Code;

(L) May provide by agreement with any county, including the counties within its territorial boundaries, or any municipal corporation or any combination of counties or municipal corporations for the making of necessary surveys, appraisals, and examinations preliminary to the acquisition or construction of any transit facility and the amount of the expense for the surveys, appraisals, and examinations to be paid by each such county or municipal corporation;

(M) May provide by agreement with any county, including the counties within its territorial boundaries, or any municipal corporation or any combination of those counties or municipal corporations for the acquisition, construction, improvement, extension, maintenance, or operation of any transit facility owned or to be owned and operated by it or owned or to be owned and operated by any such county or municipal corporation and the terms on which it shall be acquired, leased, constructed, maintained, or operated, and the amount of the cost and expense of the acquisition, lease, construction, maintenance, or operation to be paid by each such county or municipal corporation;

(N) May issue revenue bonds for the purpose of acquiring, replacing, improving, extending, enlarging, or constructing any facility or permanent improvement that it is authorized to acquire, replace, improve, extend, enlarge, or construct, including all costs in connection with and incidental to

the acquisition, replacement, improvement, extension, enlargement, or construction, and their financing, as provided by section 306.37 of the Revised Code;

(O) May enter into and supervise franchise agreements for the operation of a transit system;

(P) May accept the assignment of and supervise an existing franchise agreement for the operation of a transit system;

(Q) May exercise a right to purchase a transit system in accordance with the acquisition terms of an existing franchise agreement; and in connection with the purchase the regional transit authority may issue revenue bonds as provided by section 306.37 of the Revised Code or issue bonds secured by its general credit as provided in section 306.40 of the Revised Code;

(R) May apply for and accept grants or loans from the United States, the state, or any other public body for the purpose of providing for the development or improvement of transit facilities, mass transportation facilities, equipment, techniques, methods, or services, and grants or loans needed to exercise a right to purchase a transit system pursuant to agreement with the owner of those transit facilities, or for providing lawful financial assistance to existing transit systems; and may provide any consideration that may be required in order to obtain those grants or loans from the United States, the state, or other public body, either of which grants or loans may be evidenced by the issuance of revenue bonds as provided by section 306.37 of the Revised Code or general obligation bonds as provided by section 306.40 of the Revised Code;

(S) May employ and fix the compensation of consulting engineers, superintendents, managers, and such other engineering, construction, accounting and financial experts, attorneys, and other employees and agents necessary for the accomplishment of its purposes;

(T) May procure insurance against loss to it by reason of damages to its properties resulting from fire, theft, accident, or other casualties or by reason of its liability for any damages to persons or property occurring in the construction or operation of transit facilities under its jurisdiction or the conduct of its activities;

(U) May maintain funds that it considers necessary for the efficient performance of its duties;

(V) May direct its agents or employees, when properly identified in writing, after at least five days' written notice, to enter upon lands within or without its territorial boundaries in order to make surveys and examinations preliminary to the location and construction of transit facilities, without liability to it or its agents or employees except for actual damage done;

(W) On its own motion, may request the appropriate zoning board, as defined in section 4563.03 of the Revised Code, to establish and enforce zoning regulations pertaining to any transit facility under its jurisdiction in the manner prescribed by sections 4563.01 to 4563.21 of the Revised Code;

(X) If it acquires any existing transit system, shall assume all the employer's obligations under any existing labor contract between the employees and management of the system. If the board acquires, constructs, controls, or operates any such facilities, it shall negotiate arrangements to protect the interests of employees affected by the acquisition, construction, control, or operation. The arrangements shall include, but are not limited to:

(1) The preservation of rights, privileges, and benefits under existing collective bargaining agreements or otherwise, the preservation of rights and benefits under any existing pension plans covering prior service, and continued participation in social security in addition to participation in the public employees retirement system as required in Chapter 145. of the Revised Code;

(2) The continuation of collective bargaining rights;

(3) The protection of individual employees against a worsening of their positions with respect to their employment;

(4) Assurances of employment to employees of those transit systems and priority reemployment of employees terminated or laid off;

(5) Paid training or retraining programs;

(6) Signed written labor agreements.

The arrangements may include provisions for the submission of labor disputes to final and binding arbitration.

(Y) May provide for and maintain security operations, including a transit police department, subject to section 306.352 of the Revised Code. Regional transit authority police officers shall have the power and duty to act as peace officers within transit facilities owned, operated, or leased by the transit authority to protect the transit authority's property and the person and property of passengers, to preserve the peace, and to enforce all laws of the state and ordinances and regulations of political subdivisions in which the transit authority operates. Regional transit authority police officers also shall have the power and duty to act as peace officers when they render emergency assistance outside their jurisdiction to any other peace officer who is not a regional transit authority police officer and who has arrest authority under section 2935.03 of the Revised Code. Regional transit authority police officers may render emergency assistance if there is a threat of imminent physical danger to the peace officer, a threat of physical harm to another person, or any other serious emergency situation and if either the

peace officer who is assisted requests emergency assistance or it appears that the peace officer who is assisted is unable to request emergency assistance and the circumstances observed by the regional transit authority police officer reasonably indicate that emergency assistance is appropriate.

Before exercising powers of arrest and the other powers and duties of a peace officer, each regional transit authority police officer shall take an oath and give bond to the state in a sum that the board of trustees prescribes for the proper performance of the officer's duties.

Persons employed as regional transit authority police officers shall complete training for the position to which they have been appointed as required by the Ohio peace officer training commission as authorized in section 109.77 of the Revised Code, or be otherwise qualified. The cost of the training shall be provided by the regional transit authority.

(Z) May procure a policy or policies insuring members of its board of trustees against liability on account of damages or injury to persons and property resulting from any act or omission of a member in the member's official capacity as a member of the board or resulting solely out of the member's membership on the board;

(AA) May enter into any agreement for the sale and leaseback or lease and leaseback of transit facilities, which agreement may contain all necessary covenants for the security and protection of any lessor or the regional transit authority including, but not limited to, indemnification of the lessor against the loss of anticipated tax benefits arising from acts, omissions, or misrepresentations of the regional transit authority. In connection with that transaction, the regional transit authority may contract for insurance and letters of credit and pay any premiums or other charges for the insurance and letters of credit. The fiscal officer shall not be required to furnish any certificate under section 5705.41 of the Revised Code in connection with the execution of any such agreement.

(BB) In regard to any contract entered into on or after March 19, 1993, for the rendering of services or the supplying of materials or for the construction, demolition, alteration, repair, or reconstruction of transit facilities in which a bond is required for the faithful performance of the contract, may permit the person awarded the contract to utilize a letter of credit issued by a bank or other financial institution in lieu of the bond;

(CC) May enter into agreements with municipal corporations located within the territorial jurisdiction of the regional transit authority permitting regional transit authority police officers employed under division (Y) of this section to exercise full arrest powers, as provided in section 2935.03 of the Revised Code, for the purpose of preserving the peace and enforcing all

laws of the state and ordinances and regulations of the municipal corporation within the areas that may be agreed to by the regional transit authority and the municipal corporation.

Sec. 306.99. (A) No person shall violate any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to division (N) of section 306.04 of the Revised Code and whoever violates such a rule or regulation shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety days or both.

(B) Whoever violates division (D)(4) of section 306.35 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars on a first offense and not more than five hundred dollars on each subsequent offense.

Fines levied and collected for such violations shall be paid into the treasury of the regional transit authority. The regional transit authority may use such fine money for any purpose that is not inconsistent with sections 306.30 to 306.54 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 307.676. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Food and beverages" means any raw, cooked, or processed edible substance used or intended for use in whole or in part for human consumption, including ice, water, spirituous liquors, wine, mixed beverages, beer, soft drinks, soda, and other beverages.

(2) "Convention facilities authority" has the same meaning as in section 351.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Convention center" has the same meaning as in section 307.695 of the Revised Code.

(B) The legislative authority of a county with a population of one million or more according to the most recent federal decennial census may, by resolution adopted on or before August 30, 2004, by a majority of the members of the legislative authority and with the subsequent approval of a majority of the electors of the county voting upon it, levy a tax of not more than two per cent on every retail sale in the county of food and beverages to be consumed on the premises where sold to pay the expenses of administering the tax and to provide revenues for the county general fund. Such resolution shall direct the board of elections to submit the question of levying the tax to the electors of the county at the next primary or general election in the county occurring not less than seventy-five days after the resolution is certified to the board of elections, and such resolution may further direct the board of elections to include upon the ballot submitted to the electors any specific purposes for which the tax will be used. The legislative authority shall establish all regulations necessary to provide for the administration and allocation of the tax. The regulations may prescribe the time for payment of the tax and may provide for imposition of a penalty,

interest, or both for late payments, provided that any such penalty may not exceed ten per cent of the amount of tax due and the rate at which interest accrues may not exceed the rate per annum required under section 5703.47 of the Revised Code.

(C) A tax levied under this section shall remain in effect for the period of time specified in the resolution or ordinance levying the tax, but in no case for a longer period than forty years.

(D) A tax levied under this section is in addition to any other tax levied under Chapter 307., 4301., 4305., 5739., 5741., or any other chapter of the Revised Code. "Price," as defined in sections 5739.01 and 5741.01 of the Revised Code, does not include any tax levied under this section and any tax levied under this section does not include any tax imposed under Chapter 5739. or 5741. of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) No amount collected from a tax levied under this section shall be contributed to a convention facilities authority, corporation, or other entity created after July 1, 2003, for the principal purpose of constructing, improving, expanding, equipping, financing, or operating a convention center unless the mayor of the municipal corporation in which the convention center is to be operated by that convention facilities authority, corporation, or other entity has consented to the creation of that convention facilities authority, corporation, or entity. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 351.04 of the Revised Code, if a tax is levied by a county under this section, the board of county commissioners of that county may determine the manner of selection, the qualifications, the number, and terms of office of the members of the board of directors of any convention facilities authority, corporation, or other entity described in division (E)(1) of this section.

(2)(a) No amount collected from a tax levied under this section may be used for any purpose other than paying the direct and indirect costs of constructing, improving, expanding, equipping, financing, or operating a convention center and for the real and actual costs of administering the tax, unless, prior to the adoption of the resolution of the legislative authority of the county directing the board of elections to submit the question of the levy, extension, or increase to the electors of the county, the county and the mayor of the most populous municipal corporation in that county have entered into an agreement as to the use of such amounts, provided that such agreement has been approved by a majority of the mayors of the other municipal corporations in that county. The agreement shall provide that the amounts to be used for purposes other than paying the convention center or administrative costs described in division (E)(2)(a) of this section be used

only for the direct and indirect costs of capital improvements in accordance with the agreement, including the financing of capital improvements. Immediately following the execution of the agreement, the county shall:

(i) In accordance with section 7.12 of the Revised Code, cause the agreement to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in that county; or

(ii) Post the agreement in at least five public places in the county, as determined by the legislative authority, for a period not less than fifteen days.

(b) If the county in which the tax is levied has an association of mayors and city managers, the approval of that association of an agreement described in division (E)(2)(a) of this section shall be considered to be the approval of the majority of the mayors of the other municipal corporations for purposes of that division.

(F) Each year, the auditor of state shall conduct an audit of the uses of any amounts collected from taxes levied under this section and shall prepare a report of the auditor of state's findings. The auditor of state shall submit the report to the legislative authority of the county that has levied the tax, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the leaders of the minority parties of the house of representatives and the senate.

(G) The levy of any taxes under Chapter 5739. of the Revised Code on the same transactions subject to a tax under this section does not prevent the levy of a tax under this section.

Sec. 307.86. Anything to be purchased, leased, leased with an option or agreement to purchase, or constructed, including, but not limited to, any product, structure, construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, repair, or service, except the services of an accountant, architect, attorney at law, physician, professional engineer, construction project manager, consultant, surveyor, or appraiser, by or on behalf of the county or contracting authority, as defined in section 307.92 of the Revised Code, at a cost in excess of ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five thousand dollars, except as otherwise provided in division (D) of section 713.23 and in sections 125.04, 307.022, 307.041, 307.861, 339.05, 340.03, 340.033, 4115.31 to 4115.35, 5119.16, 5513.01, 5543.19, 5713.01, and 6137.05 of the Revised Code, shall be obtained through competitive bidding. However, competitive bidding is not required when any of the following applies:

(A) The board of county commissioners, by a unanimous vote of its members, makes a determination that a real and present emergency exists, and that determination and the reasons for it are entered in the minutes of

the proceedings of the board, when either of the following applies:

(1) The estimated cost is less than fifty thousand dollars.

(2) There is actual physical disaster to structures, radio communications equipment, or computers.

For purposes of this division, "unanimous vote" means all three members of a board of county commissioners when all three members are present, or two members of the board if only two members, constituting a quorum, are present.

Whenever a contract of purchase, lease, or construction is exempted from competitive bidding under division (A)(1) of this section because the estimated cost is less than fifty thousand dollars, but the estimated cost is ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five thousand dollars or more, the county or contracting authority shall solicit informal estimates from no fewer than three persons who could perform the contract, before awarding the contract. With regard to each such contract, the county or contracting authority shall maintain a record of such estimates, including the name of each person from whom an estimate is solicited. The county or contracting authority shall maintain the record for the longer of at least one year after the contract is awarded or the amount of time the federal government requires.

(B)(1) The purchase consists of supplies or a replacement or supplemental part or parts for a product or equipment owned or leased by the county, and the only source of supply for the supplies, part, or parts is limited to a single supplier.

(2) The purchase consists of services related to information technology, such as programming services, that are proprietary or limited to a single source.

(C) The purchase is from the federal government, the state, another county or contracting authority of another county, or a board of education, township, or municipal corporation.

(D) ~~Public~~ The purchase is made by a county department of job and family services under section 329.04 of the Revised Code and consists of family services duties or workforce development activities ~~are purchased for provision by the county department of job and family services under section 329.04 of the Revised Code,~~ or is made by a county board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities under section 5126.05 of the Revised Code and consists of program services, such as direct and ancillary client services, child day-care, case management services, residential services, and family resource services~~, are purchased for provision by a county board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities under section 5126.05 of the Revised Code~~.

(E) The purchase consists of criminal justice services, social services programs, family services, or workforce development activities by the board of county commissioners from nonprofit corporations or associations under programs funded by the federal government or by state grants.

(F) The purchase consists of any form of an insurance policy or contract authorized to be issued under Title XXXIX of the Revised Code or any form of health care plan authorized to be issued under Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code, or any combination of such policies, contracts, or plans that the contracting authority is authorized to purchase, and the contracting authority does all of the following:

(1) Determines that compliance with the requirements of this section would increase, rather than decrease, the cost of the purchase;

(2) Employs a competent consultant to assist the contracting authority in procuring appropriate coverages at the best and lowest prices;

(3) Requests issuers of the policies, contracts, or plans to submit proposals to the contracting authority, in a form prescribed by the contracting authority, setting forth the coverage and cost of the policies, contracts, or plans as the contracting authority desires to purchase;

(4) Negotiates with the issuers for the purpose of purchasing the policies, contracts, or plans at the best and lowest price reasonably possible.

(G) The purchase consists of computer hardware, software, or consulting services that are necessary to implement a computerized case management automation project administered by the Ohio prosecuting attorneys association and funded by a grant from the federal government.

(H) Child day-care services are purchased for provision to county employees.

(I)(1) Property, including land, buildings, and other real property, is leased for offices, storage, parking, or other purposes, and all of the following apply:

(a) The contracting authority is authorized by the Revised Code to lease the property.

(b) The contracting authority develops requests for proposals for leasing the property, specifying the criteria that will be considered prior to leasing the property, including the desired size and geographic location of the property.

(c) The contracting authority receives responses from prospective lessors with property meeting the criteria specified in the requests for proposals by giving notice in a manner substantially similar to the procedures established for giving notice under section 307.87 of the Revised Code.

(d) The contracting authority negotiates with the prospective lessors to obtain a lease at the best and lowest price reasonably possible considering the fair market value of the property and any relocation and operational costs that may be incurred during the period the lease is in effect.

(2) The contracting authority may use the services of a real estate appraiser to obtain advice, consultations, or other recommendations regarding the lease of property under this division.

(J) The purchase is made pursuant to section 5139.34 or sections 5139.41 to 5139.46 of the Revised Code and is of programs or services that provide case management, treatment, or prevention services to any felony or misdemeanant delinquent, unruly youth, or status offender under the supervision of the juvenile court, including, but not limited to, community residential care, day treatment, services to children in their home, or electronic monitoring.

(K) The purchase is made by a public children services agency pursuant to section 307.92 or 5153.16 of the Revised Code and consists of family services, programs, or ancillary services that provide case management, prevention, or treatment services for children at risk of being or alleged to be abused, neglected, or dependent children.

Any issuer of policies, contracts, or plans listed in division (F) of this section and any prospective lessor under division (I) of this section may have the issuer's or prospective lessor's name and address, or the name and address of an agent, placed on a special notification list to be kept by the contracting authority, by sending the contracting authority that name and address. The contracting authority shall send notice to all persons listed on the special notification list. Notices shall state the deadline and place for submitting proposals. The contracting authority shall mail the notices at least six weeks prior to the deadline set by the contracting authority for submitting proposals. Every five years the contracting authority may review this list and remove any person from the list after mailing the person notification of that action.

Any contracting authority that negotiates a contract under division (F) of this section shall request proposals and renegotiate with issuers in accordance with that division at least every three years from the date of the signing of such a contract.

Any consultant employed pursuant to division (F) of this section and any real estate appraiser employed pursuant to division (I) of this section shall disclose any fees or compensation received from any source in connection with that employment.

Sec. 307.87. Where competitive bidding is required by section 307.86 of

the Revised Code, notice thereof shall be given in the following manner:

(A) Notice shall be published once a week for not less than two consecutive weeks preceding the day of the opening of bids in a newspaper of general circulation within the county for any purchase, lease, lease with option or agreement to purchase, or construction contract in excess of ~~ten~~ twenty-five thousand dollars. The contracting authority 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 contracting authority's internet site on the world wide web. If the contracting authority posts the notice on that location on the world wide web, it may eliminate the second notice otherwise required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county, provided that the first notice published in such a 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 contracting authority's internet site on the world wide web.

(3) It includes the internet address of the contracting authority's internet site on the world wide web.

(4) It includes instructions describing how the notice may be accessed on the contracting authority's internet site on the world wide web.

(B) Notices shall state all of the following:

(1) A general description of the subject of the proposed contract and the time and place where the plans and specifications or itemized list of supplies, facilities, or equipment and estimated quantities can be obtained or examined;

(2) The time and place where bids will be opened;

(3) The time and place for filing bids;

(4) The terms of the proposed purchase;

(5) Conditions under which bids will be received;

(6) The existence of a system of preference, if any, for products mined and produced in Ohio and the United States adopted pursuant to section 307.90 of the Revised Code.

~~(B)~~(C) The contracting authority shall also maintain in a public place in its office or other suitable public place a bulletin board upon which it shall post and maintain a copy of such notice for at least two weeks preceding the day of the opening of the bids.

Sec. 307.93. (A) The boards of county commissioners of two or more adjacent counties may contract for the joint establishment of a multicounty correctional center, and the board of county commissioners of a county or

the boards of two or more counties may contract with any municipal corporation or municipal corporations located in that county or those counties for the joint establishment of a municipal-county or multicounty-municipal correctional center. The center shall augment county and, where applicable, municipal jail programs and facilities by providing custody and rehabilitative programs for those persons under the charge of the sheriff of any of the contracting counties or of the officer or officers of the contracting municipal corporation or municipal corporations having charge of persons incarcerated in the municipal jail, workhouse, or other correctional facility who, in the opinion of the sentencing court, need programs of custody and rehabilitation not available at the county or municipal jail and by providing custody and rehabilitative programs in accordance with division (C) of this section, if applicable. The contract may include, but need not be limited to, provisions regarding the acquisition, construction, maintenance, repair, termination of operations, and administration of the center. The contract shall prescribe the manner of funding of, and debt assumption for, the center and the standards and procedures to be followed in the operation of the center. Except as provided in division (H) of this section, the contracting counties and municipal corporations shall form a corrections commission to oversee the administration of the center. Members of the commission shall consist of the sheriff of each participating county, the president of the board of county commissioners of each participating county, the presiding judge of the court of common pleas of each participating county, or, if the court of common pleas of a participating county has only one judge, then that judge, the chief of police of each participating municipal corporation, the mayor or city manager of each participating municipal corporation, and the presiding judge or the sole judge of the municipal court of each participating municipal corporation. Any of the foregoing officers may appoint a designee to serve in the officer's place on the corrections commission. The standards and procedures shall be formulated and agreed to by the commission and may be amended at any time during the life of the contract by agreement of the parties to the contract upon the advice of the commission. The standards and procedures formulated by the commission shall include, but need not be limited to, designation of the person in charge of the center, the categories of employees to be employed at the center, the appointing authority of the center, and the standards of treatment and security to be maintained at the center. The person in charge of, and all persons employed to work at, the center shall have all the powers of police officers that are necessary for the proper performance of the duties relating to their positions at the center.

(B) Each board of county commissioners that enters a contract under division (A) of this section may appoint a building commission pursuant to section 153.21 of the Revised Code. If any commissions are appointed, they shall function jointly in the construction of a multicounty or multicounty-municipal correctional center with all the powers and duties authorized by law.

(C) Prior to the acceptance for custody and rehabilitation into a center established under this section of any persons who are designated by the department of rehabilitation and correction, who plead guilty to or are convicted of a felony of the fourth or fifth degree, and who satisfy the other requirements listed in section 5120.161 of the Revised Code, the corrections commission of a center established under this section shall enter into an agreement with the department of rehabilitation and correction under section 5120.161 of the Revised Code for the custody and rehabilitation in the center of persons who are designated by the department, who plead guilty to or are convicted of a felony of the fourth or fifth degree, and who satisfy the other requirements listed in that section, in exchange for a per diem fee per person. Persons incarcerated in the center pursuant to an agreement entered into under this division shall be subject to supervision and control in the manner described in section 5120.161 of the Revised Code. This division does not affect the authority of a court to directly sentence a person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony to the center in accordance with section 2929.16 of the Revised Code.

(D) Pursuant to section 2929.37 of the Revised Code, each board of county commissioners and the legislative authority of each municipal corporation that enters into a contract under division (A) of this section may require a person who was convicted of an offense, who is under the charge of the sheriff of their county or of the officer or officers of the contracting municipal corporation or municipal corporations having charge of persons incarcerated in the municipal jail, workhouse, or other correctional facility, and who is confined in the multicounty, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal correctional center as provided in that division, to reimburse the applicable county or municipal corporation for its expenses incurred by reason of the person's confinement in the center.

(E) Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this section or section 2929.18, 2929.21, 2929.36, or 2929.37 of the Revised Code, the corrections commission of a center may establish a policy that complies with section 2929.38 of the Revised Code and that requires any person who is not indigent and who is confined in the multicounty, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal correctional center to pay a reception fee, a fee for

medical treatment or service requested by and provided to that person, or the fee for a random drug test assessed under division (E) of section 341.26 of the Revised Code.

(F)(1) The corrections commission of a center established under this section may establish a commissary for the center. The commissary may be established either in-house or by another arrangement. If a commissary is established, all persons incarcerated in the center shall receive commissary privileges. A person's purchases from the commissary shall be deducted from the person's account record in the center's business office. The commissary shall provide for the distribution to indigent persons incarcerated in the center of necessary hygiene articles and writing materials.

(2) If a commissary is established, the corrections commission of a center established under this section shall establish a commissary fund for the center. The management of funds in the commissary fund shall be strictly controlled in accordance with procedures adopted by the auditor of state. Commissary fund revenue over and above operating costs and reserve shall be considered profits. All profits from the commissary fund shall be used to purchase supplies and equipment for the benefit of persons incarcerated in the center and to pay salary and benefits for employees of the center, or for any other persons, who work in or are employed for the sole purpose of providing service to the commissary. The corrections commission shall adopt rules and regulations for the operation of any commissary fund it establishes.

(G) In lieu of forming a corrections commission to administer a multicounty correctional center or a municipal-county or multicounty-municipal correctional center, the boards of county commissioners and the legislative authorities of the municipal corporations contracting to establish the center may also agree to contract for the private operation and management of the center as provided in section 9.06 of the Revised Code, but only if the center houses only misdemeanant inmates. In order to enter into a contract under section 9.06 of the Revised Code, all the boards and legislative authorities establishing the center shall approve and be parties to the contract.

(H) If a person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to an offense is sentenced to a term in a multicounty correctional center or a municipal-county or multicounty-municipal correctional center or is incarcerated in the center in the manner described in division (C) of this section, or if a person who is arrested for an offense, and who has been denied bail or has had bail set and has not been released on bail is confined

in a multicounty correctional center or a municipal-county or multicounty-municipal correctional center pending trial, at the time of reception and at other times the officer, officers, or other person in charge of the operation of the center determines to be appropriate, the officer, officers, or other person in charge of the operation of the center may cause the convicted or accused offender to be examined and tested for tuberculosis, HIV infection, hepatitis, including but not limited to hepatitis A, B, and C, and other contagious diseases. The officer, officers, or other person in charge of the operation of the center may cause a convicted or accused offender in the center who refuses to be tested or treated for tuberculosis, HIV infection, hepatitis, including but not limited to hepatitis A, B, and C, or another contagious disease to be tested and treated involuntarily.

(I) As used in this section, "multicounty-municipal" means more than one county and a municipal corporation, or more than one municipal corporation and a county, or more than one municipal corporation and more than one county.

Sec. 307.98. ~~Each board~~ Boards of county commissioners ~~shall~~ may enter into ~~a~~ one or more written ~~partnership agreement~~ fiscal agreements with the director of job and family services in accordance with section 5101.21 of the Revised Code. ~~Prior to entering into or substantially amending the agreement, the board shall conduct a public hearing and consult with the county family services planning committee established under section 329.06 of the Revised Code. Through the hearing and consultation, the board shall obtain comments and recommendations concerning what would be the county's obligations and responsibilities under the agreement or amendment. As evidence that the board consulted with the county family services planning committee, the committee's chair shall sign a letter confirming that the consultation occurred, which shall be attached to the partnership agreement and any substantial amendments to the agreement.~~ If a board enters into a fiscal agreement, the board shall enter into the agreement on behalf of the county family services agencies, other than a county family services agency that is a county signer as defined in section 5101.21 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 307.981. (A)(1) As used in the Revised Code:

(a) "County family services agency" means all of the following:

(i) A child support enforcement agency;

(ii) A county department of job and family services;

(iii) A public children services agency.

(b) "Family services duty" means a duty state law requires or allows a county family services agency to assume, including financial and general

administrative duties. "Family services duty" does not include a duty funded by the United States department of labor.

(2) As used in sections 307.981 to 307.989 of the Revised Code, "private entity" means an entity other than a government entity.

(B) To the extent permitted by federal law, including, when applicable, subpart F of 5 C.F.R. part 900, and subject to any limitations established by the Revised Code, including division (H) of this section, a board of county commissioners may designate any private or government entity within this state to serve as any of the following:

(1) A child support enforcement agency;

(2) A county department of job and family services;

(3) A public children services agency;

(4) A county department of job and family services and one other of those county family services agencies;

(5) All three of those county family services agencies;

~~(6) A workforce development agency;~~

~~(7) A workforce development agency and a county department of job and family services;~~

~~(8) A workforce development agency and a county department of job and family services and one or two of the other county family services agencies~~.

(C) ~~A~~ To the extent permitted by federal law, including, when applicable, subpart F of 5 C.F.R. part 900, and subject to any limitations of the Revised Code, including division (H) of this section, a board of county commissioners may change the designation it makes under division (B) of this section by designating another private or government entity.

(D) If ~~the director of job and family services determines that~~ a designation under division (B) or (C) of this section constitutes a ~~substantial~~ change from ~~what is~~ the designation in ~~the current partnership~~ a fiscal agreement between the director of job and family services and the board ~~of county commissioners under section 5101.21 of the Revised Code~~, the director may require that the director and board amend the ~~partnership~~ fiscal agreement and that the board provide the director written assurances that the newly designated private or government entity will meet or exceed all requirements of the family services duties ~~or workforce development activities~~ the entity is to assume.

(E) Not less than sixty days before a board of county commissioners designates an entity under division (B) or (C) of this section, the board shall notify the director of job and family services and publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of the board's intention to

make the designation and reasons for the designation.

(F) A board of county commissioners shall enter into a written contract with each entity it designates under division (B) or (C) of this section specifying the entity's responsibilities and standards the entity is required to meet.

(G) This section does not require a board of county commissioners to abolish the child support enforcement agency, county department of job and family services, or public children services agency serving the county on October 1, 1997, and designate a different private or government entity to serve as the county's child support enforcement agency, county department of job and family services, or public children services agency.

(H) If a county children services board appointed under section 5153.03 of the Revised Code serves as a public children services agency for a county, the board of county commissioners may not redesignate the public children services agency unless the board of county commissioners does all of the following:

(1) Notifies the county children services board of its intent to redesignate the public children services agency. In its notification, the board of county commissioners shall provide the county children services board a written explanation of the administrative, fiscal, or performance considerations causing the board of county commissioners to seek to redesignate the public children services agency.

(2) Provides the county children services board an opportunity to comment on the proposed redesignation before the redesignation occurs;

(3) If the county children services board, not more than sixty days after receiving the notice under division (H)(1) of this section, notifies the board of county commissioners that the county children services board has voted to oppose the redesignation, votes unanimously to proceed with the redesignation.

Sec. 307.987. To the extent federal ~~statutes and regulations~~ and state law permit, ~~a partnership agreement entered into under section 307.98,~~ a contract entered into under section 307.981 or 307.982, a plan of cooperation entered into under section 307.983, a regional plan of cooperation entered into under section 307.984, a transportation work plan developed under section 307.985, and procedures established under section 307.986 of the Revised Code shall permit the exchange of information needed to improve services and assistance to individuals and families and the protection of children. A private or government entity that receives information pursuant to ~~an agreement,~~ a contract, plan, or procedures is bound by the same standards of confidentiality as the entity that provides the

information.

~~An agreement,~~ A contract, plan, or procedures shall:

(A) Be coordinated and not conflict with another ~~agreement,~~ contract, plan, or procedures or an agreement entered into under section 329.05 of the Revised Code;

(B) Prohibit discrimination in hiring and promotion against applicants for and participants of the Ohio works first program established under Chapter 5107. of the Revised Code and the prevention, retention, and contingency program established under Chapter 5108. of the Revised Code;

(C) Comply with federal ~~statutes and regulations~~ and state law;

(D) Be adopted by resolution of a board of county commissioners;

(E) Specify how the ~~agreement,~~ contract, plan, or procedures may be amended.

Sec. 311.17. For the services specified in this section, the sheriff shall charge the following fees, which the court or its clerk ~~thereof~~ shall tax in the bill of costs against the judgment debtor or those legally liable therefor for the judgment:

(A) For the service and return of the following writs and orders:

(1) Execution:

(a) When money is paid without levy or when no property is found, ~~five~~ twenty dollars;

(b) When levy is made on real property, for the first tract, ~~twenty~~ twenty-five dollars, and for each additional tract, ~~five~~ ten dollars;

(c) When levy is made on goods and chattels, including inventory, ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars~~;~~.

(2) Writ of attachment of property, except for purpose of garnishment, ~~twenty~~ forty dollars;

(3) Writ of attachment for the purpose of garnishment, ~~five~~ ten dollars;

(4) Writ of replevin, ~~twenty~~ forty dollars;

(5) Warrant to arrest, for each person named in the writ, ~~five~~ ten dollars;

(6) Attachment for contempt, for each person named in the writ, ~~three~~ six dollars;

(7) Writ of possession or restitution, ~~twenty~~ sixty dollars;

(8) Subpoena, for each person named in the writ, ~~if~~ in either a civil or criminal case ~~three~~, six dollars~~, if in a criminal case one dollar~~;

(9) Venire, for each person named in the writ, ~~if~~ in either a civil or criminal case ~~three~~, six dollars~~, if in a criminal case one dollar~~;

(10) Summoning each juror, other than on venire, ~~if~~ in either a civil or criminal case ~~three~~, six dollars~~, if in a criminal case one dollar~~;

(11) Writ of partition, ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five dollars;

(12) Order of sale on partition, for the first tract, ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars, and for each additional tract, ~~five~~ twenty-five dollars;

(13) Other order of sale of real property, for the first tract, ~~twenty~~ fifty dollars, and for each additional tract, ~~five~~ twenty-five dollars;

(14) Administering oath to appraisers, ~~one dollar and fifty cents~~ three dollars each;

(15) Furnishing copies for advertisements, ~~fifty cents~~ one dollar for each hundred words;

(16) Copy of indictment, for each defendant, ~~two~~ five dollars;

(17) All summons, writs, orders, or notices, for the first name, ~~three~~ six dollars, and for each additional name, ~~fifty cents~~ one dollar.

(B) In addition to the fee for service and return~~, the sheriff may charge~~:

(1) On each summons, writ, order, or notice, a fee of ~~fifty cents~~ one dollar per mile for the first mile, and ~~twenty~~ fifty cents per mile for each additional mile, going and returning, actual mileage to be charged on each additional name;

(2) Taking bail bond, ~~one dollar~~ three dollars;

(3) Jail fees, as follows:

(a) For receiving a prisoner, ~~four~~ five dollars each time a prisoner is received, and for discharging or surrendering a prisoner, ~~four~~ five dollars~~;~~ each time a prisoner is discharged or surrendered. The departure or return of a prisoner from or to a jail in connection with a program established under section 5147.28 of the Revised Code is not a receipt, discharge, or surrender of the prisoner for purposes of this division.

(b) Taking a prisoner before a judge or court, per day, ~~three~~ five dollars;

(c) Calling action, ~~fifty cents~~ one dollar;

(d) Calling jury, ~~one dollar~~ three dollars;

(e) Calling each witness, ~~one dollar~~ three dollars;

(f) Bringing prisoner before court on habeas corpus, ~~four~~ six dollars~~;~~.

(4) Poundage on all moneys actually made and paid to the sheriff on execution, decree, or sale of real estate, one and one-half per cent;

(5) Making and executing a deed of land sold on execution, decree, or order of the court, to be paid by the purchaser, ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars.

When any of the ~~foregoing~~ services described in division (A) or (B) of this section are rendered by an officer or employee, whose salary or per diem compensation is paid by the county, the applicable legal fees and any other extraordinary expenses, including overtime, provided for ~~such~~ the service ~~in this section~~ shall be taxed in the costs in the case~~,~~ and, when ~~such fees are~~ collected ~~they~~, shall be paid into the general fund of the county.

The sheriff shall charge the same fees for the execution of process

issued in any other state as ~~he~~ the sheriff charges for the execution of process of a substantively similar nature that is issued in this state.

Sec. 317.32. The county recorder shall charge and collect the following fees, to include base fees for the recorder's services and housing trust fund fees, collected pursuant to section 317.36 of the Revised Code:

(A) For recording and indexing an instrument when the photocopy or any similar process is employed, a base fee of fourteen dollars for the first two pages and a housing trust fund fee of fourteen dollars, and a base fee of four dollars and a housing trust fund fee of four dollars for each subsequent page, size eight and one-half inches by fourteen inches, or fraction of a page, including the caption page, of such instrument;

(B) For certifying a photocopy from the record previously recorded, a base fee of one dollar and a housing trust fund fee of one dollar per page, size eight and one-half inches by fourteen inches, or fraction of a page; for each certification where the recorder's seal is required, except as to instruments issued by the armed forces of the United States, a base fee of fifty cents and a housing trust fund fee of fifty cents;

(C) For manual or typewritten recording of assignment or satisfaction of mortgage or lease or any other marginal entry, a base fee of four dollars and a housing trust fund fee of four dollars;

(D) For entering any marginal reference by separate recorded instrument, a base fee of two dollars and a housing trust fund fee of two dollars for each marginal reference set out in that instrument, in addition to the ~~recording fee~~ fees set forth in division (A) of this section;

(E) For indexing in the real estate mortgage records, pursuant to section 1309.519 of the Revised Code, financing statements covering crops growing or to be grown, timber to be cut, minerals or the like, including oil and gas, accounts subject to section 1309.301 of the Revised Code, or fixture filings made pursuant to section 1309.334 of the Revised Code, a base fee of two dollars and a housing trust fund fee of two dollars for each name indexed;

(F) For recording manually any plat not exceeding six lines, a base fee of two dollars and a housing trust fund fee of two dollars, and for each additional line, a base fee of ten cents and a housing trust fund fee of ten cents;

(G) For filing zoning resolutions, including text and maps, in the office of the recorder as required under sections 303.11 and 519.11 of the Revised Code, a base fee of fifty dollars and a housing trust fund fee of fifty dollars, regardless of the size or length of the resolutions;

(H) For filing zoning amendments, including text and maps, in the office of the recorder as required under sections 303.12 and 519.12 of the

Revised Code, a base fee of ten dollars and a housing trust fund fee of ten dollars for the first page and a base fee of four dollars and a housing trust fund fee of four dollars for each additional page;

(I) For photocopying a document, other than at the time of recording and indexing as provided for in division (A) of this section, a base fee of one dollar and a housing trust fund fee of one dollar per page, size eight and one-half inches by fourteen inches, or fraction thereof;

(J) For local facsimile transmission of a document, a base fee of one dollar and a housing trust fund fee of one dollar per page, size eight and one-half inches by fourteen inches, or fraction thereof; for long distance facsimile transmission of a document, a base fee of two dollars and a housing trust fund fee of two dollars per page, size eight and one-half inches by fourteen inches, or fraction thereof;

(K) For recording a declaration executed pursuant to section 2133.02 of the Revised Code or a durable power of attorney for health care executed pursuant to section 1337.12 of the Revised Code, or both a declaration and a durable power of attorney for health care, a base fee of at least fourteen dollars but not more than twenty dollars and a housing trust fund fee of at least fourteen dollars but not more than twenty dollars.

In any county in which the recorder employs the photostatic or any similar process for recording maps, plats, or prints the recorder shall determine, charge, and collect for the recording or rerecording of any map, plat, or print, a base fee of five cents and a housing trust fund fee of five cents per square inch, for each square inch of the map, plat, or print filed for that recording or rerecording, with a minimum base fee of twenty dollars and a minimum housing trust fund fee of twenty dollars; for certifying a copy from the record, a base fee of two cents and a housing trust fund fee of two cents per square inch of the record, with a minimum base fee of two dollars and a minimum housing trust fund fee of two dollars.

The fees provided in this section shall be paid upon the presentation of the instruments for record or upon the application for any certified copy of the record, except that the payment of fees associated with the filing and recording of, or the copying of, notices of internal revenue tax liens and notices of other liens in favor of the United States as described in division (A) of section 317.09 of the Revised Code and certificates of discharge or release of those liens, shall be governed by section 317.09 of the Revised Code, and the payment of fees for providing copies of instruments conveying or extinguishing agricultural easements to the office of farmland preservation in the department of agriculture under division (G) of section 5301.691 of the Revised Code shall be governed by that division.

Sec. 317.36. (A) The county recorder shall collect the low- and moderate-income housing trust fund fee as specified in sections 317.32, 1563.42, 1702.59, 2505.13, 4141.23, 4509.60, 5111.021, 5310.15, 5719.07, 5727.56, 5733.18, 5733.22, 6101.09, and 6115.09 of the Revised Code. The amount of any housing trust fund fee the recorder is authorized to collect is equal to the amount of any base fee the recorder is authorized to collect for services. The housing trust fund fee shall be collected in addition to the base fee.

(B) The recorder shall certify the amounts collected as housing trust fund fees pursuant to division (A) of this section into the county treasury as housing trust fund fees to be paid to the treasurer of state pursuant to section 319.63 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 319.63. (A) During the first thirty days of each calendar quarter, the county auditor shall pay to the treasurer of state all amounts that the county recorder collected as housing trust fund fees pursuant to section 317.36 of the Revised Code during the previous calendar quarter. If payment is made to the treasurer of state within the first thirty days of the quarter, the county auditor may retain an administrative fee of one per cent of the amount of the trust fund fees collected during the previous calendar quarter.

(B) The treasurer of state shall deposit the first fifty million dollars of housing trust fund fees received each year pursuant to this section into the low- and moderate-income housing trust fund, created under section 175.21 of the Revised Code, and shall deposit any amounts received each year in excess of fifty million dollars into the state general revenue fund.

(C) The county auditor shall deposit the administrative fee that the auditor is permitted to retain pursuant to division (A) of this section into the county general fund for the county recorder to use in administering the trust fund fee.

Sec. 321.24. (A) On or before the fifteenth day of February, in each year, the county treasurer shall settle with the county auditor for all taxes and assessments that the treasurer has collected on the general duplicate of real and public utility property at the time of making the settlement.

(B) On or before the thirtieth day of June, in each year, the treasurer shall settle with the auditor for all advance payments of general personal and classified property taxes that the treasurer has received at the time of making the settlement.

(C) On or before the tenth day of August, in each year, the treasurer shall settle with the auditor for all taxes and assessments that the treasurer has collected on the general duplicates of real and public utility property at the time of making such settlement, not included in the preceding February

settlement.

(D) On or before the thirty-first day of October, in each year, the treasurer shall settle with the auditor for all taxes that the treasurer has collected on the general personal and classified property duplicates, and for all advance payments of general personal and classified property taxes, not included in the preceding June settlement, that the treasurer has received at the time of making such settlement.

(E) In the event the time for the payment of taxes is extended, pursuant to section 323.17 of the Revised Code, the date on or before which settlement for the taxes so extended must be made, as herein prescribed, shall be deemed to be extended for a like period of time. At each such settlement, the auditor shall allow to the treasurer, on the moneys received or collected and accounted for by the treasurer, the treasurer's fees, at the rate or percentage allowed by law, at a full settlement of the treasurer.

(F) Within thirty days after the day of each settlement of taxes required under divisions (A) and (C) of this section, the treasurer shall certify to the tax commissioner any adjustments which have been made to the amount certified previously pursuant to section 319.302 of the Revised Code and that the settlement has been completed. Upon receipt of such certification, the commissioner shall provide for payment to the county treasurer from the general revenue fund of an amount equal to one-half of the amount certified by the treasurer in the preceding tax year under section 319.302 of the Revised Code, less one-half of the amount computed for all taxing districts in that county for the current fiscal year under section 5703.80 of the Revised Code for crediting to the property tax administration fund. Such payment shall be credited upon receipt to the county's undivided income tax fund, and the county auditor shall transfer to the county general fund from the amount thereof the total amount of all fees and charges which the auditor and treasurer would have been authorized to receive had such section not been in effect and that amount had been levied and collected as taxes. The county auditor shall distribute the amount remaining among the various taxing districts in the county as if it had been levied, collected, and settled as real property taxes. The amount distributed to each taxing district shall be reduced by the total of the amounts computed for the district under divisions (A), (B), and (C) of section 5703.80 of the Revised Code, but the reduction shall not exceed the amount that otherwise would be distributed to the taxing district under this division. The tax commissioner shall make available to taxing districts such information as is sufficient for a taxing district to be able to determine the amount of the reduction in its distribution under this section.

(G)(1) Within thirty days after the day of the settlement required in division (D) of this section, the county treasurer shall ~~certify to~~ notify the tax commissioner that the settlement has been completed. Upon receipt of that ~~certification~~ notification, the commissioner shall provide for payment to the county treasurer from the general revenue fund of an amount equal to the amount certified under former section 319.311 of the Revised Code ~~in the current year~~ and paid in the state's fiscal year 2003 multiplied by the percentage specified in division (G)(2) of this section. The payment shall be credited upon receipt to the county's undivided income tax fund, and the county auditor shall distribute the amount thereof among the various taxing districts of the county as if it had been levied, collected, and settled as personal property taxes. The amount received by a taxing district under this division shall be apportioned among its funds in the same proportion as the current year's personal property taxes are apportioned.

(2) Payments required under division (G)(1) of this section shall be made at the following percentages of the amount certified under former section 319.311 of the Revised Code and paid under division (G)(1) of this section in the state's fiscal year 2003:

(a) In fiscal year 2004, ninety per cent;

(b) In fiscal year 2005, eighty per cent;

(c) In fiscal year 2006, seventy per cent;

(d) In fiscal year 2007, sixty per cent;

(e) In fiscal year 2008, fifty per cent;

(f) In fiscal year 2009, forty per cent;

(g) In fiscal year 2010, thirty per cent;

(h) In fiscal year 2011, twenty per cent;

(i) In fiscal year 2012, ten per cent.

After fiscal year 2012, no payments shall be made under division (G)(1) of this section.

(H)(1) On or before the fifteenth day of April each year, the county treasurer shall settle with the county auditor for all manufactured home taxes that the county treasurer has collected on the manufactured home tax duplicate at the time of making the settlement.

(2) On or before the fifteenth day of September each year, the county treasurer shall settle with the county auditor for all remaining manufactured home taxes that the county treasurer has collected on the manufactured home tax duplicate at the time of making the settlement.

(3) If the time for payment of such taxes is extended under section 4503.06 of the Revised Code, the time for making the settlement as prescribed by divisions (H)(1) and (2) of this section is extended for a like

period of time.

Sec. 323.01. Except as otherwise provided, as used in Chapter 323. of the Revised Code:

(A) "Subdivision" means any county, township, school district, or municipal corporation.

(B) "Municipal corporation" includes charter municipalities.

(C) "Taxes" means the total amount of all charges against an entry appearing on a tax list and the duplicate thereof that was prepared and certified in accordance with section 319.28 of the Revised Code, including taxes levied against real estate; taxes on property whose value is certified pursuant to section 5727.23 of the Revised Code; recoupment charges applied pursuant to section 5713.35 of the Revised Code; all assessments; penalties and interest charged pursuant to section 323.121 of the Revised Code; charges added pursuant to section 319.35 of the Revised Code; and all of such charges which remain unpaid from any previous tax year.

(D) "Current taxes" means all taxes charged against an entry on the general tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property that have not appeared on such list and duplicate for any prior tax year and any penalty thereon charged by division (A) of section 323.121 of the Revised Code. Current taxes, whether or not they have been certified delinquent, become delinquent taxes if they remain unpaid after the last day prescribed for payment of the second installment of current taxes without penalty.

(E) "Delinquent taxes" means:

(1) Any taxes charged against an entry on the general tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property that were charged against an entry on such list and duplicate for a prior tax year and any penalties and interest charged against such taxes.

(2) Any current taxes charged on the general tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property that remain unpaid after the last day prescribed for payment of the second installment of such taxes without penalty, whether or not they have been certified delinquent, and any penalties and interest charged against such taxes.

(F) "Current tax year" means, with respect to particular taxes, the calendar year in which the first installment of taxes is due prior to any extension granted under section 323.17 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Liquidated claim" means:

(1) Any sum of money due and payable, upon a written contractual obligation executed between the subdivision and the taxpayer, but excluding any amount due on general and special assessment bonds and notes;

(2) Any sum of money due and payable, for disability <u>financial</u>

assistance or disability medical assistance provided under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code that is furnished to or in behalf of a subdivision, provided that such claim is recognized by a resolution or ordinance of the legislative body of such subdivision;

(3) Any sum of money advanced and paid to or received and used by a subdivision, pursuant to a resolution or ordinance of such subdivision or its predecessor in interest, and the moral obligation to repay which sum, when in funds, shall be recognized by resolution or ordinance by the subdivision.

Sec. 323.13. Except as provided in section 323.134 of the Revised Code, immediately upon receipt of any tax duplicate from the county auditor, but not less than twenty days prior to the last date on which the first one-half taxes may be paid without penalty as prescribed in section 323.12 or 323.17 of the Revised Code, the county treasurer shall cause to be prepared and mailed or delivered to each person charged on such duplicate with taxes or to an agent designated by such person, the tax bill prescribed by the commissioner of tax equalization under section 323.131 of the Revised Code. When taxes are paid by installments, the county treasurer shall mail or deliver to each person charged on such duplicate or the agent designated by such person, a second tax bill showing the amount due at the time of the second tax collection. The second half tax bill shall be mailed or delivered at least twenty days prior to the close of the second half tax collection period.

After delivery of the delinquent land duplicate as prescribed in section 5721.011 of the Revised Code, the county treasurer may prepare and mail to each person in whose name property therein is listed an additional tax bill showing the total amount of delinquent taxes appearing on such duplicate against such property. The tax bill shall include a notice that the interest charge prescribed by division (B) of section 323.121 of the Revised Code has begun to accrue.

A change in the mailing address of any tax bill shall be made in writing to the county treasurer.

Upon certification by the county auditor of the apportionment of taxes following the transfer of a part of a tract or lot of real estate, and upon request by the owner of any transferred or remaining part of such tract or parcel, the treasurer shall cause to be prepared and mailed or delivered to such owner a tax bill for the taxes allocated to ~~his~~ the owner's part, together with the penalties, interest, and other charges.

Failure to receive any bill required by this section does not excuse failure or delay to pay any taxes shown on such bill or, except as provided in division ~~(A)~~(B)(1) of section 5715.39 of the Revised Code, avoid any

penalty, interest, or charge for such delay.

Sec. 325.31. (A) On the first business day of each month, and at the end of the officer's term of office, each officer named in section 325.27 of the Revised Code shall pay into the county treasury, to the credit of the general county fund, on the warrant of the county auditor, all fees, costs, penalties, percentages, allowances, and perquisites collected by the officer's office during the preceding month or part thereof for official services, except the fees allowed the county auditor by division (B) of section 319.54 of the Revised Code, which shall be paid into the county treasury to the credit of the real estate assessment fund hereby created.

(B) Moneys to the credit of the real estate assessment fund may be expended, upon appropriation by the board of county commissioners, for the purpose of defraying ~~the~~ one or more of the following:

(1) The cost incurred by the county auditor in assessing real estate pursuant to Chapter 5713. of the Revised Code and manufactured and mobile homes pursuant to Chapter 4503. of the Revised Code~~, and, at~~;

(2) At the county auditor's discretion, costs and expenses incurred by the county auditor in preparing the list of real and public utility property, in administering laws related to the taxation of real property and the levying of special assessments on real property, including administering reductions under Chapters 319. and 323. and section 4503.065 of the Revised Code, and to support assessments of real property in any administrative or judicial proceeding;

(3) At the county auditor's discretion, the expenses incurred by the county board of revision under Chapter 5715. of the Revised Code~~. Any~~;

(4) At the county auditor's discretion, the expenses incurred by the county auditor for geographic information systems, mapping programs, and technological advances in those or similar systems or programs;

(5) At the county auditor's discretion, expenses incurred by the county auditor in compiling the general tax list of tangible personal property and administering tangible personal property taxes under Chapters 5711. and 5719. of the Revised Code;

(6) At the county auditor's discretion, costs, expenses, and fees incurred by the county auditor in the administration of estate taxes under Chapter 5731. of the Revised Code.

Any expenditures made from the real estate assessment fund shall comply with rules that the tax commissioner adopts under division (O) of section 5703.05 of the Revised Code. Those rules shall include a requirement that a copy of any appraisal plans, progress of work reports, contracts, or other documents required to be filed with the tax commissioner

shall be filed also with the board of county commissioners.

The board of county commissioners shall not transfer moneys required to be deposited in the real estate assessment fund to any other fund. Following an assessment of real property pursuant to Chapter 5713. of the Revised Code, or an assessment of a manufactured or mobile home pursuant to Chapter 4503. of the Revised Code, any moneys not expended for the purpose of defraying the cost incurred in assessing real estate or manufactured or mobile homes or for the purpose of defraying the expenses ~~of the county board of revision~~ described in divisions (B)(2), (3), (4), (5), and (6) of this section, and thereby remaining to the credit of the real estate assessment fund, shall be apportioned ratably and distributed to those taxing authorities that contributed to the fund. However, no such distribution shall be made if the amount of such unexpended moneys remaining to the credit of the real estate assessment fund does not exceed five thousand dollars.

(C) None of the officers named in section 325.27 of the Revised Code shall collect any fees from the county. Each of such officers shall, at the end of each calendar year, make and file a sworn statement with the board of county commissioners of all such fees, costs, penalties, percentages, allowances, and perquisites which have been due in the officer's office and unpaid for more than one year prior to the date such statement is required to be made.

Sec. 329.03. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Applicant" or "recipient" means an applicant for or participant in the Ohio works first program established under Chapter 5107. of the Revised Code or an applicant for or recipient of disability financial assistance under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code.

(2) "Voluntary direct deposit" means a system established pursuant to this section under which cash assistance payments to recipients who agree to direct deposit are made by direct deposit by electronic transfer to an account in a financial institution designated under this section.

(3) "Mandatory direct deposit" means a system established pursuant to this section under which cash assistance payments to all participants in the Ohio works first program or recipients of disability financial assistance, other than those exempt under division (E) of this section, are made by direct deposit by electronic transfer to an account in a financial institution designated under this section.

(B) A board of county commissioners may by adoption of a resolution require the county department of job and family services to establish a direct deposit system for distributing cash assistance payments under Ohio works first, disability financial assistance, or both, unless the director of job and

family services has provided for those payments to be made by electronic benefit transfer pursuant to section 5101.33 of the Revised Code. Voluntary or mandatory direct deposit may be applied to either of the programs. The resolution shall specify for each program for which direct deposit is to be established whether direct deposit is voluntary or mandatory. The board may require the department to change or terminate direct deposit by adopting a resolution to change or terminate it. Within ninety days after adopting a resolution under this division, the board shall certify one copy of the resolution to the director of job and family services and one copy to the office of budget and management. The director of job and family services may adopt rules governing establishment of direct deposit by county departments of job and family services.

The county department of job and family services shall determine what type of account will be used for direct deposit and negotiate with financial institutions to determine the charges, if any, to be imposed by a financial institution for establishing and maintaining such accounts. Under voluntary direct deposit, the county department of job and family services may pay all charges imposed by a financial institution for establishing and maintaining an account in which direct deposits are made for a recipient. Under mandatory direct deposit, the county department of job and family services shall pay all charges imposed by a financial institution for establishing and maintaining such an account. No financial institution shall impose any charge for such an account that the institution does not impose on its other customers for the same type of account. Direct deposit does not affect the exemption of Ohio works first and disability financial assistance from attachment, garnishment, or other like process afforded by sections 5107.75 and ~~5115.07~~ 5115.06 of the Revised Code.

(C) The county department of job and family services shall, within sixty days after a resolution requiring the establishment of direct deposit is adopted, establish procedures governing direct deposit.

Within one hundred eighty days after the resolution is adopted, the county department shall:

(1) Inform each applicant or recipient of the procedures governing direct deposit, including in the case of voluntary direct deposit those that prescribe the conditions under which a recipient may change from one method of payment to another;

(2) Obtain from each applicant or recipient an authorization form to designate a financial institution equipped for and authorized by law to accept direct deposits by electronic transfer and the account into which the applicant or recipient wishes the payments to be made, or in the case of

voluntary direct deposit states the applicant's or recipient's election to receive such payments in the form of a paper warrant.

The department may require a recipient to complete a new authorization form whenever the department considers it necessary.

A recipient's designation of a financial institution and account shall remain in effect until withdrawn in writing or dishonored by the financial institution, except that no change may be made in the authorization form until the next eligibility redetermination of the recipient unless the department feels that good grounds exist for an earlier change.

(D) An applicant or recipient without an account who either agrees or is required to receive payments by direct deposit shall have ten days after receiving the authorization form to designate an account suitable for direct deposit. If within the required time the applicant or recipient does not make the designation or requests that the department make the designation, the department shall designate a financial institution and help the recipient to open an account.

(E) At the time of giving an applicant or recipient the authorization form, the county department of job and family services of a county with mandatory direct deposit shall inform each applicant or recipient of the basis for exemption and the right to request exemption from direct deposit.

Under mandatory direct deposit, an applicant or recipient who wishes to receive payments in the form of a paper warrant shall record on the authorization form a request for exemption under this division and the basis for the exemption.

The department shall exempt from mandatory direct deposit any recipient who requests exemption and is any of the following:

(1) Over age sixty-five;

(2) Blind or disabled;

(3) Likely, in the judgment of the department, to be caused personal hardship by direct deposit.

A recipient granted an exemption under this division shall receive payments for which the recipient is eligible in the form of paper warrants.

(F) The county department of job and family services shall bear the full cost of the amount of any replacement warrant issued to a recipient for whom an authorization form as provided in this section has not been obtained within one hundred eighty days after the later of the date the board of county commissioners adopts a resolution requiring payments of financial assistance by direct deposit to accounts of recipients of Ohio works first or disability <u>financial</u> assistance or the date the recipient made application for assistance, and shall not be reimbursed by the state for any part of the cost.

Thereafter, the county department of job and family services shall continue to bear the full cost of each replacement warrant issued until the board of county commissioners requires the county department of job and family services to obtain from each such recipient the authorization forms as provided in this section.

Sec. 329.04. (A) The county department of job and family services shall have, exercise, and perform the following powers and duties:

(1) Perform any duties assigned by the state department of job and family services regarding the provision of public family services, including the provision of the following services to prevent or reduce economic or personal dependency and to strengthen family life:

(a) Services authorized by a Title IV-A program, as defined in section 5101.80 of the Revised Code;

(b) Social services authorized by Title XX of the "Social Security Act" and provided for by section 5101.46 of the Revised Code;

(c) If the county department is designated as the child support enforcement agency, services authorized by Title IV-D of the "Social Security Act" and provided for by Chapter 3125. of the Revised Code. The county department may perform the services itself or contract with other government entities, and, pursuant to division (C) of section 2301.35 and section 2301.42 of the Revised Code, private entities, to perform the Title IV-D services.

(2) Administer disability financial assistance ~~under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code,~~ as required by the state department of job and family services under section 5115.03 of the Revised Code;

(3) Administer disability medical assistance, as required by the state department of job and family services under section 5115.13 of the Revised Code;

~~(3)~~(4) Administer burials insofar as the administration of burials was, prior to September 12, 1947, imposed upon the board of county commissioners and if otherwise required by state law;

~~(4)~~(5) Cooperate with state and federal authorities in any matter relating to family services and to act as the agent of such authorities;

~~(5)~~(6) Submit an annual account of its work and expenses to the board of county commissioners and to the state department of job and family services at the close of each fiscal year;

~~(6)~~(7) Exercise any powers and duties relating to family services duties or workforce development activities imposed upon the county department of job and family services by law, by resolution of the board of county commissioners, or by order of the governor, when authorized by law, to

meet emergencies during war or peace;

~~(7)~~(8) Determine the eligibility for medical assistance of recipients of aid under Title XVI of the "Social Security Act";

~~(8)~~(9) If assigned by the state director of job and family services under section 5101.515 of the Revised Code, determine applicants' eligibility for health assistance under the children's health insurance program part II;

~~(9)~~(10) Enter into a plan of cooperation with the board of county commissioners under section 307.983, consult with the board in the development of the transportation work plan developed under section 307.985, establish with the board procedures under section 307.986 for providing services to children whose families relocate frequently, and comply with the contracts the board enters into under sections 307.981 and 307.982 of the Revised Code that affect the county department;

~~(10)~~(11) For the purpose of complying with a ~~partnership~~ fiscal agreement the board of county commissioners enters into under section 307.98 of the Revised Code, exercise the powers and perform the duties the ~~partnership~~ fiscal agreement assigns to the county department;

~~(11)~~(12) If the county department is designated as the workforce development agency, provide the workforce development activities specified in the contract required by section 330.05 of the Revised Code.

(B) The powers and duties of a county department of job and family services are, and shall be exercised and performed, under the control and direction of the board of county commissioners. The board may assign to the county department any power or duty of the board regarding family services duties and workforce development activities. If the new power or duty necessitates the state department of job and family services changing its federal cost allocation plan, the county department may not implement the power or duty unless the United States department of health and human services approves the changes.

Sec. 329.05. The county department of job and family services may administer or assist in administering any state or local family services ~~activity~~ duty in addition to those mentioned in section 329.04 of the Revised Code, supported wholly or in part by public funds from any source provided by agreement between the board of county commissioners and the officer, department, board, or agency in which the administration of such activity is vested. Such officer, department, board, or agency may enter into such agreement and confer upon the county department of job and family services, to the extent and in particulars specified in the agreement, the performance of any duties and the exercise of any powers imposed upon or vested in such officer, board, department, or agency, with respect to the

administration of such activity. Such agreement shall be in the form of a resolution of the board of county commissioners, accepted in writing by the other party to the agreement, and filed in the office of the county auditor, and when so filed, shall have the effect of transferring the exercise of the powers and duties to which the agreement relates and shall exempt the other party from all further responsibility for the exercise of the powers and duties so transferred, during the life of the agreement.

Such agreement shall be coordinated and not conflict with a ~~partnership~~ fiscal agreement entered into under section 307.98, a contract entered into under section 307.981 or 307.982, a plan of cooperation entered into under section 307.983, a regional plan of cooperation entered into under section 307.984, a transportation work plan developed under section 307.985, or procedures for providing services to children whose families relocate frequently established under section 307.986 of the Revised Code. It may be revoked at the option of either party, by a resolution or order of the revoking party filed in the office of the auditor. Such revocation shall become effective at the end of the fiscal year occurring at least six months following the filing of the resolution or order. In the absence of such an express revocation so filed, the agreement shall continue indefinitely.

This section does not permit a county department of job and family services to manage or control hospitals, humane societies, detention facilities, jails or probation departments of courts, or veterans service commissions.

Sec. 329.051. The county department of job and family services shall make voter registration applications as prescribed by the secretary of state under section 3503.10 of the Revised Code available to persons who are applying for, receiving assistance from, or participating in any of the following:

(A) The disability financial assistance program established under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code;

(B) The disability medical assistance program established under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code;

(C) The medical assistance program established under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code;

~~(C)~~(D) The Ohio works first program established under Chapter 5107. of the Revised Code;

~~(D)~~(E) The prevention, retention, and contingency program established under Chapter 5108. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 329.06. (A) Except as provided in division (C) of this section and section 6301.08 of the Revised Code, the board of county commissioners

shall establish a county family services planning committee. The board shall appoint a member to represent the county department of job and family services; an employee in the classified civil service of the county department of job and family services, if there are any such employees; and a member to represent the public. The board shall appoint other individuals to the committee in such a manner that the committee's membership is broadly representative of the groups of individuals and the public and private entities that have an interest in the family services provided in the county. The board shall make appointments in a manner that reflects the ethnic and racial composition of the county. The following groups and entities may be represented on the committee:

(1) Consumers of family services;

(2) The public children services agency;

(3) The child support enforcement agency;

(4) The county family and children first council;

(5) Public and private colleges and universities;

(6) Public entities that provide family services, including boards of health, boards of education, the county board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities, and the board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services that serves the county;

(7) Private nonprofit and for-profit entities that provide family services in the county or that advocate for consumers of family services in the county, including entities that provide services to or advocate for victims of domestic violence;

(8) Labor organizations;

(9) Any other group or entity that has an interest in the family services provided in the county, including groups or entities that represent any of the county's business, urban, and rural sectors.

(B) The county family services planning committee shall do all of the following:

(1) Serve as an advisory body to the board of county commissioners with regard to the family services provided in the county, including assistance under Chapters 5107. and 5108. of the Revised Code, publicly funded child day-care under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code, and social services provided under section 5101.46 of the Revised Code;

(2) At least once a year, review and analyze the county department of job and family services' implementation of the programs established under Chapters 5107. and 5108. of the Revised Code. In its review, the committee shall use information available to it to examine all of the following:

(a) Return of assistance groups to participation in either program after

ceasing to participate;

(b) Teen pregnancy rates among the programs' participants;

(c) The other types of assistance the programs' participants receive, including medical assistance under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code, publicly funded child day-care under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code, food stamp benefits under section 5101.54 of the Revised Code, and energy assistance under Chapter 5117. of the Revised Code;

(d) Other issues the committee considers appropriate.

The committee shall make recommendations to the board of county commissioners and county department of job and family services regarding the committee's findings.

(3) ~~Provide comments and recommendations to the board prior to the board's entering into or substantially amending a partnership agreement with the director of job and family services under section 307.98 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(4)~~ Conduct public hearings on proposed county profiles for the provision of social services under section 5101.46 of the Revised Code;

~~(5)~~(4) At the request of the board, make recommendations and provide assistance regarding the family services provided in the county;

~~(6)~~(5) At any other time the committee considers appropriate, consult with the board and make recommendations regarding the family services provided in the county. The committee's recommendations may address the following:

(a) Implementation and administration of family service programs;

(b) Use of federal, state, and local funds available for family service programs;

(c) Establishment of goals to be achieved by family service programs;

(d) Evaluation of the outcomes of family service programs;

(e) Any other matter the board considers relevant to the provision of family services.

(C) If there is a committee in existence in a county on October 1, 1997, that the board of county commissioners determines is capable of fulfilling the responsibilities of a county family services planning committee, the board may designate the committee as the county's family services planning committee and the committee shall serve in that capacity.

Sec. 340.021. (A) In an alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health service district comprised of a county with a population of two hundred fifty thousand or more on ~~the effective date of this section~~ October 10, 1989, the board of county commissioners shall, within thirty days of ~~the effective date of this section~~ October 10, 1989, establish an alcohol and drug addiction

services board as the entity responsible for providing alcohol and drug addiction services in the county, unless, prior to that date, the board adopts a resolution providing that the entity responsible for providing the services is a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services. If the board of county commissioners establishes an alcohol and drug addiction services board, the community mental health board established under former section 340.02 of the Revised Code shall serve as the entity responsible for providing mental health services in the county. A community mental health board has all the powers, duties, and obligations of a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services with regard to mental health services. An alcohol and drug addiction services board has all the powers, duties, and obligations of a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services with regard to alcohol and drug addiction services. Any provision of the Revised Code that refers to a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services with regard to mental health services also refers to a community mental health board and any provision that refers to a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services with regard to alcohol and drug addiction services also refers to an alcohol and drug addiction services board.

An alcohol and drug addiction services board shall consist of eighteen members, six of whom shall be appointed by the director of alcohol and drug addiction services and twelve of whom shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners. Of the members appointed by the director, one shall be a person who has received or is receiving services for alcohol or drug addiction, one shall be a parent or relative of such a person, one shall be a professional in the field of alcohol or drug addiction services, and one shall be an advocate for persons receiving treatment for alcohol or drug addiction. The membership of the board shall, as nearly as possible, reflect the composition of the population of the service district as to race and sex. Members shall be residents of the service district and shall be interested in alcohol and drug addiction services. Requirements for membership, including prohibitions against certain family and business relationships, and terms of office shall be the same as those for members of boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services.

~~(B)~~ A community mental health board shall consist of eighteen members, six of whom shall be appointed by the director of mental health and twelve of whom shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners. Of the members appointed by the director, one shall be a person who has received or is receiving mental health services, one shall be a parent or relative of such a person, one shall be a psychiatrist or a

physician, and one shall be a mental health professional. The membership of the board as nearly as possible shall reflect the composition of the population of the service district as to race and sex. Members shall be residents of the service district and shall be interested in mental health services. Requirements for membership, including prohibitions against certain family and business relationships, and terms of office shall be the same as those for members of boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services.

(B) If a board of county commissioners subject to division (A) of this section did not adopt a resolution providing for a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services, the board of county commissioners may adopt a resolution providing for such a board, subject to both of the following:

(1) The resolution shall be adopted not later than January 1, 2004.

(2) Before adopting the resolution, the board of county commissioners shall provide notice of the proposed resolution to the alcohol and drug services board and the community mental health board and shall provide both boards an opportunity to comment on the proposed resolution.

Sec. 340.03. (A) Subject to rules issued by the director of mental health after consultation with relevant constituencies as required by division (A)(11) of section 5119.06 of the Revised Code, with regard to mental health services, the board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services shall:

(1) Serve as the community mental health planning agency for the county or counties under its jurisdiction, and in so doing it shall:

(a) Evaluate the need for facilities and community mental health services;

(b) In cooperation with other local and regional planning and funding bodies and with relevant ethnic organizations, assess the community mental health needs, set priorities, and develop plans for the operation of facilities and community mental health services;

(c) In accordance with guidelines issued by the director of mental health after consultation with board representatives, develop and submit to the department of mental health, no later than six months prior to the conclusion of the fiscal year in which the board's current plan is scheduled to expire, a community mental health plan listing community mental health needs, including the needs of all residents of the district now residing in state mental institutions and severely mentally disabled adults, children, and adolescents; all children subject to a determination made pursuant to section 121.38 of the Revised Code; and all the facilities and community mental

health services that are or will be in operation or provided during the period for which the plan will be in operation in the service district to meet such needs.

The plan shall include, but not be limited to, a statement of which of the services listed in section 340.09 of the Revised Code the board intends to provide or purchase, an explanation of how the board intends to make any payments that it may be required to pay under section 5119.62 of the Revised Code, a statement of the inpatient and community-based services the board proposes that the department operate, an assessment of the number and types of residential facilities needed, and such other information as the department requests, and a budget for moneys the board expects to receive. The board shall also submit an allocation request for state and federal funds. Within sixty days after the department's determination that the plan and allocation request are complete, the department shall approve or disapprove the plan and request, in whole or in part, according to the criteria developed pursuant to section 5119.61 of the Revised Code. The department's statement of approval or disapproval shall specify the inpatient and the community-based services that the department will operate for the board. Eligibility for financial support shall be contingent upon an approved plan or relevant part of a plan.

If the director disapproves all or part of any plan, the director shall inform the board of the reasons for the disapproval and of the criteria that must be met before the plan may be approved. The director shall provide the board an opportunity to present its case on behalf of the plan. The director shall give the board a reasonable time in which to meet the criteria, and shall offer the board technical assistance to help it meet the criteria.

If the approval of a plan remains in dispute thirty days prior to the conclusion of the fiscal year in which the board's current plan is scheduled to expire, the board or the director may request that the dispute be submitted to a mutually agreed upon third-party mediator with the cost to be shared by the board and the department. The mediator shall issue to the board and the department recommendations for resolution of the dispute. Prior to the conclusion of the fiscal year in which the current plan is scheduled to expire, the director, taking into consideration the recommendations of the mediator, shall make a final determination and approve or disapprove the plan, in whole or in part.

If a board determines that it is necessary to amend a plan or an allocation request that has been approved under division (A)(1)(c) of this section, the board shall submit a proposed amendment to the director. The director may approve or disapprove all or part of the amendment. If the

director does not approve all or part of the amendment within thirty days after it is submitted, the amendment or part of it shall be considered to have been approved. The director shall inform the board of the reasons for disapproval of all or part of an amendment and of the criteria that must be met before the amendment may be approved. The director shall provide the board an opportunity to present its case on behalf of the amendment. The director shall give the board a reasonable time in which to meet the criteria, and shall offer the board technical assistance to help it meet the criteria.

The board shall implement the plan approved by the department.

(d) Receive, compile, and transmit to the department of mental health applications for state reimbursement;

(e) Promote, arrange, and implement working agreements with social agencies, both public and private, and with judicial agencies.

(2) Investigate, or request another agency to investigate, any complaint alleging abuse or neglect of any person receiving services from a community mental health agency as defined in section 5122.01 of the Revised Code, or from a residential facility licensed under section 5119.22 of the Revised Code. If the investigation substantiates the charge of abuse or neglect, the board shall take whatever action it determines is necessary to correct the situation, including notification of the appropriate authorities. Upon request, the board shall provide information about such investigations to the department.

(3) For the purpose of section 5119.611 of the Revised Code, cooperate with the director of mental health in visiting and evaluating whether the services of a community mental health agency satisfy the certification standards established by rules adopted under that section;

(4) In accordance with criteria established under division (G) of section 5119.61 of the Revised Code, review and evaluate the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of services provided through its community mental health plan and submit its findings and recommendations to the department of mental health;

(5) In accordance with section 5119.22 of the Revised Code, review applications for residential facility licenses and recommend to the department of mental health approval or disapproval of applications;

(6) Audit, in accordance with rules adopted by the auditor of state pursuant to section 117.20 of the Revised Code, at least annually all programs and services provided under contract with the board. In so doing, the board may contract for or employ the services of private auditors. A copy of the fiscal audit report shall be provided to the director of mental health, the auditor of state, and the county auditor of each county in the

board's district.

(7) Recruit and promote local financial support for mental health programs from private and public sources;

(8)(a) Enter into contracts with public and private facilities for the operation of facility services included in the board's community mental health plan and enter into contracts with public and private community mental health agencies for the provision of community mental health services listed in section 340.09 of the Revised Code and included in the board's community mental health plan. Contracts with community mental health agencies are subject to section 5119.611 of the Revised Code. Section 307.86 of the Revised Code does not apply to contracts entered into under this division. In contracting with a community mental health agency, a board shall consider the cost effectiveness of services provided by that agency and the quality and continuity of care, and may review cost elements, including salary costs, of the services to be provided. A utilization review process shall be established as part of the contract for services entered into between a board and a community mental health agency. The board may establish this process in a way that is most effective and efficient in meeting local needs. In the case of a contract with a community mental health facility ~~described~~, as defined in ~~division (B) of~~ section 5111.022 of the Revised Code, to provide services ~~established by~~ listed in division ~~(A)~~(B) of that section, the contract shall provide for the facility to be paid in accordance with the contract entered into between the departments of job and family services and mental health under ~~division (E) of that~~ section 5111.91 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under division (A) of section 5119.61 of the Revised Code.

If either the board or a facility or community mental health agency with which the board contracts under division (A)(8)(a) of this section proposes not to renew the contract or proposes substantial changes in contract terms, the other party shall be given written notice at least one hundred twenty days before the expiration date of the contract. During the first sixty days of this one hundred twenty-day period, both parties shall attempt to resolve any dispute through good faith collaboration and negotiation in order to continue to provide services to persons in need. If the dispute has not been resolved sixty days before the expiration date of the contract, either party may notify the department of mental health of the unresolved dispute. The director may require both parties to submit the dispute to a third party with the cost to be shared by the board and the facility or community mental health agency. The third party shall issue to the board, the facility or agency, and the department recommendations on how the dispute may be resolved twenty

days prior to the expiration date of the contract, unless both parties agree to a time extension. The director shall adopt rules establishing the procedures of this dispute resolution process.

(b) With the prior approval of the director of mental health, a board may operate a facility or provide a community mental health service as follows, if there is no other qualified private or public facility or community mental health agency that is immediately available and willing to operate such a facility or provide the service:

(i) In an emergency situation, any board may operate a facility or provide a community mental health service in order to provide essential services for the duration of the emergency;

(ii) In a service district with a population of at least one hundred thousand but less than five hundred thousand, a board may operate a facility or provide a community mental health service for no longer than one year;

(iii) In a service district with a population of less than one hundred thousand, a board may operate a facility or provide a community mental health service for no longer than one year, except that such a board may operate a facility or provide a community mental health service for more than one year with the prior approval of the director and the prior approval of the board of county commissioners, or of a majority of the boards of county commissioners if the district is a joint-county district.

The director shall not give a board approval to operate a facility or provide a community mental health service under division (A)(8)(b)(ii) or (iii) of this section unless the director determines that it is not feasible to have the department operate the facility or provide the service.

The director shall not give a board approval to operate a facility or provide a community mental health service under division (A)(8)(b)(iii) of this section unless the director determines that the board will provide greater administrative efficiency and more or better services than would be available if the board contracted with a private or public facility or community mental health agency.

The director shall not give a board approval to operate a facility previously operated by a person or other government entity unless the board has established to the director's satisfaction that the person or other government entity cannot effectively operate the facility or that the person or other government entity has requested the board to take over operation of the facility. The director shall not give a board approval to provide a community mental health service previously provided by a community mental health agency unless the board has established to the director's satisfaction that the agency cannot effectively provide the service or that the

agency has requested the board take over providing the service.

The director shall review and evaluate a board's operation of a facility and provision of community mental health service under division (A)(8)(b) of this section.

Nothing in division (A)(8)(b) of this section authorizes a board to administer or direct the daily operation of any facility or community mental health agency, but a facility or agency may contract with a board to receive administrative services or staff direction from the board under the direction of the governing body of the facility or agency.

(9) Approve fee schedules and related charges or adopt a unit cost schedule or other methods of payment for contract services provided by community mental health agencies in accordance with guidelines issued by the department as necessary to comply with state and federal laws pertaining to financial assistance;

(10) Submit to the director and the county commissioners of the county or counties served by the board, and make available to the public, an annual report of the programs under the jurisdiction of the board, including a fiscal accounting;

(11) Establish, to the extent resources are available, a community support system, which provides for treatment, support, and rehabilitation services and opportunities. The essential elements of the system include, but are not limited to, the following components in accordance with section 5119.06 of the Revised Code:

(a) To locate persons in need of mental health services to inform them of available services and benefits mechanisms;

(b) Assistance for clients to obtain services necessary to meet basic human needs for food, clothing, shelter, medical care, personal safety, and income;

(c) Mental health care, including, but not limited to, outpatient, partial hospitalization, and, where appropriate, inpatient care;

(d) Emergency services and crisis intervention;

(e) Assistance for clients to obtain vocational services and opportunities for jobs;

(f) The provision of services designed to develop social, community, and personal living skills;

(g) Access to a wide range of housing and the provision of residential treatment and support;

(h) Support, assistance, consultation, and education for families, friends, consumers of mental health services, and others;

(i) Recognition and encouragement of families, friends, neighborhood

networks, especially networks that include racial and ethnic minorities, churches, community organizations, and meaningful employment as natural supports for consumers of mental health services;

(j) Grievance procedures and protection of the rights of consumers of mental health services;

(k) Case management, which includes continual individualized assistance and advocacy to ensure that needed services are offered and procured.

(12) Designate the treatment program, agency, or facility for each person involuntarily committed to the board pursuant to Chapter 5122. of the Revised Code and authorize payment for such treatment. The board shall provide the least restrictive and most appropriate alternative that is available for any person involuntarily committed to it and shall assure that the services listed in section 340.09 of the Revised Code are available to severely mentally disabled persons residing within its service district. The board shall establish the procedure for authorizing payment for services, which may include prior authorization in appropriate circumstances. The board may provide for services directly to a severely mentally disabled person when life or safety is endangered and when no community mental health agency is available to provide the service.

(13) Establish a method for evaluating referrals for involuntary commitment and affidavits filed pursuant to section 5122.11 of the Revised Code in order to assist the probate division of the court of common pleas in determining whether there is probable cause that a respondent is subject to involuntary hospitalization and what alternative treatment is available and appropriate, if any;

(14) Ensure that apartments or rooms built, subsidized, renovated, rented, owned, or leased by the board or a community mental health agency have been approved as meeting minimum fire safety standards and that persons residing in the rooms or apartments are receiving appropriate and necessary services, including culturally relevant services, from a community mental health agency. This division does not apply to residential facilities licensed pursuant to section 5119.22 of the Revised Code.

(15) Establish a mechanism for involvement of consumer recommendation and advice on matters pertaining to mental health services in the alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health service district;

(16) Perform the duties under section 3722.18 of the Revised Code required by rules adopted under section 5119.61 of the Revised Code regarding referrals by the board or mental health agencies under contract with the board of individuals with mental illness or severe mental disability

to adult care facilities and effective arrangements for ongoing mental health services for the individuals. The board is accountable in the manner specified in the rules for ensuring that the ongoing mental health services are effectively arranged for the individuals.

(B) The board shall establish such rules, operating procedures, standards, and bylaws, and perform such other duties as may be necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(C) A board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services may receive by gift, grant, devise, or bequest any moneys, lands, or property for the benefit of the purposes for which the board is established, and may hold and apply it according to the terms of the gift, grant, or bequest. All money received, including accrued interest, by gift, grant, or bequest shall be deposited in the treasury of the county, the treasurer of which is custodian of the alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services funds to the credit of the board and shall be available for use by the board for purposes stated by the donor or grantor.

(D) No board member or employee of a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services shall be liable for injury or damages caused by any action or inaction taken within the scope of the board member's official duties or the employee's employment, whether or not such action or inaction is expressly authorized by this section, section 340.033, or any other section of the Revised Code, unless such action or inaction constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. Chapter 2744. of the Revised Code applies to any action or inaction by a board member or employee of a board taken within the scope of the board member's official duties or employee's employment. For the purposes of this division, the conduct of a board member or employee shall not be considered willful or wanton misconduct if the board member or employee acted in good faith and in a manner that the board member or employee reasonably believed was in or was not opposed to the best interests of the board and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct was unlawful.

(E) The meetings held by any committee established by a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services shall be considered to be meetings of a public body subject to section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 341.05. (A) The sheriff shall assign sufficient staff to ensure the safe and secure operation of the county jail, but staff shall be assigned only to the extent such staff can be provided with funds appropriated to the sheriff at the discretion of the board of county commissioners. The staff may include any of the following:

(1) An administrator for the jail;

(2) Jail officers, including civilian jail officers who are not sheriff's deputies, to conduct security duties;

(3) Other necessary employees to assist in the operation of the county jail.

(B) The sheriff shall employ a sufficient number of female staff to be available to perform all reception and release procedures for female prisoners. These female employees shall be on duty for the duration of the confinement of the female prisoners.

(C) The jail administrator and civilian jail officers appointed by the sheriff shall have all the powers of police officers on the jail grounds as are necessary for the proper performance of the duties relating to their positions at the jail and as are consistent with their level of training.

(D) The sheriff may authorize civilian jail officers to wear a standard uniform consistent with their prescribed authority, in accordance with section 311.281 of the Revised Code. Civilian jail officer uniforms shall be differentiated clearly from the uniforms worn by sheriff's deputies.

(E) ~~The~~ Except as provided in division (B) of section 341.25 of the Revised Code, the compensation of jail staff shall be payable from the general fund of the county, upon the warrant of the auditor, in accordance with standard county payroll procedures.

Sec. 341.25. (A) The sheriff may establish a commissary for the jail. The commissary may be established either in-house or by another arrangement. If a commissary is established, all persons incarcerated in the jail shall receive commissary privileges. A person's purchases from the commissary shall be deducted from the person's account record in the jail's business office. The commissary shall provide for the distribution to indigent persons incarcerated in the jail necessary hygiene articles and writing materials.

(B) If a commissary is established, the sheriff shall establish a commissary fund for the jail. The management of funds in the commissary fund shall be strictly controlled in accordance with procedures adopted by the auditor of state. Commissary fund revenue over and above operating costs and reserve shall be considered profits. All profits from the commissary fund shall be used to purchase supplies and equipment, and to provide life skills training and education or treatment services, or both, for the benefit of persons incarcerated in the jail, and to pay salary and benefits for employees of the sheriff who work in or are employed for the purpose of providing service to the commissary. The sheriff shall adopt rules for the operation of any commissary fund the sheriff establishes.

Sec. 504.03. (A)(1) If a limited home rule government is adopted pursuant to section 504.02 of the Revised Code, it shall remain in effect for at least three years except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section. At the end of that period, if the board of township trustees determines that that government is not in the best interests of the township, it may adopt a resolution causing the board of elections to submit to the electors of the unincorporated area of the township the question of whether the township should continue the limited home rule government. The question shall be voted upon at the next general election occurring at least seventy-five days after the certification of the resolution to the board of elections. After certification of the resolution, the board of elections shall submit the question to the electors of the unincorporated area of the township, and the ballot language shall be substantially as follows:

"Shall the township of ..... (name) continue the limited home rule government under which it is operating?

..... For continuation of the limited home rule government

..... Against continuation of the limited home rule government"

(2) At least forty-five days before the election on the question of continuing the limited home rule government, the board of township trustees shall have notice of the election published in a newspaper of general circulation in the township for three consecutive weeks and have the notice posted in five conspicuous places in the unincorporated area of the township.

(B) The electors of a township that has adopted a limited home rule government may propose at any time by initiative petition, in accordance with section 504.14 of the Revised Code, a resolution submitting to the electors in the unincorporated area of the township, in an election, the question set forth in division (A)(1) of this section.

(C) If a majority of the votes cast under division (A) or (B) of this section on the proposition of continuing the limited home rule government is in the negative, that government is terminated effective on the first day of January immediately following the election, and a limited home rule government shall not be adopted in the unincorporated area of the township pursuant to section 504.02 of the Revised Code for at least three years after that date.

(D) If a limited home rule government is terminated under this section, the board of township trustees immediately shall adopt a resolution repealing all resolutions adopted pursuant to this chapter that are not authorized by any other section of the Revised Code outside this chapter, effective on the first day of January immediately following the election

described in division (A) or (B) of this section. However, no resolution adopted under this division shall affect or impair the obligations of the township under any security issued or contracts entered into by the township in connection with the financing of any water supply facility or sewer improvement under sections 504.18 to 504.20 of the Revised Code or the authority of the township to collect or enforce any assessments or other revenues constituting security for or source of payments of debt service charges of those securities.

(E) Upon the termination of a limited home rule government under this section, if the township had converted its board of township trustees to a five-member board ~~under section 504.21 of the Revised Code~~ before the effective date of this amendment, the current board member who received the lowest number of votes of the current board members who were elected at the most recent election for township trustees, and the current board member who received the lowest number of votes of the current board members who were elected at the second most recent election for township trustees, shall cease to be township trustees on the date that the limited home rule government terminates. Their offices likewise shall cease to exist at that time, and the board shall continue as a three-member board as provided in section 505.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 504.04. (A) A township that adopts a limited home rule government may do all of the following by resolution, provided that any of these resolutions, other than a resolution to supply water or sewer services in accordance with sections 504.18 to 504.20 of the Revised Code, may be enforced only by the imposition of civil fines as authorized in this chapter:

(1) Exercise all powers of local self-government within the unincorporated area of the township, other than powers that are in conflict with general laws, except that the township shall comply with the requirements and prohibitions of this chapter, and shall enact no taxes other than those authorized by general law, and except that no resolution adopted pursuant to this chapter shall encroach upon the powers, duties, and privileges of elected township officers or change, alter, combine, eliminate, or otherwise modify the form or structure of the township government unless the change is required or permitted by this chapter;

(2) Adopt and enforce within the unincorporated area of the township local police, sanitary, and other similar regulations that are not in conflict with general laws or otherwise prohibited by division (B) of this section;

(3) Supply water and sewer services to users within the unincorporated area of the township in accordance with sections 504.18 to 504.20 of the Revised Code.

(B) No resolution adopted pursuant to this chapter shall do any of the following:

(1) Create a criminal offense or impose criminal penalties, except as authorized by division (A) of this section;

(2) Impose civil fines other than as authorized by this chapter;

(3) Establish or revise subdivision regulations, road construction standards, urban sediment rules, or storm water and drainage regulations;

(4) Establish or revise building standards, building codes, and other standard codes except as provided in section 504.13 of the Revised Code;

(5) Increase, decrease, or otherwise alter the powers or duties of a township under any other chapter of the Revised Code pertaining to agriculture or the conservation or development of natural resources;

(6) Establish regulations affecting hunting, trapping, fishing, or the possession, use, or sale of firearms;

(7) Establish or revise water or sewer regulations, except in accordance with sections 504.18 and 504.19 of the Revised Code.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as affecting the powers of counties with regard to the subjects listed in divisions (B)(3) to (5) of this section.

(C) Under a limited home rule government, all officers shall have the qualifications, and be nominated, elected, or appointed, as provided in Chapter 505. of the Revised Code, except that the board of township trustees shall appoint a full-time or part-time law director pursuant to section 504.15 of the Revised Code, and except that ~~section 504.21 of the Revised Code also shall apply if~~ a five-member board of township trustees ~~is~~ approved for the township before the effective date of this amendment shall continue to serve as the legislative authority with successive members serving for four-year terms of office until a termination of a limited home rule government under section 504.03 of the Revised Code.

(D) In case of conflict between resolutions enacted by a board of township trustees and municipal ordinances or resolutions, the ordinance or resolution enacted by the municipal corporation prevails. In case of conflict between resolutions enacted by a board of township trustees and any county resolution, the resolution enacted by the board of township trustees prevails.

Sec. 505.376. When any expenditure of a fire and ambulance district, other than for the compensation of district employees, exceeds ~~ten~~ twenty-five thousand dollars, the contract for the expenditure shall be in writing and made with the lowest and best bidder after advertising for not less than two nor more than four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the district. The bids shall be opened and shall be

publicly read by the clerk of the district, or the clerk's designee, at the time, date, and place specified in the advertisement to bidders or the specifications. The time, date, and place of bid openings may be extended to a later date by the board of trustees of the district, provided that written or oral notice of the change shall be given to all persons who have received or requested specifications no later than ninety-six hours prior to the original time and date fixed for the opening.

Each bid on any contract shall contain the full name of every person interested in the bid. If the bid is for a contract for the construction, demolition, alteration, repair, or reconstruction of an improvement, it shall meet the requirements of section 153.54 of the Revised Code. If the bid is for any other contract, it shall be accompanied by a sufficient bond or certified check, cashier's check, or money order on a solvent bank or savings and loan association that, if the bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into and the performance of it will be properly secured. If the bid for work embraces both labor and material, it shall be separately stated, with the price ~~thereof~~ of the labor and the material. The board may reject any and all bids. The contract shall be between the district and the bidder, and the district shall pay the contract price in cash. When a bonus is offered for completion of a contract prior to a specified date, the board may exact a prorated penalty in like sum for each day of delay beyond the specified date. When there is reason to believe there is collusion or combination among bidders, the bids of those concerned ~~therein~~ shall be rejected.

Sec. 507.09. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of this section, the township clerk shall be entitled to compensation as follows:

(1) In townships having a budget of fifty thousand dollars or less, three thousand five hundred dollars;

(2) In townships having a budget of more than fifty thousand but not more than one hundred thousand dollars, five thousand five hundred dollars;

(3) In townships having a budget of more than one hundred thousand but not more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars, seven thousand seven hundred dollars;

(4) In townships having a budget of more than two hundred fifty thousand but not more than five hundred thousand dollars, nine thousand nine hundred dollars;

(5) In townships having a budget of more than five hundred thousand but not more than seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, eleven thousand dollars;

(6) In townships having a budget of more than seven hundred fifty thousand but not more than one million five hundred thousand dollars,

thirteen thousand two hundred dollars;

(7) In townships having a budget of more than one million five hundred thousand but not more than three million five hundred thousand dollars, fifteen thousand four hundred dollars;

(8) In townships having a budget of more than three million five hundred thousand dollars but not more than six million dollars, sixteen thousand five hundred dollars;

(9) In townships having a budget of more than six million dollars, seventeen thousand six hundred dollars.

(B) Any township clerk may elect to receive less than the compensation the clerk is entitled to under division (A) of this section. Any clerk electing to do this shall so notify the board of township trustees in writing, and the board shall include this notice in the minutes of its next board meeting.

(C) The compensation of the township clerk shall be paid in equal monthly payments. If the office of clerk is held by more than one person during any calendar year, each person holding the office shall receive payments for only those months, and any fractions of those months, during which the person holds the office.

(D) Beginning in calendar year 1999, the township clerk shall be entitled to compensation as follows:

(1) In calendar year 1999, the compensation specified in division (A) of this section increased by three per cent;

(2) In calendar year 2000, the compensation determined under division (D)(1) of this section increased by three per cent;

(3) In calendar year 2001, the compensation determined under division (D)(2) of this section increased by three per cent;

(4) In calendar year 2002, except in townships having a budget of more than six million dollars, the compensation determined under division (D)(3) of this section increased by three per cent; in townships having a budget of more than six million but not more than ten million dollars, nineteen thousand eight hundred ten dollars; and in townships having a budget of more than ten million dollars, twenty thousand nine hundred dollars;

(5) In calendar year 2003, the compensation determined under division (D)(4) of this section increased by three per cent or the percentage increase in the consumer price index as described in division (D)(7)(b) of this section, whichever percentage is lower;

(6) In calendar year 2004, except in townships having a budget of more than six million dollars, the compensation determined under division (D)(5) of this section for the calendar year 2003 increased by three per cent or the percentage increase in the consumer price index as described in division

(D)(7)(b) of this section, whichever percentage is lower; in townships having a budget of more than six million but not more than ten million dollars, twenty-two thousand eighty-seven dollars; and in townships having a budget of more than ten million dollars, twenty-five thousand five hundred fifty-three dollars;

(7) In calendar years ~~2003~~ 2005 through 2008, the compensation determined under division (D) of this section for the immediately preceding calendar year increased by the lesser of the following:

(a) Three per cent;

(b) The percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price index over the twelve-month period that ends on the thirtieth day of September of the immediately preceding calendar year, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one per cent;

~~(6)~~(8) In calendar year 2009 and thereafter, the amount determined under division (D) of this section for calendar year 2008.

As used in this division, "consumer price index" has the same meaning as in section 325.18 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 511.12. The board of township trustees may prepare plans and specifications and make contracts for the construction and erection of a memorial building, monument, statue, or memorial, for the purposes specified and within the amount authorized by section 511.08 of the Revised Code. If the total estimated cost of the construction and erection exceeds ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five thousand dollars, the contract shall be let by competitive bidding. If the estimated cost is ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five thousand dollars or less, competitive bidding may be required at the board's discretion. In making contracts under this section, the board shall be governed as follows:

(A) Contracts for construction when competitive bidding is required shall be based upon detailed plans, specifications, forms of bids, and estimates of cost, adopted by the board.

(B) Contracts shall be made in writing upon concurrence of a majority of the members of the board, and shall be signed by at least two of ~~such~~ the members and by the contractor. If competitive bidding is required, no contract shall be made or signed until an advertisement has been placed in two newspapers, published or of general circulation in the township, for a period of thirty days.

(C) No contract shall be let by competitive bidding except to the lowest and best bidder, who shall meet the requirements of section 153.54 of the Revised Code.

(D) When, in the opinion of the board, it becomes necessary in the prosecution of such work to make alterations or modifications in any

contract, ~~such~~ the alterations or modifications shall be made only by order of the board, and ~~such~~ that order shall be of no effect until the price to be paid for the work or materials under ~~such~~ the altered or modified contract has been agreed upon in writing and signed by the contractor and at least two members of the board.

(E) No contract or alteration or modification ~~thereof~~ of it shall be valid unless made in the manner provided in this section.

Sec. 511.181. If the board of park commissioners of a township park district created before 1955 is appointed by the board of township trustees, the board of township trustees may adopt a resolution to convert the parks owned and operated by the park district into parks owned and operated by the township if the township has a population of less than thirty-five thousand and a geographical area of less than fifteen square miles. Upon the adoption of that resolution, the township park district shall cease to exist, all real and personal property owned by the park district shall be transferred to the township, and the township shall assume liability with respect to all contracts and debts of the park district. All employees of the township park district whose parks are so converted into township parks shall become township employees, and the board of township trustees may retain the former park commissioners, on the terms that the trustees consider appropriate, to operate the property formerly owned by the township park district.

The township shall continue to collect any taxes levied within the former township park district, and the taxes shall be deposited into the township treasury as funds to be used for the park purposes for which they were levied.

Within fifteen days after the adoption of a township park district conversion resolution under this section, the clerk of the board of township trustees shall certify a copy of that resolution to the county auditor.

Sec. 515.01. The board of township trustees may provide artificial lights for any road, highway, public place, or building under its supervision or control, or for any territory within the township and outside the boundaries of any municipal corporation, when the board determines that the public safety or welfare requires that ~~such~~ the road, highway, public place, building, or territory shall be lighted. ~~Such~~ The lighting may be procured either by the township installing a lighting system or by contracting with any person or corporation to furnish lights.

If lights are furnished under contract, ~~such~~ the contract may provide that the equipment employed may be owned by the township or by the person or corporation supplying it.

If the board determines to procure ~~such~~ lighting by contract and the total estimated cost of the contract exceeds ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five thousand dollars, the board shall prepare plans and specifications for the lighting equipment and shall, for two weeks, advertise for bids for furnishing ~~such~~ the lighting equipment, either by posting ~~such~~ the advertisement in three conspicuous places in the township or by publication ~~thereof~~ of the advertisement once a week, for two consecutive weeks, in a newspaper of general circulation in the township. Any such contract for lighting shall be made with the lowest and best bidder.

No lighting contract awarded by the board shall be made to cover a period of more than ten years. The cost of installing and operating any lighting system or any light furnished under contract shall be paid from the general fund of the township treasury.

Sec. 515.07. If the total estimated cost of any lighting improvement provided for in section 515.06 of the Revised Code is ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five thousand dollars or less, the contract may be let without competitive bidding. When competitive bidding is required, the board of township trustees shall post, in three of the most conspicuous public places in the district, a notice specifying the number, candle power, and location of lights~~,~~ and the kind of supports ~~therefore~~ for the lights as provided by section 515.06 of the Revised Code, as well as the time, which shall not be less than thirty days from the posting of the notices, and the place the board will receive bids to furnish ~~such~~ the lights. The board shall accept the lowest and best bid, if the successful bidder meets the requirements of section 153.54 of the Revised Code. The board may reject all bids.

Sec. 521.05. (A) If the total estimated cost of any improvement provided for in section 521.04 of the Revised Code is ~~ten~~ twenty-five thousand dollars or less, the contract may be let without competitive bidding. When competitive bidding is required, the board of township trustees shall post, in three of the most conspicuous public places in the township, a notice specifying the improvement to be made and the time, which shall be at least thirty days after the posting of the notices, and the place the board will receive bids to make the improvement. The board shall accept the lowest and best bid, if the successful bidder meets the requirements of section 153.54 of the Revised Code. The board may reject all bids.

(B) On accepting a bid, the board shall enter into a contract with the successful bidder for making the improvement according to specifications. The contract shall not be for a term longer than ten years.

Sec. 715.013. (A) Except as otherwise expressly authorized by the

Revised Code, no municipal corporation shall levy a tax that is the same as or similar to a tax levied under Chapter 322., 3734., 3769., 4123., 4141., 4301., 4303., 4305., 4307., 4309., 5707., 5725., 5727., 5728., 5729., 5731., 5735., 5737., 5739., 5741., 5743., or 5749. of the Revised Code.

(B) This section does not prohibit a municipal corporation from levying a tax on ~~amounts~~ any of the following:

(1) Amounts received for admission to any place ~~or, on and after January 1, 2002, on the~~;

(2) The income of an electric company or combined company, as defined in section 5727.01 of the Revised Code;

(3) On and after January 1, 2004, the income of a telephone company, as defined in section 5727.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 718.01. (A) As used in this chapter:

(1) "Adjusted federal taxable income" means a C corporation's federal taxable income before net operating losses and special deductions as determined under the Internal Revenue Code, adjusted as follows:

(a) Deduct intangible income to the extent included in federal taxable income. The deduction shall be allowed regardless of whether the intangible income relates to assets used in a trade or business or assets held for the production of income.

(b) Add an amount equal to five per cent of intangible income deducted under division (A)(1)(a) of this section, but excluding that portion of intangible income directly related to the sale, exchange, or other disposition of property described in section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(c) Add any losses allowed as a deduction in the computation of federal taxable income if the losses directly relate to the sale, exchange, or other disposition of an asset described in section 1221 or 1231 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(d)(i) Except as provided in division (A)(1)(d)(ii) of this section, deduct income and gain included in federal taxable income to the extent the income and gain directly relate to the sale, exchange, or other disposition of an asset described in section 1221 or 1231 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(ii) Division (A)(1)(d)(i) of this section does not apply to the extent the income or gain is income or gain described in section 1245 or 1250 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(e) Add taxes on or measured by net income allowed as a deduction in the computation of federal taxable income;

(f) In the case of a real estate investment trust and regulated investment company, add all amounts with respect to dividends to, distributions to, or amounts set aside for or credited to the benefit of investors and allowed as a

deduction in the computation of federal taxable income;

(g) If the taxpayer is not a C corporation and is not an individual, the taxpayer shall compute adjusted federal taxable income as if the taxpayer were a C corporation, except:

(i) Guaranteed payments and other similar amounts paid or accrued to a partner, former partner, member, or former member shall not be allowed as a deductible expense; and

(ii) Amounts paid or accrued to a qualified self-employed retirement plan with respect to an owner or owner-employee of the taxpayer, amounts paid or accrued to or for health insurance for an owner or owner-employee, and amounts paid or accrued to or for life insurance for an owner or owner-employee shall not be allowed as a deduction.

Nothing in division (A)(1) of this section shall be construed as allowing the taxpayer to add or deduct any amount more than once or shall be construed as allowing any taxpayer to deduct any amount paid to or accrued for purposes of federal self-employment tax.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as limiting or removing the ability of any municipal corporation to administer, audit, and enforce the provisions of its municipal income tax.

(2) "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1, as amended.

~~(2)~~(3) "Schedule C" means internal revenue service schedule C filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

~~(3)~~(4) "Form 2106" means internal revenue service form 2106 filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

~~(4)~~(5) "Intangible income" means income of any of the following types: income yield, interest, capital gains, dividends, or other income arising from the ownership, sale, exchange, or other disposition of intangible property including, but not limited to, investments, deposits, money, or credits as those terms are defined in Chapter 5701. of the Revised Code, and patents, copyrights, trademarks, tradenames, investments in real estate investment trusts, investments in regulated investment companies, and appreciation on deferred compensation. "Intangible income" does not include prizes, awards, or other income associated with any lottery winnings or other similar games of chance.

~~(5)~~(6) "S corporation" means a corporation that has made an election under subchapter S of Chapter 1 of Subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code for its taxable year.

(7) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2004, "net profit" for a taxpayer other than an individual means adjusted federal taxable

income and "net profit" for a taxpayer who is an individual means the individual's profit, other than amounts described in division (F) of this section, required to be reported on schedule C, schedule E, or schedule F.

(8) "Taxpayer" means a person subject to a tax on income levied by a municipal corporation. "Taxpayer" does not include any person that is a disregarded entity or a qualifying subchapter S subsidiary for federal income tax purposes, but "taxpayer" includes any other person who owns the disregarded entity or qualifying subchapter S subsidiary.

(9) "Taxable year" means the corresponding tax reporting period as prescribed for the taxpayer under the Internal Revenue Code.

(10) "Tax administrator" means the individual charged with direct responsibility for administration of a tax on income levied by a municipal corporation and includes:

(a) The central collection agency and the regional income tax agency and their successors in interest, and other entities organized to perform functions similar to those performed by the central collection agency and the regional income tax agency;

(b) A municipal corporation acting as the agent of another municipal corporation; and

(c) Persons retained by a municipal corporation to administer a tax levied by the municipal corporation, but only if the municipal corporation does not compensate the person in whole or in part on a contingency basis.

(11) "Person" includes individuals, firms, companies, business trusts, estates, trusts, partnerships, limited liability companies, associations, corporations, governmental entities, and any other entity.

(12) "Schedule E" means internal revenue service schedule E filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

(13) "Schedule F" means internal revenue service schedule F filed by a taxpayer pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

(B) No municipal corporation ~~with respect to that income that it may tax~~ shall tax ~~such~~ income at other than a uniform rate.

(C) No municipal corporation shall levy a tax on income at a rate in excess of one per cent without having obtained the approval of the excess by a majority of the electors of the municipality voting on the question at a general, primary, or special election. The legislative authority of the municipal corporation shall file with the board of elections at least seventy-five days before the day of the election a copy of the ordinance together with a resolution specifying the date the election is to be held and directing the board of elections to conduct the election. The ballot shall be in the following form: "Shall the Ordinance providing for a ... per cent levy on

income for (Brief description of the purpose of the proposed levy) be passed?

FOR THE INCOME TAX

AGAINST THE INCOME TAX"

In the event of an affirmative vote, the proceeds of the levy may be used only for the specified purpose.

(D)(1) Except as ~~otherwise~~ provided in division ~~(D)(2) or (F)(9)~~(E) or (F) of this section, no municipal corporation shall exempt from a tax on income~~,~~ compensation for personal services of individuals over eighteen years of age or the net profit from a business or profession.

(2) ~~The legislative authority of a municipal corporation may, by ordinance or resolution, exempt from a tax on income any compensation arising from the grant, sale, exchange, or other disposition of a stock option; the exercise of a stock option; or the sale, exchange, or other disposition of stock purchased under a stock option.~~ (a) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2004, no municipal corporation shall tax the net profit from a business or profession using any base other than the taxpayer's adjusted federal taxable income.

(b) Division (D)(2)(a) of this section does not apply to any taxpayer required to file a return under section 5745.03 of the Revised Code or to the net profit from a sole proprietorship.

(E) ~~Nothing in this section shall prevent a municipal corporation from permitting lawful deductions as prescribed by ordinance. If a taxpayer's~~ The legislative authority of a municipal corporation may, by ordinance or resolution, exempt from withholding and from a tax on income the following:

(1) Compensation arising from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of a stock option, the exercise of a stock option, or the sale, exchange, or other disposition of stock purchased under a stock option; or

(2) Compensation attributable to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan or program described in section 3121(v)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

If an individual's taxable income includes income against which the taxpayer has taken a deduction for federal income tax purposes as reportable on the taxpayer's form 2106, and against which a like deduction has not been allowed by the municipal corporation, the municipal corporation shall deduct from the taxpayer's taxable income an amount equal to the deduction shown on such form allowable against such income, to the extent not otherwise so allowed as a deduction by the municipal corporation. ~~In~~

In the case of a taxpayer who has a net profit from a business or

profession that is operated as a sole proprietorship, no municipal corporation may tax or use as the base for determining the amount of the net profit that shall be considered as having a taxable situs in the municipal corporation, ~~a greater amount than the net profit reported by the taxpayer on schedule C filed in reference to the year in question as taxable income from such sole proprietorship, except as otherwise specifically provided by ordinance or regulation~~ an amount other than the net profit required to be reported by the taxpayer on schedule C or F from such sole proprietorship for the taxable year.

In the case of a taxpayer who has a net profit from rental activity required to be reported on schedule E, no municipal corporation may tax or use as the base for determining the amount of the net profit that shall be considered as having a taxable situs in the municipal corporation, an amount other than the net profit from rental activities required to be reported by the taxpayer on schedule E for the taxable year.

(F) A municipal corporation shall not tax any of the following:

(1) The military pay or allowances of members of the armed forces of the United States and of members of their reserve components, including the Ohio national guard;

(2) The income of religious, fraternal, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational institutions to the extent that such income is derived from tax-exempt real estate, tax-exempt tangible or intangible property, or tax-exempt activities;

(3) Except as otherwise provided in division (G) of this section, intangible income;

(4) Compensation paid under section 3501.28 or 3501.36 of the Revised Code to a person serving as a precinct election official, to the extent that such compensation does not exceed one thousand dollars annually. Such compensation in excess of one thousand dollars may be subjected to taxation by a municipal corporation. A municipal corporation shall not require the payer of such compensation to withhold any tax from that compensation.

(5) Compensation paid to an employee of a transit authority, regional transit authority, or regional transit commission created under Chapter 306. of the Revised Code for operating a transit bus or other motor vehicle for the authority or commission in or through the municipal corporation, unless the bus or vehicle is operated on a regularly scheduled route, the operator is subject to such a tax by reason of residence or domicile in the municipal corporation, or the headquarters of the authority or commission is located within the municipal corporation;

(6) The income of a public utility, when that public utility is subject to

the tax levied under section 5727.24 or 5727.30 of the Revised Code, except ~~starting January 1, 2002, the income of an electric company or combined company, as defined in section 5727.01 of the Revised Code, may be taxed by~~ a municipal corporation may tax the following, subject to Chapter 5745. of the Revised Code:

(a) Beginning January 1, 2002, the income of an electric company or combined company;

(b) Beginning January 1, 2004, the income of a telephone company.

As used in division (F)(6) of this section, "combined company," "electric company," and "telephone company" have the same meanings as in section 5727.01 of the Revised Code.

(7) On and after January 1, 2003, items excluded from federal gross income pursuant to section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(8) On and after January 1, 2001, compensation paid to a nonresident individual to the extent prohibited under section 718.011 of the Revised Code;

(9) Except as provided in division (H) of this section, an S corporation shareholder's distributive share of net profits of the S corporation, other than any part of the distributive share of net profits that represents wages as defined in section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or net earnings from self-employment as defined in section 1402(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, to the extent such distributive share would not be allocated or apportioned to this state under division (B)(1) and (2) of section 5733.05 of the Revised Code if the S corporation were a corporation subject to the taxes imposed under Chapter 5733. of the Revised Code;

(10) Employee compensation that is not "qualifying wages" as defined in section 718.03 of the Revised Code.

(G) Any municipal corporation that taxes any type of intangible income on March 29, 1988, pursuant to Section 3 of Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 238 of the 116th general assembly, may continue to tax that type of income after 1988 if a majority of the electors of the municipal corporation voting on the question of whether to permit the taxation of that type of intangible income after 1988 vote in favor thereof at an election held on November 8, 1988.

(H) Any municipal corporation that, on December 6, 2002, taxes an S corporation shareholder's distributive share of net profits of the S corporation to any greater extent than that permitted under division (F)(9) of this section may continue after 2002 to tax such distributive shares to such greater extent only if a majority of the electors of the municipal corporation voting on the question of such continuation vote in favor thereof at an

election held on November 4, 2003. ~~If a majority of electors vote in favor of that question, then, for purposes of section 718.14 of the Revised Code, "pass-through entity" includes S corporations, "income from a pass-through entity" includes distributive shares from an S corporation, and "owner" includes a shareholder of an S corporation, notwithstanding that section to the contrary.~~

(I) Nothing in this section or section 718.02 of the Revised Code shall authorize the levy of any tax on income that a municipal corporation is not authorized to levy under existing laws or shall require a municipal corporation to allow a deduction from taxable income for losses incurred from a sole proprietorship or partnership.

(J)(1) Nothing in this chapter prohibits a municipal corporation from allowing, by resolution or ordinance, a net operating loss carryforward.

(2) Nothing in this chapter requires a municipal corporation to allow a net operating loss carryforward.

Sec. 718.02. This section does not apply to ~~electric companies or combined companies, or to electric light companies for which an election made under section 5745.031~~ taxpayers that are subject to and required to file reports under Chapter 5745. of the Revised Code ~~is in effect~~.

(A) ~~In the taxation of income that is subject to municipal income taxes, if the books and records of a taxpayer conducting a business or profession both within and without the boundaries of a municipal corporation disclose with reasonable accuracy what portion of its net profit is attributable to that part of the business or profession conducted within the boundaries of the municipal corporation, then only such portion shall be considered as having a taxable situs in such municipal corporation for purposes of municipal income taxation. In the absence of such records~~ Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of this section, net profit from a business or profession conducted both within and without the boundaries of a municipal corporation shall be considered as having a taxable situs in such municipal corporation for purposes of municipal income taxation in the same proportion as the average ratio of the following:

(1) The average ~~net book value~~ original cost of the real and tangible personal property owned or used by the taxpayer in the business or profession in such municipal corporation during the taxable period to the average ~~net book value~~ original cost of all of the real and tangible personal property owned or used by the taxpayer in the business or profession during the same period, wherever situated.

As used in the preceding paragraph, real property shall include property rented or leased by the taxpayer and the value of such property shall be

determined by multiplying the annual rental thereon by eight;

(2) Wages, salaries, and other compensation paid during the taxable period to persons employed in the business or profession for services performed in such municipal corporation to wages, salaries, and other compensation paid during the same period to persons employed in the business or profession, wherever their services are performed, excluding compensation that is not taxable by the municipal corporation under section 718.011 of the Revised Code;

(3) Gross receipts of the business or profession from sales made and services performed during the taxable period in such municipal corporation to gross receipts of the business or profession during the same period from sales and services, wherever made or performed.

If the foregoing ~~allocation~~ apportionment formula does not produce an equitable result, another basis may be substituted, under uniform regulations, so as to produce an equitable result.

(B) As used in division (A) of this section, "sales made in a municipal corporation" mean:

(1) All sales of tangible personal property delivered within such municipal corporation regardless of where title passes if shipped or delivered from a stock of goods within such municipal corporation;

(2) All sales of tangible personal property delivered within such municipal corporation regardless of where title passes even though transported from a point outside such municipal corporation if the taxpayer is regularly engaged through its own employees in the solicitation or promotion of sales within such municipal corporation and the sales result from such solicitation or promotion;

(3) All sales of tangible personal property shipped from a place within such municipal corporation to purchasers outside such municipal corporation regardless of where title passes if the taxpayer is not, through its own employees, regularly engaged in the solicitation or promotion of sales at the place where delivery is made.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) of this section, net profit from rental activity not constituting a business or profession shall be subject to tax only by the municipal corporation in which the property generating the net profit is located.

(D) This section does not apply to individuals who are residents of the municipal corporation and, except as otherwise provided in section 718.01 of the Revised Code, a municipal corporation may impose a tax on all income earned by residents of the municipal corporation to the extent allowed by the United States Constitution.

Sec. 718.021. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Nonqualified deferred compensation plan" means a compensation plan described in section 3121(v)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2)(a) Except as provided in division (A)(2)(b) of this section, "qualifying loss" means the excess, if any, of the total amount of compensation the payment of which is deferred pursuant to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan over the total amount of income the taxpayer has recognized for federal income tax purposes for all taxable years on a cumulative basis as compensation with respect to the taxpayer's receipt of money and property attributable to distributions in connection with the nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

(b) If, for one or more taxable years, the taxpayer has not paid to one or more municipal corporations income tax imposed on the entire amount of compensation the payment of which is deferred pursuant to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan, then the "qualifying loss" is the product of the amount resulting from the calculation described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section computed without regard to division (A)(2)(b) of this section and a fraction the numerator of which is the portion of such compensation on which the taxpayer has paid income tax to one or more municipal corporations and the denominator of which is the total amount of compensation the payment of which is deferred pursuant to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

(c) With respect to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan, the taxpayer sustains a qualifying loss only in the taxable year in which the taxpayer receives the final distribution of money and property pursuant to that nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

(3) "Qualifying tax rate" means the applicable tax rate for the taxable year for the which the taxpayer paid income tax to a municipal corporation with respect to any portion of the total amount of compensation the payment of which is deferred pursuant to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan. If different tax rates applied for different taxable years, then the "qualifying tax rate" is a weighted average of those different tax rates. The weighted average shall be based upon the tax paid to the municipal corporation each year with respect to the nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, a refundable credit shall be allowed against the income tax imposed by a municipal corporation for each qualifying loss sustained by a taxpayer during the taxable year. The amount of the credit shall be equal to the product of the qualifying loss and the qualifying tax rate.

(2) A taxpayer shall claim the credit allowed under this section from

each municipal corporation to which the taxpayer paid municipal income tax with respect to the nonqualified deferred compensation plan in one or more taxable years.

(3) If a taxpayer has paid tax to more than one municipal corporation with respect to the nonqualified deferred compensation plan, the amount of the credit that a taxpayer may claim from each municipal corporation shall be calculated on the basis of each municipal corporation's proportionate share of the total municipal corporation income tax paid by the taxpayer to all municipal corporations with respect to the nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

(4) In no case shall the amount of the credit allowed under this section exceed the cumulative income tax that a taxpayer has paid to a municipal corporation for all taxable years with respect to the nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

(C)(1) For purposes of this section, municipal corporation income tax that has been withheld with respect to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan shall be considered to have been paid by the taxpayer with respect to the nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

(2) Any municipal income tax that has been refunded or otherwise credited for the benefit of the taxpayer with respect to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan shall not be considered to have been paid to the municipal corporation by the taxpayer.

(D) The credit allowed under this section is allowed only to the extent the taxpayer's qualifying loss is attributable to:

(1) The insolvency or bankruptcy of the employer who had established the nonqualified deferred compensation plan; or

(2) The employee's failure or inability to satisfy all of the employer's terms and conditions necessary to receive the nonqualified deferred compensation.

Sec. 718.03. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Other payer" means any person, other than an individual's employer or the employer's agent, that pays an individual any amount included in the federal gross income of the individual.

(2) "Qualifying wages" means wages, as defined in section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, without regard to any wage limitations, adjusted as follows:

(a) Deduct any amount included in wages if the amount constitutes compensation attributable to a plan or program described in section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) Add the following amounts:

(i) Any amount not included in wages solely because the employee was employed by the employer prior to April 1, 1986;

(ii) Any amount not included in wages because the amount arises from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of a stock option, the exercise of a stock option, or the sale, exchange, or other disposition of stock purchased under a stock option and the municipal corporation has not, by resolution or ordinance, exempted the amount from withholding and tax. Division (A)(2)(b)(ii) of this section applies only to those amounts constituting ordinary income.

(iii) Any amount not included in wages if the amount is an amount described in section 401(k) or 457 of the Internal Revenue Code. Division (A)(2)(b)(iii) of this section applies only to employee contributions and employee deferrals.

(iv) Any amount that is supplemental unemployment compensation benefits described in section 3402(o)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and not included in wages.

(c) Deduct any amount attributable to a nonqualified deferred compensation plan or program described in section 3121(v)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code if the compensation is included in wages and has, by resolution or ordinance, been exempted from taxation by the municipal corporation.

(d) Deduct any amount included in wages if the amount arises from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of a stock option, the exercise of a stock option, or the sale, exchange, or other disposition of stock purchased under a stock option and the municipal corporation has, by resolution or ordinance, exempted the amount from withholding and tax.

(B) For taxable years beginning after 2003, no municipal corporation shall require any employer or any agent of any employer or any other payer, to withhold tax with respect to any amount other than qualifying wages. Nothing in this section prohibits an employer from withholding tax on a basis greater than qualifying wages.

(C) An employer is not required to make any withholding with respect to an individual's disqualifying disposition of an incentive stock option if, at the time of the disqualifying disposition, the individual is not an employee of the corporation with respect to whose stock the option has been issued.

(D)(1) An employee is not relieved from liability for a tax by the failure of the employer to withhold the tax as required by a municipal corporation or by the employer's exemption from the requirement to withhold the tax.

(2) The failure of an employer to remit to the municipal corporation the tax withheld relieves the employee from liability for that tax unless the

employee colluded with the employer in connection with the failure to remit the tax withheld.

(E) Compensation deferred before the effective date of this amendment is not subject to any municipal corporation income tax or municipal income tax withholding requirement to the extent the deferred compensation does not constitute qualifying wages at the time the deferred compensation is paid or distributed.

Sec. 718.05. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Generic form" means an electronic or paper form designed for reporting estimated municipal income taxes and annual municipal income tax liability or for filing a refund claim that is not prescribed by a particular municipal corporation for the reporting of that municipal corporation's tax on income.

(2) "Return preparer" means any person other than a taxpayer that is authorized by a taxpayer to complete or file an income tax return, report, or other document for or on behalf of the taxpayer.

(B) A municipal corporation shall not require a taxpayer to file an annual income tax return or report prior to the filing date for the corresponding tax reporting period as prescribed for such a taxpayer under the Internal Revenue Code. For taxable years beginning after 2003, except as otherwise provided in section 718.051 of the Revised Code and division (D) of this section, a municipal corporation shall not require a taxpayer to file an annual income tax return or report on any date other than the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the end of the taxpayer's taxable year.

(C) On and after January 1, 2001, any municipal corporation that requires taxpayers to file income tax returns, reports, or other documents shall accept for filing a generic form of such a return, report, or document if the generic form, once completed and filed, contains all of the information required to be submitted with the municipal corporation's prescribed returns, reports, or documents, and if the taxpayer or return preparer filing the generic form otherwise complies with rules or ordinances of the municipal corporation governing the filing of returns, reports, or documents.

(D) ~~Beginning~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 718.051 of the Revised Code, beginning January 1, 2001, any taxpayer that has requested an extension for filing a federal income tax return may request an extension for the filing of a municipal income tax return. The taxpayer shall make the request by filing a copy of the taxpayer's request for a federal filing extension with the individual or office charged with the administration of the municipal income tax. The request for extension shall be filed not later than the last day for filing the municipal income tax return as prescribed by

ordinance or rule of the municipal corporation. A municipal corporation shall grant such a request for extension filed before January 1, 2004, for a period not less than the period of the federal extension request. For taxable years beginning after 2003, the extended due date of the municipal income tax return shall be the last day of the month following the month to which the due date of the federal income tax return has been extended. A municipal corporation may deny a taxpayer's request for extension only if the taxpayer fails to timely file the request, fails to file a copy of the request for the federal extension, owes the municipal corporation any delinquent income tax or any penalty, interest, assessment, or other charge for the late payment or nonpayment of income tax, or has failed to file any required income tax return, report, or other related document for a prior tax period. The granting of an extension for filing a municipal corporation income tax return does not extend the last date for paying the tax without penalty unless the municipal corporation grants an extension of that date.

Sec. 718.051. (A) As used in this section, "Ohio business gateway" means the online computer network system, initially created by the department of administrative services under section 125.30 of the Revised Code, that allows private businesses to electronically file business reply forms with state agencies and includes any successor electronic filing and payment system.

(B) Notwithstanding section 718.05 of the Revised Code, on and after January 1, 2005, any taxpayer that is subject to any municipal corporation's tax on the net profit from a business or profession and has received an extension to file the federal income tax return shall not be required to notify the municipal corporation of the federal extension and shall not be required to file any municipal income tax return until the last day of the month to which the due date for filing the federal return has been extended, provided that, on or before the date for filing the municipal income tax return, the person notifies the tax commissioner of the federal extension through the Ohio business gateway. An extension of time to file is not an extension of the time to pay any tax due.

(C) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, a taxpayer subject to any municipal corporation's tax on the net profit from a business or profession may file any municipal income tax return or estimated municipal income return, and may make payment of amounts shown to be due on such returns, by using the Ohio business gateway.

(D)(1) As used in this division, "qualifying wages" has the same meaning as in section 718.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) Any employer may report the amount of municipal income tax

withheld from qualifying wages paid on or after January 1, 2007, and may make remittance of such amounts, by using the Ohio business gateway.

(E) Nothing in this section affects the due dates for filing employer withholding tax returns.

(F) No municipal corporation shall be required to pay any fee or charge for the operation or maintenance of the Ohio business gateway.

(G) The use of the Ohio business gateway by municipal corporations, taxpayers, or other persons pursuant to this section does not affect the legal rights of municipalities or taxpayers as otherwise permitted by law. This state shall not be a party to the administration of municipal income taxes or to an appeal of a municipal income tax matter, except as otherwise specifically provided by law.

(H)(1) The tax commissioner shall adopt rules establishing:

(a) The format of documents to be used by taxpayers to file returns and make payments through the Ohio business gateway; and

(b) The information taxpayers must submit when filing municipal income tax returns through the Ohio business gateway.

(2) The commissioner shall consult with the Ohio business gateway steering committee before adopting the rules described in division (H)(1) of this section.

(I) Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting or removing the ability of any municipal corporation to administer, audit, and enforce the provisions of its municipal income tax.

Sec. 718.11. ~~As used in this section, "tax administrator" means the individual charged with direct responsibility for administration of a tax levied by a municipal corporation on income.~~

~~Not later than one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this section, the~~ The legislative authority of each municipal corporation that imposes a tax on income ~~on that effective date~~ shall ~~establish by ordinance~~ maintain a board to hear appeals as provided in this section. The legislative authority of any municipal corporation that does not impose a tax on income on the effective date of this ~~section~~ amendment, but that imposes such a tax after that date, shall establish such a board by ordinance not later than one hundred eighty days after the tax takes effect.

Whenever a tax administrator issues a decision regarding a municipal income tax obligation that is subject to appeal as provided in this section or in an ordinance or regulation of the municipal corporation, the tax administrator shall notify the taxpayer in writing at the same time of the taxpayer's right to appeal the decision and of the manner in which the taxpayer may appeal the decision.

Any person who is aggrieved by a decision by the tax administrator and who has filed with the municipal corporation the required returns or other documents pertaining to the municipal income tax obligation at issue in the decision may appeal the decision to the board created pursuant to this section by filing a request with the board. The request shall be in writing, shall state why the decision should be deemed incorrect or unlawful, and shall be filed within thirty days after the tax administrator issues the decision complained of.

The board shall schedule a hearing within forty-five days after receiving the request, unless the taxpayer waives a hearing. If the taxpayer does not waive the hearing, the taxpayer may appear before the board and may be represented by an attorney at law, certified public accountant, or other representative.

The board may affirm, reverse, or modify the tax administrator's decision or any part of that decision. The board shall issue a final decision on the appeal within ninety days after the board's final hearing on the appeal, and send ~~notice~~ a copy of its final decision by ordinary mail to ~~the petitioner~~ all of the parties to the appeal within fifteen days after issuing the decision. The taxpayer or the tax administrator may appeal the board's decision as provided in section 5717.011 of the Revised Code.

Each board of appeal created pursuant to this section shall adopt rules governing its procedures and shall keep a record of its transactions. Such records are not public records available for inspection under section 149.43 of the Revised Code. Hearings requested by a taxpayer before a board of appeal created pursuant to this section are not meetings of a public body subject to section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 718.121. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, if tax or withholding is paid to a municipal corporation on income or wages, and if a second municipal corporation imposes a tax on that income or wages after the time period allowed for a refund of the tax or withholding paid to the first municipal corporation, the second municipal corporation shall allow a nonrefundable credit, against the tax or withholding the second municipality claims is due with respect to such income or wages, equal to the tax or withholding paid to the first municipal corporation with respect to such income or wages.

(B) If the tax rate in the second municipal corporation is less than the tax rate in the first municipal corporation, then the credit described in division (A) of this section shall be calculated using the tax rate in effect in the second municipal corporation.

(C) Nothing in this section permits any credit carryforward.

Sec. 718.14. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Limited liability company" means a limited liability company formed under Chapter 1705. of the Revised Code or under the laws of another state.

(2) "Pass-through entity" means a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or any other class of entity the income or profits from which are given pass-through treatment under the Internal Revenue Code~~, excluding an S corporation~~.

(3) "Income from a pass-through entity" means partnership income of partners, membership interests of members of a limited liability company, distributive shares of shareholders of an S corporation, or other distributive or proportionate ownership shares of income from other pass-through entities.

(4) "Owner" means a partner of a partnership, a member of a limited liability company, a shareholder of an S corporation, or other person with an ownership interest in a pass-through entity.

(5) "Owner's proportionate share," with respect to each owner of a pass-through entity, means the ratio of (a) the owner's income from the pass-through entity that is subject to taxation by the municipal corporation, to (b) the total income from that entity of all owners whose income from the entity is subject to taxation by that municipal corporation.

(B) On and after January 1, 2003, any municipal corporation imposing a tax that applies to income from a pass-through entity shall grant a credit to each owner who is domiciled in the municipal corporation for taxes paid to another municipal corporation by a pass-through entity that does not conduct business in the municipal corporation. The amount of the credit shall equal the lesser of the following amounts, subject to division (C) of this section:

(1) The owner's proportionate share of the amount, if any, of tax paid by the pass-through entity to another municipal corporation in this state;

(2) The owner's proportionate share of the amount of tax that would be imposed on the pass-through entity by the municipal corporation in which the taxpayer is domiciled if the pass-through entity conducted business in the municipal corporation.

(C) If a municipal corporation grants a credit for a percentage, less than one hundred per cent, of the amount of income taxes paid on compensation by an individual who resides or is domiciled in the municipal corporation to another municipal corporation, the amount of credit otherwise required by division (B) of this section shall be multiplied by that percentage.

(D) On and after January 1, 2003, any municipal corporation that

imposes a tax on income of or from a pass-through entity shall specify by ordinance or rule whether the tax applies to income of the pass-through entity in the hands of the entity or to income from the pass-through entity in the hands of the owners of the entity. A municipal corporation may specify a different ordinance or rule under this division for each of the classes of pass-through entity enumerated in division (A)(2) of this section.

Sec. 718.15. A municipal corporation, by ordinance, may grant a refundable or nonrefundable credit against its tax on income to a taxpayer that also receives a tax credit under section 122.17 of the Revised Code. If a credit is granted under this section, it shall be measured as a percentage of the new income tax revenue the municipal corporation derives from new employees of the taxpayer and shall be for a term not exceeding ~~ten~~ fifteen years. Before the municipal corporation passes an ordinance granting a credit, the municipal corporation and the taxpayer shall enter into an agreement specifying all the conditions of the credit.

Sec. 718.151. A municipal corporation, by ordinance, may grant a nonrefundable credit against its tax on income to a taxpayer that also receives a tax credit under section 122.171 of the Revised Code. If a credit is granted under this section, it shall be measured as a percentage of the income tax revenue the municipal corporation derives from the retained employees of the taxpayer, and shall be for a term not exceeding ~~ten~~ fifteen years. Before a municipal corporation passes an ordinance allowing such a credit, the municipal corporation and the taxpayer shall enter into an agreement specifying all the conditions of the credit.

Sec. 731.14. All contracts made by the legislative authority of a village shall be executed in the name of the village and signed on its behalf by the mayor and clerk. Except where the contract is for equipment, services, materials, or supplies to be purchased under division (D) of section 713.23 or section 125.04 or 5513.01 of the Revised Code or available from a qualified nonprofit agency pursuant to sections 4115.31 to 4115.35 of the Revised Code, when any expenditure, other than the compensation of persons employed ~~therein~~ in the village, exceeds ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five thousand dollars, such contracts shall be in writing and made with the lowest and best bidder after advertising for not less than two nor more than four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the village. The bids shall be opened and shall be publicly read by the clerk of ~~such~~ the village or a person designated by the clerk at the time, date, and place specified in the advertisement to bidders or specifications. The time, date, and place of bid openings may be extended to a later date by the legislative authority of the village, provided that written or oral notice of the change

shall be given to all persons who have received or requested specifications no later than ninety-six hours prior to the original time and date fixed for the opening. This section does not apply to those villages that have provided for the appointment of a village administrator under section 735.271 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 731.141. In those villages that have established the position of village administrator, as provided by section 735.271 of the Revised Code, the village administrator shall make contracts, purchase supplies and materials, and provide labor for any work under the administrator's supervision involving not more than ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five thousand dollars. When an expenditure, other than the compensation of persons employed by the village, exceeds ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five thousand dollars, ~~such~~ the expenditure shall first be authorized and directed by ordinance of the legislative authority of the village. When so authorized and directed, except where the contract is for equipment, services, materials, or supplies to be purchased under division (D) of section 713.23 or section 125.04 or 5513.01 of the Revised Code or available from a qualified nonprofit agency pursuant to sections 4115.31 to 4115.35 of the Revised Code, the village administrator shall make a written contract with the lowest and best bidder after advertisement for not less than two nor more than four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the village. The bids shall be opened and shall be publicly read by the village administrator or a person designated by the village administrator at the time, date, and place as specified in the advertisement to bidders or specifications. The time, date, and place of bid openings may be extended to a later date by the village administrator, provided that written or oral notice of the change shall be given to all persons who have received or requested specifications no later than ninety-six hours prior to the original time and date fixed for the opening. All contracts shall be executed in the name of the village and signed on its behalf by the village administrator and the clerk.

The legislative authority of a village may provide, by ordinance, for central purchasing for all offices, departments, divisions, boards, and commissions of the village, under the direction of the village administrator, who shall make contracts, purchase supplies or materials, and provide labor for any work of the village in the manner provided by this section.

Sec. 735.05. The director of public service may make any contract, purchase supplies or material, or provide labor for any work under the supervision of the department of public service involving not more than ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five thousand dollars. When an expenditure within the department, other than the compensation of persons employed ~~therein~~ in the

department, exceeds ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five thousand dollars, ~~such~~ the expenditure shall first be authorized and directed by ordinance of the city legislative authority. When so authorized and directed, except where the contract is for equipment, services, materials, or supplies to be purchased under division (D) of section 713.23 or section 125.04 or 5513.01 of the Revised Code or available from a qualified nonprofit agency pursuant to sections 4115.31 to 4115.35 of the Revised Code, the director shall make a written contract with the lowest and best bidder after advertisement for not less than two nor more than four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the city.

Sec. 737.03. The director of public safety shall manage~~,~~ and make all contracts with reference to ~~the~~ police stations, fire houses, reform schools, infirmaries, hospitals, workhouses, farms, pesthouses, and all other charitable and reformatory institutions. In the control and supervision of those institutions, the director shall be governed by the provisions of Title VII of the Revised Code relating to those institutions.

The director may make all contracts and expenditures of money for acquiring lands for the erection or repairing of station houses, police stations, fire department buildings, fire cisterns, and plugs, that are required, for the purchase of engines, apparatus, and all other supplies necessary for the police and fire departments, and for other undertakings and departments under the director's supervision, but no obligation involving an expenditure of more than ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five thousand dollars shall be created unless first authorized and directed by ordinance. In making, altering, or modifying those contracts, the director shall be governed by sections 735.05 to 735.09 of the Revised Code, except that all bids shall be filed with and opened by the director. The director shall make no sale or disposition of any property belonging to the city without first being authorized by resolution or ordinance of the city legislative authority.

Sec. 753.22. (A) The director of public safety or the joint board established pursuant to section 753.15 of the Revised Code may establish a commissary for the workhouse. The commissary may be established either in-house or by another arrangement. If a commissary is established, all persons incarcerated in the workhouse shall receive commissary privileges. A person's purchases from the commissary shall be deducted from the person's account record in the workhouse's business office. The commissary shall provide for the distribution to indigent persons incarcerated in the workhouse necessary hygiene articles and writing materials.

(B) If a commissary is established, the director of public safety or the joint board established pursuant to section 753.15 of the Revised Code shall

establish a commissary fund for the workhouse. The management of funds in the commissary fund shall be strictly controlled in accordance with procedures adopted by the auditor of state. Commissary fund revenue over and above operating costs and reserve shall be considered profits. All profits from the commissary fund shall be used to purchase supplies and equipment for the benefit of persons incarcerated in the workhouse and to pay salary and benefits for employees of the workhouse, or for any other persons, who work in or are employed for the sole purpose of providing service to the commissary. The director of public safety or the joint board established pursuant to section 753.15 of the Revised Code shall adopt rules and regulations for the operation of any commissary fund the director or the joint board establishes.

Sec. 901.17. ~~(A)~~ The division of markets ~~shall~~ may do all of the following:

~~(1)~~(A) Investigate the cost of production and marketing in all its phases;

~~(2)~~(B) Gather and disseminate information concerning supply, demand, prevailing prices, and commercial movements, including common and cold storage of food products, and maintain market news service for disseminating such information;

~~(3)~~(C) Promote, assist, and encourage the organization and operation of cooperative and other associations and organizations for improving the relations and services among producers, distributors, and consumers of food products;

~~(4)~~(D) Investigate the practice, methods, and any specific transaction of commission merchants and others who receive, solicit, buy, or handle on commission or otherwise, food products;

~~(5)~~(E) Act as mediator or arbitrator, when invited, in any controversy or issue that arises between producers and distributors and that affects the interest of the consumer;

~~(6)~~(F) Act on behalf of the consumers in conserving and protecting their interests in every practicable way against excessive prices;

~~(7)~~(G) Act as market adviser for producers and distributors, assisting them in economical and efficient distribution of good products at fair prices;

~~(8)~~(H) Encourage the establishment of retail municipal markets and develop direct dealing between producers and consumers;

~~(9)~~(I) Encourage the consumption of Ohio-grown products within the state, nationally, and internationally~~, and inspect and determine the grade and condition of farm produce, both at collecting and receiving centers within the state~~;

~~(10)~~(J) Take such means and use such powers, relative to shipment,

transportation, and storage of foodstuffs of any kind, as are necessary, advisable, or desirable in case of an emergency creating or threatening to create a scarcity of food within the state;

(K) Participate in trade missions between states and foreign countries in order to encourage the sale and promotion of Ohio-grown products.

~~(B)(1) The director of agriculture shall adopt and may amend schedules of fees to be charged for inspecting farm produce at collecting and receiving centers or such other services as may be rendered under this section. All such fees shall be made with a view to the minimum cost and to make this branch of the department of agriculture self-sustaining.~~

~~The fees shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the inspection fund, which is hereby created, for use in carrying out the purposes of this section. All investment earnings of the inspection fund shall be credited to the fund. If, in any year, the balance in the inspection fund is not sufficient to meet the expenses incurred pursuant to this section, the deficit shall be paid from funds appropriated for the use of the department.~~

~~(2) The director may adopt a schedule of fees to be charged for inspecting any agricultural product for the purposes of the issuance of an export certificate, as may be required by the United States department of agriculture or foreign purchasers. Such fees shall be credited to the general revenue fund.~~

Sec. 901.21. (A) As used in this section and section 901.22 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Agricultural easement" has the same meaning as in section 5301.67 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Agriculture" means those activities occurring on land devoted exclusively to agricultural use, as defined in section 5713.30 of the Revised Code, or on land that constitutes a homestead.

(3) "Homestead" means the portion of a farm on which is located a dwelling house, yard, or outbuildings such as a barn or garage.

(B) The director of agriculture may acquire real property used predominantly in agriculture and agricultural easements by gift, devise, or bequest if, at the time an easement is granted, such an easement is on land that is valued for purposes of real property taxation at its current value for agricultural use under section 5713.31 of the Revised Code or that constitutes a homestead. Any terms may be included in an agricultural easement so acquired that are necessary or appropriate to preserve on behalf of the grantor of the easement the favorable tax consequences of the gift, devise, or bequest under the "Internal Revenue Act of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 1, as amended. The director, by any such means or by purchase

or lease, may acquire, or acquire the use of, stationary personal property or equipment that is located on land acquired in fee by the director under this section and that is necessary or appropriate for the use of the land predominantly in agriculture.

(C) The director may do all things necessary or appropriate to retain the use of real property acquired in fee under division (B) of this section predominantly in agriculture, including, without limitation, performing any of the activities described in division (A)(1) or (2) of section 5713.30 of the Revised Code or entering into contracts to lease or rent the real property so acquired to persons or governmental entities that will use the land predominantly in agriculture.

(D)(1) When the director considers it to be necessary or appropriate, the director may sell real property acquired in fee, and stationary personal property or equipment acquired by gift, devise, bequest, or purchase, under division (B) of this section on such terms as the director considers to be advantageous to this state.

(2) An agricultural easement acquired under division (B) of this section may be extinguished under the circumstances prescribed, and in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth, in the instrument conveying the agricultural easement.

(E) There is hereby created in the state treasury the agricultural easement purchase fund. The fund shall consist of the proceeds received from the sale of real and personal property under division (D) of this section; moneys received due to the extinguishment of agricultural easements acquired by the director under division (B) of this section or section 5301.691 of the Revised Code; moneys received due to the extinguishment of agricultural easements purchased with the assistance of matching grants made under section 901.22 of the Revised Code; gifts, bequests, devises, and contributions received by the director for the purpose of acquiring agricultural easements; and grants received from public or private sources for the purpose of purchasing agricultural easements. The fund shall be administered by the director, and moneys in the fund shall be used by the director exclusively to purchase agricultural easements under division (A) of section 5301.691 of the Revised Code and provide matching grants under section 901.22 of the Revised Code to municipal corporations, counties, townships, and charitable organizations for the purchase of agricultural easements. Money in the fund shall be used only to purchase agricultural easements on land that is valued for purposes of real property taxation at its current value for agricultural use under section 5713.31 of the Revised Code or that constitutes a homestead when the easement is

purchased.

(F) There is hereby created in the state treasury the clean Ohio agricultural easement fund. Twelve and one-half per cent of net proceeds of obligations issued and sold pursuant to sections 151.01 and 151.09 of the Revised Code shall be deposited into the fund. The fund shall be used by the director for the purposes of sections 901.21 and 901.22 and the provisions of sections 5301.67 to 5301.70 of the Revised Code governing agricultural easements. Investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund~~. For two years after the effective date of this amendment, investment earnings credited to the fund~~ and may be used to pay costs incurred by the director in administering those sections and provisions.

(G) The term of an agricultural easement purchased wholly or in part with money from the clean Ohio agricultural easement fund or the agricultural easement purchase fund shall be perpetual and shall run with the land.

Sec. 901.22. (A) The director of agriculture, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules that do all of the following:

(1) Establish procedures and eligibility criteria for making matching grants to municipal corporations, counties, townships, and charitable organizations described in division (B) of section 5301.69 of the Revised Code for the purchase of agricultural easements. With respect to agricultural easements that are purchased or proposed to be purchased with such matching grants that consist in whole or in part of moneys from the clean Ohio agricultural easement fund created in section 901.21 of the Revised Code, the rules shall establish all of the following:

(a) Procedures for all of the following:

(i) Soliciting and accepting applications for matching grants;

(ii) Participation by local governments and by the public in the process of making matching grants to charitable organizations;

(iii) Notifying local governments, charitable organizations, and organizations that represent the interests of farmers of the ranking system established in rules adopted under division (A)(1)(b) of this section.

(b) A ranking system for applications for the matching grants that is based on the soil type, proximity of the land or other land that is conducive to agriculture as defined by rules adopted under this section and that is the subject of an application to other agricultural land or other land that is conducive to agriculture as defined by rules adopted under this section and that is already or is in the process of becoming permanently protected from development, farm stewardship, development pressure, and, if applicable, a local comprehensive land use plan involved with a proposed agricultural

easement. The rules shall require that preference be given to proposed agricultural easements that involve the greatest proportion of all of the following:

(i) Prime soils, unique or locally important soils, microclimates, or similar features;

(ii) Land that is adjacent to or that is in close proximity to other agricultural land or other land that is conducive to agriculture as defined by rules adopted under this section and that is already or is in the process of becoming permanently protected from development, by agricultural easement or otherwise, so that a buffer would exist between the land involving the proposed agricultural easement and areas that have been developed or likely will be developed for purposes other than agriculture;

(iii) The use of best management practices, including federally or state approved conservation plans, and a history of substantial compliance with applicable federal and state laws;

(iv) Development pressure that is imminent, but not a result of current location in the direct path of urban development;

(v) Areas identified for agricultural protection in local comprehensive land use plans.

(c) Any other criteria that the director determines are necessary for selecting applications for matching grants;

(d) Requirements regarding the information that must be included in the annual monitoring report that must be prepared for an agricultural easement under division (D)(2) of section 5301.691 of the Revised Code, procedures for submitting a copy of the report to the office of farmland preservation in the department of agriculture, and requirements and procedures governing corrective actions that may be necessary to enforce the terms of the agricultural easement.

(2) Establish provisions that shall be included in the instrument conveying to a municipal corporation, county, township, or charitable organization any agricultural easement purchased with matching grant funds provided by the director under this section, including, without limitation, all of the following provisions:

(a) A provision stating that an easement so purchased may be extinguished only if an unexpected change in the conditions of or surrounding the land that is subject to the easement makes impossible or impractical the continued use of the land for the purposes described in the easement, or if the requirements of the easement are extinguished by judicial proceedings;

(b) A provision requiring that, upon the sale, exchange, or involuntary

conversion of the land subject to the easement, the holder of the easement shall be paid an amount of money that is at least equal to the proportionate value of the easement compared to the total value of the land at the time the easement was acquired;

(c) A provision requiring that, upon receipt of the portion of the proceeds of a sale, exchange, or involuntary conversion described in division (A)(2)(b) of this section, the municipal corporation, county, township, or charitable organization remit to the director an amount of money equal to the percentage of the cost of purchasing the easement it received as a matching grant under this section.

Moneys received by the director pursuant to rules adopted under division (A)(2)(c) of this section shall be credited to the agricultural easement purchase fund created in section 901.21 of the Revised Code.

(3) Establish a provision that provides a charitable organization described in division (B) of section 5301.69 of the Revised Code, municipal corporation, township, or county with the option of purchasing agricultural easements either in installments or with a lump sum payment. The rules shall include a requirement that a charitable organization, municipal corporation, township, or county negotiate with the seller of the agricultural easement concerning any installment payment terms, including the dates and amounts of payments and the interest rate on the outstanding balance. The rules also shall require the director to approve any method of payment that is undertaken in accordance with the rules adopted under division (A)(3) of this section.

(4) Establish any other requirements that the director considers to be necessary or appropriate to implement or administer a program to make matching grants under this section and monitor those grants.

(B) The director may develop guidelines regarding the acquisition of agricultural easements by the department of agriculture and the provisions of instruments conveying those easements. The director may make the guidelines available to public and private entities authorized to acquire and hold agricultural easements.

(C) The director may provide technical assistance in developing a program for the acquisition and monitoring of agricultural easements to public and private entities authorized to hold agricultural easements. The technical assistance may include, without limitation, reviewing and providing advisory recommendations regarding draft instruments conveying agricultural easements.

(D) The director may make matching grants from the agricultural easement purchase fund and the clean Ohio agricultural easement fund to

municipal corporations, counties, townships, and charitable organizations described in division (B) of section 5301.69 of the Revised Code, to assist those political subdivisions and charitable organizations in purchasing agricultural easements. Application for a matching grant shall be made on forms prescribed and provided by the director. The matching grants shall be made in compliance with the criteria and procedures established in rules adopted under this section. Instruments conveying agricultural easements purchased with matching grant funds provided under this section, at a minimum, shall include the mandatory provisions set forth in those rules.

Matching grants made under this division using moneys from the clean Ohio agricultural easement fund created in section 901.21 of the Revised Code may provide up to seventy-five per cent of the value of an agricultural easement as determined by a general real estate appraiser who is certified under Chapter 4763. of the Revised Code. Not less than twenty-five per cent of the value of the agricultural easement shall be provided by the recipient of the matching grant or donated by the person who is transferring the easement to the grant recipient. The amount of such a matching grant used for the purchase of a single agricultural easement shall not exceed one million dollars.

(E) For any agricultural easement purchased with a matching grant that consists in whole or in part of moneys from the clean Ohio agricultural easement fund, the director shall be named as a grantee on the instrument conveying the easement, as shall the municipal corporation, county, township, or charitable organization that receives the grant.

(F)(1) The director shall monitor and evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the agricultural easement program as a farmland preservation tool. On or before July 1, 1999, and the first day of July of each year thereafter, the director shall prepare and submit a report to the chairpersons of the standing committees of the senate and the house of representatives that consider legislation regarding agriculture. The report shall consider and address the following criteria to determine the program's effectiveness:

(a) The number of agricultural easements purchased during the preceding year;

(b) The location of those easements;

(c) The number of acres of land preserved for agricultural use;

(d) The amount of money used by a municipal corporation, township, or county from its general fund or special fund to purchase the agricultural easements;

(e) The number of state matching grants given to purchase the agricultural easements;

(f) The amount of state matching grant moneys used to purchase the agricultural easements.

(2) The report also shall consider and include, at a minimum, the following information for each county to determine the program's efficiency:

(a) The total number of acres in the county;

(b) The total number of acres in current agricultural use;

(c) The total number of acres preserved for agricultural use in the preceding year;

(d) The average cost, per acre, of land preserved for agricultural use in the preceding year.

Sec. 901.63. (A) The agricultural financing commission shall do both of the following until ~~July 1, 2003~~ October 15, 2005:

(1) Make recommendations to the director of agriculture about financial assistance applications made pursuant to sections 901.80 to 901.83 of the Revised Code. In making its recommendations, the commission shall utilize criteria established by rules adopted under division (A)(8)(b) of section 901.82 of the Revised Code.

(2) Advise the director in the administration of sections 901.80 to 901.83 of the Revised Code.

With respect to sections 901.80 to 901.83 of the Revised Code, the role of the commission is solely advisory. No officer, member, or employee of the commission is liable for damages in a civil action for any injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises out of purchasing any loan or providing a loan guarantee, failure to purchase a loan or provide a loan guarantee, or failure to take action under sections 901.80 to 901.83 of the Revised Code, or that allegedly arises out of any act or omission of the department of agriculture that involves those sections.

(B) The commission may:

(1) Adopt bylaws for the conduct of its business;

(2) Exercise all rights, powers, and duties conferred on the commission as an issuer under Chapter 902. of the Revised Code;

(3) Contract with, retain, or designate financial consultants, accountants, and such other consultants and independent contractors as the commission may determine to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this chapter and to fix the terms of those contracts;

(4) Undertake and carry out or authorize the completion of studies and analyses of agricultural conditions and needs within the state relevant to the purpose of this chapter to the extent not otherwise undertaken by other departments or agencies of the state satisfactory for that purpose;

(5) Acquire by gift, purchase, foreclosure, or other means, and hold, assign, pledge, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of, real and personal property, or any interest in that real and personal property, in the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties under this chapter and Chapter 902. of the Revised Code;

(6) Receive and accept gifts, grants, loans, or any other financial or other form of aid from any federal, state, local, or private agency or fund and enter into any contract with any such agency or fund in connection therewith, and receive and accept aid or contributions from any other source of money, property, labor, or things of value, to be held, used, and applied only for the purposes for which the grants and contributions are made, all within the purposes of this chapter and Chapter 902. of the Revised Code;

(7) Sue and be sued in its own name with respect to its contracts or to enforce this chapter or its obligations or covenants made under this chapter and Chapter 902. of the Revised Code;

(8) Make and enter into all contracts, commitments, and agreements, and execute all instruments necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers under this chapter and Chapter 902. of the Revised Code;

(9) Adopt an official seal;

(10) Do any and all things necessary or appropriate to carry out the public purposes and exercise the powers granted to the commission in this chapter and Chapter 902. of the Revised Code and the public purposes of Section 13 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution.

Any instrument by which real property is acquired pursuant to this section shall identify the agency of the state that has the use and benefit of the real property as specified in section 5301.012 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 901.85. There is hereby created in the state treasury the farm service agency electronic filing fund, which shall consist of money reimbursed to the fund by the farm service agency in the United States department of agriculture together with any money appropriated to the fund by the general assembly. The director of agriculture shall use money credited to the fund to pay the secretary of state for fees that the secretary of state charges in advance for the electronic filing by the farm service agency of financing statements related to agricultural loans that the farm service agency disburses.

Sec. 902.11. (A) Any real or personal property, or both, of an issuer ~~which~~ that is acquired, constructed, reconstructed, enlarged, improved, furnished, or equipped, or any combination thereof, and leased or subleased under authority of this chapter shall be subject to ad valorem, sales, use, and

franchise taxes and to zoning, planning, and building regulations and fees, to the same extent and in the same manner as if the lessee-user or sublessee-user thereof, rather than the issuer, had acquired, constructed, reconstructed, enlarged, improved, furnished, or equipped, or any combination thereof, such real or personal property, and title thereto was in the name of such lessee-user or sublessee-user.

The transfer of tangible personal property by lease or sublease under authority of this chapter is not a sale as used in Chapter 5739. of the Revised Code. The exemptions provided in divisions (B)(1) and ~~(14)~~(13) of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code shall not be applicable to purchases for a project under this chapter.

An issuer shall be exempt from all taxes on its real or personal property, or both, which has been acquired, constructed, reconstructed, enlarged, improved, furnished, or equipped, or any combination thereof, under this chapter so long as such property is used by the issuer for purposes which would otherwise exempt such property; has ceased to be used by a former lessee-user or sublessee-user and is not occupied or used; or has been acquired by the issuer but development has not yet commenced. The exemption shall be effective as of the date the exempt use begins. All taxes on the exempt real or personal property for the year should be prorated and the taxes for the exempt portion of the year shall be remitted by the county auditor.

(B) Bonds issued under this chapter, the transfer thereof, and the interest and other income from the bonds, including any profit made on the sale thereof, are free from taxation within the state.

Sec. 921.151. The pesticide program fund is hereby created in the state treasury. ~~All~~ The portion of the money in the fund that is collected under this chapter shall be used to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The portion of the money in the fund that is collected under section 927.53 of the Revised Code shall be used to carry out the purposes specified in that section, the portion of the money in the fund that is collected under section 927.69 of the Revised Code shall be used to carry out the purposes specified in that section, and the portion of the money in the fund that is collected under section 927.701 of the Revised Code shall be used to carry out the purposes of that section. The fund shall consist of fees collected under sections 921.01 to 921.15, division (F) of section 927.53, and section 927.69 of the Revised Code, money collected under section 927.701 of the Revised Code, and all fines, penalties, costs, and damages, except court costs, ~~which~~ that are collected by either the director of agriculture or the attorney general in consequence of any violation of sections 921.01 to 921.29 of the Revised

Code. Not later than the thirtieth day of June of each year, the director of budget and management shall determine whether the amount credited to the pesticide program fund under this chapter is in excess of the amount necessary to meet the expenses of the director of agriculture in administering this chapter and shall transfer any such excess from the pesticide program fund to the general revenue fund.

Sec. 927.53. (A) Each collector or dealer who sells, offers, or exposes for sale, or distributes nursery stock within this state, or ships nursery stock to other states, shall pay an annual license fee of fifty dollars to the director of agriculture for each place of business ~~he~~ the collector or dealer operates.

(B)(1) Each dealer shall furnish the director, annually, an affidavit that ~~he~~ the dealer will buy and sell only nursery stock which has been inspected and certified by an official state or federal inspector.

(2) Each dealer's license expires on the thirty-first day of December of each year. Each licensed dealer shall apply for renewal of ~~his~~ the dealer's license prior to the first day of January of each year and in accordance with the standard renewal procedure of sections 4745.01 to 4745.03 of the Revised Code.

(C) Each licensed ~~nurseryman~~ nurseryperson shall post conspicuously in ~~his~~ the nurseryperson's principal place of business, the certificate which is issued to ~~him~~ the nurseryperson in accordance with section 927.61 of the Revised Code.

(D) Each licensed ~~nurseryman~~ nurseryperson, or dealer, shall post conspicuously in each place of business, each certificate or license which is issued to ~~him~~ the nurseryperson or dealer in compliance with this section or section 927.61 of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) Each ~~nurseryman~~ nurseryperson who produces, sells, offers for sale, or distributes woody nursery stock within the state, or ships woody nursery stock to other states, shall pay to the director an annual inspection fee of fifty dollars plus four dollars per acre, or fraction thereof, of growing nursery stock in intensive production areas and two dollars per acre, or fraction thereof, of growing nursery stock in nonintensive production areas, as applicable.

(2) Each ~~nurseryman~~ nurseryperson who limits ~~his~~ production and sales of nursery stock to brambles, herbaceous, perennial, and other nonwoody plants, shall pay to the director an inspection fee of thirty dollars, plus four dollars per acre, or fraction thereof, of growing nursery stock in intensive and nonintensive production areas.

(F) On and after the effective date of this amendment, the following additional fees shall be assessed:

(1) Each collector or dealer who pays a fee under division (A) of this section shall pay an additional fee of twenty-five dollars.

(2) Each nurseryperson who pays fees under division (E)(1) of this section shall pay additional fees as follows:

(a) Fifteen dollars for the inspection fee;

(b) Fifty cents per acre, or fraction thereof, of growing nursery stock in intensive production areas;

(c) One dollar and fifty cents per acre, or fraction thereof, of growing nursery stock in nonintensive production areas.

(3) Each nursery person who pays fees under division (E)(2) of this section shall pay additional fees as follows:

(a) Thirty-five dollars for the inspection fee;

(b) Fifty cents per acre, or fraction thereof, of growing stock in intensive and nonintensive production areas.

The fees collected under division (F) of this section shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the pesticide program fund created in Chapter 921. of the Revised Code. Moneys so credited to the fund shall be used to pay the costs incurred by the department of agriculture in administering this chapter, including employing a minimum of two additional inspectors.

Sec. 927.69. To effect the purpose of sections 927.51 to 927.74~~, inclusive,~~ of the Revised Code, the director of agriculture~~,~~ or ~~his~~ the director's authorized representative~~,~~ may:

(A) Make reasonable inspection of any premises in this state and any property therein or thereon;

(B) Stop and inspect in a reasonable manner, any means of conveyance moving within this state upon probable cause to believe it contains or carries any pest, host, commodity, or other article ~~which~~ that is subject to sections 927.51 to 927.72~~, inclusive,~~ of the Revised Code;

(C) Conduct inspections of agricultural products that are required by other states, the United States department of agriculture, other federal agencies, or foreign countries to determine whether the products are infested. If, upon making such an inspection, the director or the director's authorized representative determines that an agricultural product is not infested, the director or the director's authorized representative may issue a certificate, as required by other states, the United States department of agriculture, other federal agencies, or foreign countries, indicating that the product is not infested.

If the director charges fees for any of the certificates, agreements, or inspections specified in this section, the fees shall be as follows:

(1) Phyto sanitary certificates, twenty-five dollars;

(2) Compliance agreements, twenty dollars;

(3) Solid wood packing certificates, twenty dollars;

(4) Agricultural products and their conveyances inspections, sixty-five dollars.

The director may adopt rules under section 927.52 of the Revised Code that define the certificates, agreements, and inspections.

The fees shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the pesticide program fund created in Chapter 921. of the Revised Code. Money credited to the fund shall be used to pay the costs incurred by the department of agriculture in administering this chapter, including employing a minimum of two additional inspectors.

Sec. 927.701. (A) As used in this section, "gypsy moth" means the live insect, Lymantria dispar, in any stage of development.

(B) The director of agriculture may establish a voluntary gypsy moth suppression program under which a landowner may request that the department of agriculture have the landowner's property aerially sprayed to suppress the presence of gypsy moths in exchange for payment from the landowner of a portion of the cost of the spraying. To determine the amount of payment that is due from a landowner, the department first shall determine the projected cost per acre to the department of gypsy moth suppression activities for the year in which the landowner's request is made. The cost shall be calculated by determining the total expense of aerial spraying for gypsy moths to be incurred by the department in that year divided by the total number of acres proposed to be sprayed in that year. With respect to a landowner, the department shall multiply the cost per acre by the number of acres that the landowner requests to be sprayed. The department shall add to that amount any administrative costs that it incurs in billing the landowner and collecting payment. The amount that the landowner shall pay to the department shall not exceed fifty per cent of the resulting amount.

(C) The director shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to establish procedures under which a landowner may make a request under division (B) of this section and to establish provisions governing agreements between the department and landowners concerning gypsy moth suppression together with any other provisions that the director considers appropriate to administer this section.

(D) The director shall deposit all money collected under this section into the state treasury to the credit of the pesticide program fund created in Chapter 921. of the Revised Code. Money credited to the fund under this

section shall be used for the suppression of gypsy moths in accordance with this section.

Sec. 929.01. As used in ~~Chapter 929. of the Revised Code~~ this chapter:

(A) "Agricultural production" means commercial aquaculture, apiculture, animal husbandry, or poultry husbandry; the production for a commercial purpose of timber, field crops, tobacco, fruits, vegetables, nursery stock, ornamental shrubs, ornamental trees, flowers, or sod; the growth of timber for a noncommercial purpose~~,~~ if the land on which the timber is grown is contiguous to or part of a parcel of land under common ownership that is otherwise devoted exclusively to agricultural use; or any combination of such husbandry, production, or growth; and includes the processing, drying, storage, and marketing of agricultural products when those activities are conducted in conjunction with such husbandry, production, or growth.

"Agricultural production" includes conservation practices, provided that the tracts, lots, or parcels of land or portions thereof that are used for conservation practices comprise not more than twenty-five per cent of tracts, lots, or parcels of land that are otherwise devoted exclusively to agricultural use and for which an application is filed under section 929.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Withdrawal from an agricultural district" includes the explicit removal of land from an agricultural district, conversion of land in an agricultural district to use for purposes other than agricultural production, and withdrawal of land from a land retirement or conservation program to use for ~~pusposes~~ purposes other than agricultural production. Withdrawal from an agricultural district does not include land described in division (A)(4) of section 5713.30 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Conservation practice" has the same meaning as in section 5713.30 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 955.51. (A) Any owner of horses, sheep, cattle, swine, mules, goats, domestic rabbits, or domestic fowl or poultry that have an aggregate fair market value of ten dollars or more and that have been injured or killed by a coyote or a black vulture shall notify the dog warden within three days after the loss or injury has been discovered. The dog warden promptly shall investigate the loss or injury and shall determine whether or not the loss or injury was made by a coyote or a black vulture. If the dog warden finds that the loss or injury was not made by a coyote or a black vulture, the owner has no claim under sections 955.51 to 955.53 of the Revised Code. If the dog warden finds that the loss or injury was made by a coyote or a black vulture, ~~he~~ the dog warden promptly shall notify the wildlife officer of that finding.

The wildlife officer then shall confirm the finding, disaffirm it, or state that ~~he~~ the wildlife officer is uncertain about the finding. If the wildlife officer affirms the finding of the dog warden or states that ~~he~~ the wildlife officer is uncertain about that finding, the owner may proceed with ~~his~~ a claim under sections 955.51 to 955.53 of the Revised Code, and the dog warden shall provide the owner with duplicate copies of the claim form provided for in section 955.53 of the Revised Code and assist ~~him~~ the owner in filling it out. The owner shall set forth the kind, grade, quality, and what ~~he~~ the owner has determined is the fair market value of the animals, fowl, or poultry, the nature and amount of the loss or injury, the place where the loss or injury occurred, and all other pertinent facts in the possession of the claimant. If the animals, fowl, or poultry die as a result of their injuries, their fair market value is the market value of uninjured animals, fowl, or poultry on the date of the death of the injured animals, fowl, or poultry. If the animals, fowl, or poultry do not die as a result of their injuries, their fair market value is their market value on the date on which they received their injuries.

(B) If the dog warden finds all the statements that the owner made on the form to be correct and agrees with the owner as to the fair market value of the animals, fowl, or poultry, ~~he~~ the dog warden promptly shall so certify and send both copies of the form, together with whatever other documents, testimony, or information ~~he~~ the dog warden has received relating to the loss or injury, to the department of agriculture.

(C) If the dog warden does not find all the statements to be correct or does not agree with the owner as to the fair market value, the owner may appeal to the department of agriculture for a determination of ~~his~~ the owner's claim. In that case the owner shall secure statements as to the nature and amount of the loss or injury from at least two witnesses who viewed the results of the killing or injury and who can testify about the results and shall submit both copies of the form to the department no later than twenty days after the loss or injury was discovered. The dog warden shall submit to the department whatever documents, testimony, and other information ~~he~~ the dog warden has received relating to the loss or injury. The department shall receive any other information or testimony that will enable it to determine the fair market value of the animals, fowl, or poultry injured or killed.

(D) If the animals, fowl, or poultry described in division (A) of this section are registered in any accepted association or registry, the owner or ~~his~~ the owner's employee or tenant shall submit with the claim form the registration papers showing the lines of breeding, age, and other relevant matters. If the animals are the offspring of registered stock and eligible for registration, the registration papers showing the breeding of the offspring

shall be submitted.

Sec. 1309.109. (A) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (C) and (D) of this section, this chapter applies to the following:

(1) A transaction, regardless of its form, that creates a security interest in personal property or fixtures by contract;

(2) An agricultural lien;

(3) A sale of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, or promissory notes;

(4) A consignment;

(5) A security interest arising under section 1302.42 or 1302.49, division (C) of section 1302.85, or division (E) of section 1310.54 of the Revised Code, as provided in section 1309.110 of the Revised Code; and

(6) A security interest arising under section 1304.20 or 1305.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) The application of this chapter to a security interest in a secured obligation is not affected by the fact that the obligation is itself secured by a transaction or interest to which this chapter does not apply.

(C) This chapter does not apply to the extent that:

(1) A statute, regulation, or treaty of the United States preempts this chapter; or

(2) The rights of a transferee beneficiary or nominated person under a letter of credit are independent and superior under section 1305.13 of the Revised Code.

(D) This chapter does not apply to the following:

(1) A landlord's lien, other than an agricultural lien;

(2)(a) A lien, not enumerated in division (D)(2) of this section and other than an agricultural lien, given by statute or other rule of law for services or materials, including any lien created under any provision of Chapter 926., sections 1311.55 to 1311.57, sections 1311.71 to 1311.80, section 1701.66, or Chapter 4585. of the Revised Code;

(b) Notwithstanding division (D)(2)(a) of this section, section 1309.333 of the Revised Code applies with respect to priority of the lien.

(3) An assignment of a claim for wages, salary, or other compensation of an employee;

(4) A sale of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, or promissory notes as part of a sale of the business out of which they arose;

(5) An assignment of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles, or promissory notes that is for the purpose of collection only;

(6) An assignment of a right to payment under a contract to an assignee that is also obligated to perform under the contract;

(7) An assignment of a single account, payment intangible, or promissory note to an assignee in full or partial satisfaction of a preexisting indebtedness;

(8) A transfer of an interest in or an assignment of a claim under a policy of insurance, other than an assignment by or to a health-care provider of a health-care-insurance receivable and any subsequent assignment of the right to payment, but sections 1309.315 and 1309.322 of the Revised Code apply with respect to proceeds and priorities in proceeds;

(9) An assignment of a right represented by a judgment, other than a judgment taken on a right to payment that was collateral;

(10) A right of recoupment or set-off, but:

(a) Section 1309.340 of the Revised Code applies with respect to the effectiveness of rights of recoupment or set-off against deposit accounts; and

(b) Section 1309.404 of the Revised Code applies with respect to defenses or claims of an account debtor.

(11) The creation or transfer of an interest in or lien on real property, including a lease or rents under a lease, except to the extent that provision is made for:

(a) Liens on real property in sections 1309.203 and 1309.308 of the Revised Code;

(b) Fixtures in section 1309.334 of the Revised Code;

(c) Fixture filings in sections 1309.501, 1309.502, 1309.512, 1309.516, and 1309.519 of the Revised Code; and

(d) Security agreements covering personal and real property in section 1309.604 of the Revised Code.

(12) An assignment of a claim arising in tort, other than a commercial tort claim, but sections 1309.315 and 1309.322 of the Revised Code apply with respect to proceeds and priorities in proceeds;

(13) An assignment of a deposit account in a consumer transaction, but sections 1309.315 and 1309.322 of the Revised Code apply with respect to proceeds and priorities in proceeds; or

(14) A transfer by a government, state, or governmental unit.

(E) The granting of a security interest in all or any part of a lottery prize award for consideration is subject to the prohibition of division ~~(A)(3)~~(C) of section 3770.07 of the Revised Code. The sale, assignment, or other redirection of a lottery prize award for consideration is subject to the provisions of division ~~(A)(4)~~(D) of section 3770.07 and sections 3770.10 to 3770.14 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1317.07. No retail installment contract authorized by section

1317.03 of the Revised Code that is executed in connection with any retail installment sale shall evidence any indebtedness in excess of the time balance fixed in the written instrument in compliance with section 1317.04 of the Revised Code, but it may evidence in addition any agreements of the parties for the payment of delinquent charges, as provided for in section 1317.06 of the Revised Code, taxes, and any lawful fee actually paid out, or to be paid out, by the retail seller to any public officer for filing, recording, or releasing any instrument securing the payment of the obligation owed on any retail installment contract. No retail seller, directly or indirectly, shall charge, contract for, or receive from any retail buyer, any further or other amount for examination, service, brokerage, commission, expense, fee, or other thing of value. A documentary service charge customarily and presently being paid on May 9, 1949, in a particular business and area may be charged if the charge does not exceed ~~fifty~~ one hundred dollars per sale.

No retail seller shall use multiple agreements with respect to a single item or related items purchased at the same time, with intent to obtain a higher charge than would otherwise be permitted by Chapter 1317. of the Revised Code or to avoid disclosure of an annual percentage rate, nor by use of such agreements make any charge greater than that which would be permitted by Chapter 1317. of the Revised Code had a single agreement been used.

Sec. 1321.21. All fees, charges, penalties, and forfeitures collected under Chapters 1321., 1322., 4712., 4727., and 4728., sections 1315.21 to 1315.30, ~~and~~ sections 1315.35 to 1315.44, and sections 1349.25 to 1349.37 of the Revised Code shall be paid to the superintendent of financial institutions and shall be deposited by the superintendent into the state treasury to the credit of the consumer finance fund, which is hereby created. The fund may be expended or obligated by the superintendent for the defrayment of the costs of administration of Chapters 1321., 1322., 4712., 4727., and 4728., sections 1315.21 to 1315.30, ~~and~~ sections 1315.35 to 1315.44, and sections 1349.25 to 1349.37 of the Revised Code by the division of financial institutions. All actual and necessary expenses incurred by the superintendent, including any services rendered by the department of commerce for the division's administration of Chapters 1321., 1322., 4712., 4727., and 4728., sections 1315.21 to 1315.30, ~~and~~ sections 1315.35 to 1315.44, and sections 1349.25 to 1349.37 of the Revised Code, shall be paid from the fund. The fund shall be assessed a proportionate share of the administrative costs of the department and the division. The proportionate share of the administrative costs of the division of financial institutions shall be determined in accordance with procedures prescribed by the

superintendent and approved by the director of budget and management. Such assessment shall be paid from the consumer finance fund to the division of administration fund or the financial institutions fund.

Sec. 1333.99. (A) Whoever violates sections 1333.01 to 1333.04 of the Revised Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(B) Whoever violates section 1333.12 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(C) Whoever violates section 1333.36 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(D) A prosecuting attorney may file an action to restrain any person found in violation of section 1333.36 of the Revised Code. Upon the filing of such an action, the common pleas court may receive evidence of such violation and forthwith grant a temporary restraining order as may be prayed for, pending a hearing on the merits of said cause.

(E) Whoever violates division (A)(1) of section 1333.52 or section 1333.81 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(F) Whoever violates division (A)(2) or (B) of section 1333.52 ~~or division (F) or (H) of section 1333.96~~ of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

(G) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever violates section 1333.92 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the value of the compensation is five hundred dollars or more and less than five thousand dollars, whoever violates section 1333.92 of the Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the fifth degree. If the value of the compensation is five thousand dollars or more and less than one hundred thousand dollars, whoever violates section 1333.92 of the Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the fourth degree. If the value of the compensation is one hundred thousand dollars or more, whoever violates section 1333.92 of the Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

~~(H) Whoever violates division (B), (C), or (I) of section 1333.96 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.~~

~~(I) Any person not registered as a travel agency or tour promoter as provided in divisions (B) and (C) of section 1333.96 of the Revised Code who states that the person is so registered is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.~~

Sec. 1337.11. As used in sections 1337.11 to 1337.17 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Adult" means a person who is eighteen years of age or older.

(B) "Attending physician" means the physician to whom a principal or the family of a principal has assigned primary responsibility for the

treatment or care of the principal or, if the responsibility has not been assigned, the physician who has accepted that responsibility.

(C) "Comfort care" means any of the following:

(1) Nutrition when administered to diminish the pain or discomfort of a principal, but not to postpone death;

(2) Hydration when administered to diminish the pain or discomfort of a principal, but not to postpone death;

(3) Any other medical or nursing procedure, treatment, intervention, or other measure that is taken to diminish the pain or discomfort of a principal, but not to postpone death.

(D) "Consulting physician" means a physician who, in conjunction with the attending physician of a principal, makes one or more determinations that are required to be made by the attending physician, or to be made by the attending physician and one other physician, by an applicable provision of sections 1337.11 to 1337.17 of the Revised Code, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty and in accordance with reasonable medical standards.

(E) "Guardian" means a person appointed by a probate court pursuant to Chapter 2111. of the Revised Code to have the care and management of the person of an incompetent.

(F) "Health care" means any care, treatment, service, or procedure to maintain, diagnose, or treat an individual's physical or mental condition.

(G) "Health care decision" means informed consent, refusal to give informed consent, or withdrawal of informed consent to health care.

(H) "Health care facility" means any of the following:

(1) A hospital;

(2) A hospice care program or other institution that specializes in comfort care of patients in a terminal condition or in a permanently unconscious state;

(3) A nursing home;

(4) A home health agency;

(5) An intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded.

(I) "Health care personnel" means physicians, nurses, physician assistants, emergency medical technicians-basic, emergency medical technicians-intermediate, emergency medical technicians-paramedic, medical technicians, dietitians, other authorized persons acting under the direction of an attending physician, and administrators of health care facilities.

(J) "Home health agency" has the same meaning as in section ~~3701.88~~ 3701.881 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Hospice care program" has the same meaning as in section 3712.01

of the Revised Code.

(L) "Hospital" has the same meanings as in sections 2108.01, 3701.01, and 5122.01 of the Revised Code.

(M) "Hydration" means fluids that are artificially or technologically administered.

(N) "Incompetent" has the same meaning as in section 2111.01 of the Revised Code.

(O) "Intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded" has the same meaning as in section 5111.20 of the Revised Code.

(P) "Life-sustaining treatment" means any medical procedure, treatment, intervention, or other measure that, when administered to a principal, will serve principally to prolong the process of dying.

(Q) "Medical claim" has the same meaning as in section 2305.11 of the Revised Code.

(R) "Nursing home" has the same meaning as in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code.

(S) "Nutrition" means sustenance that is artificially or technologically administered.

(T) "Permanently unconscious state" means a state of permanent unconsciousness in a principal that, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty as determined in accordance with reasonable medical standards by the principal's attending physician and one other physician who has examined the principal, is characterized by both of the following:

(1) Irreversible unawareness of one's being and environment.

(2) Total loss of cerebral cortical functioning, resulting in the principal having no capacity to experience pain or suffering.

(U) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of the Revised Code and additionally includes political subdivisions and governmental agencies, boards, commissions, departments, institutions, offices, and other instrumentalities.

(V) "Physician" means a person who is authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

(W) "Political subdivision" and "state" have the same meanings as in section 2744.01 of the Revised Code.

(X) "Professional disciplinary action" means action taken by the board or other entity that regulates the professional conduct of health care personnel, including the state medical board and the board of nursing.

(Y) "Terminal condition" means an irreversible, incurable, and untreatable condition caused by disease, illness, or injury from which, to a

reasonable degree of medical certainty as determined in accordance with reasonable medical standards by a principal's attending physician and one other physician who has examined the principal, both of the following apply:

(1) There can be no recovery.

(2) Death is likely to occur within a relatively short time if life-sustaining treatment is not administered.

(Z) "Tort action" means a civil action for damages for injury, death, or loss to person or property, other than a civil action for damages for a breach of contract or another agreement between persons.

Sec. 1346.02. Any tobacco product manufacturer selling cigarettes to consumers within the state (whether directly or through a distributor, retailer or similar intermediary or intermediaries) after ~~the effective date of this section~~ June 30, 1999 shall do one of the following:

(A) Become a participating manufacturer (as that term is defined in section II(jj) of the Master Settlement Agreement) and generally perform its financial obligations under the Master Settlement Agreement; or

(B)(1) Place into a qualified escrow fund by April 15 of the year following the year in question the following amounts (as such amounts are adjusted for inflation):

1999: $.0094241 per unit sold after ~~the effective date of this section~~ June 30, 1999;

2000: $.0104712 per unit sold;

For each of 2001 and 2002: $.0136125 per unit sold;

For each of 2003 through 2006: $.0167539 per unit sold;

For each of 2007 and each year thereafter: $.0188482 per unit sold.

(2) A tobacco product manufacturer that places funds into escrow pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section shall receive the interest or other appreciation on such funds as earned. Such funds themselves shall be released from escrow only under the following circumstances:

(a) To pay a judgment or settlement on any released claim brought against such tobacco product manufacturer by the state or any releasing party located or residing in the state. Funds shall be released from escrow under division (B)(2)(a) of this section:

(i) In the order in which they were placed into escrow; and

(ii) Only to the extent and at the time necessary to make payments required under such judgment or settlement.

(b) To the extent that a tobacco product manufacturer establishes that the amount it was required to place into escrow on account of units sold in the state in a particular year was greater than the ~~state's allocable share of~~

~~the total payments that such manufacturer would have been required to make in that year under the~~ Master Settlement Agreement ~~(~~ payments, as determined pursuant to section ~~IX(i)(2)~~ IX(i) of ~~the Master Settlement~~ that Agreement~~, and before any of the adjustments or offsets described in section IX(i)(3) of that Agreement other the the inflation adjustment)~~ including after final determination of all adjustments, that such manufacturer would have been required to make on account of such units sold had it been a participating manufacturer, the excess shall be released from escrow and revert back to such tobacco product manufacturer; or

(c) To the extent not released from escrow under division (B)(2)(a) or (b) of this section, funds shall be released from escrow and revert back to such tobacco product manufacturer twenty-five years after the date on which they were placed into escrow.

(3) Each tobacco product manufacturer that elects to place funds into escrow pursuant to division (B) of this section shall annually certify to the attorney general that it is in compliance with division (B) of this section. The attorney general may bring a civil action on behalf of the state against any tobacco product manufacturer that fails to place into escrow the funds required under this section. Any tobacco product manufacturer that fails in any year to place into escrow the funds required under this section shall:

(a) Be required within fifteen days to place such funds into escrow as shall bring it into compliance with this section. The court, upon a finding of a violation of division (B) of this section, may impose a civil penalty to be paid to the general revenue fund of the state in an amount not to exceed five per cent of the amount improperly withheld from escrow per day of the violation and in a total amount not to exceed one hundred per cent of the original amount improperly withheld from escrow;

(b) In the case of a knowing violation, be required within fifteen days to place such funds into escrow as shall bring it into compliance with this section. The court, upon a finding of a knowing violation of division (B) of this section, may impose a civil penalty to be paid to the general revenue fund of the state in an amount not to exceed fifteen per cent of the amount improperly withheld from escrow per day of the violation and in a total amount not to exceed three hundred per cent of the original amount improperly withheld from escrow; and

(c) In the case of a second knowing violation, be prohibited from selling cigarettes to consumers within the state (whether directly or through a distributor, retailer or similar intermediary) for a period not to exceed two years.

Each failure to make an annual deposit required under this section shall

constitute a separate violation.

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.

Sec. 1346.05. (A)(1) Every tobacco product manufacturer whose cigarettes are sold in this state either directly or through a distributor, retailer, or other intermediary shall execute and deliver to the attorney general an annual certification, made under penalty of falsification, stating that, as of the date of the certification, the tobacco manufacturer is either a participating manufacturer or a nonparticipating manufacturer in full compliance with section 1346.02 of the Revised Code, including full compliance with all quarterly installment payment requirements, if required to make such payments by an administrative rule adopted by the attorney general. The certification shall be on a form prescribed by the attorney general and shall be filed not later than the thirtieth day of April in each year.

(2) Each participating manufacturer shall include in its certification a list of its brand families. Thirty days before making any additions to or modifications of its brand families, a participating manufacturer shall update its brand family list by executing and delivering a supplemental certification

to the attorney general.

(3) Each nonparticipating manufacturer shall include all of the following in its certification:

(a) A list of all of its brand families and the number of units sold during the preceding calendar year for each brand family, and a list of all of its brand families that have been sold in the state at any time during the current calendar year. The list shall indicate, by an asterisk, any brand family that was sold in the state during the preceding calendar year and that is no longer being sold in the state as of the date of the certification. The list shall identify by name and address any other manufacturer in the preceding or current year of the brand families included on the list. Thirty days before making any additions to or modifications of its brand families, a nonparticipating manufacturer shall update its brand family list by executing and delivering a supplemental certification to the attorney general.

(b) A statement that the nonparticipating manufacturer is registered to do business in this state, or has appointed an agent for service of process in this state and provided notice of that appointment as required by section 1346.06 of the Revised Code;

(c) A certification that the nonparticipating manufacturer has established and continues to maintain a qualified escrow fund under section 1346.02 of the Revised Code and that the qualified escrow fund is governed by a qualified escrow agreement executed by the nonparticipating manufacturer and reviewed and approved by the attorney general;

(d) All of the following information regarding the qualified escrow fund the nonparticipating manufacturer is required to establish and maintain under section 1346.02 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under that section:

(i) The name, address, and telephone number of the financial institution at which the nonparticipating manufacturer has established its qualified escrow fund;

(ii) The account number of the qualified escrow fund and any subaccount number for the state;

(iii) The amount that the nonparticipating manufacturer deposited in the qualified escrow fund for cigarettes sold in the state during the preceding calendar year, the date and amount of each deposit, and any evidence or verification the attorney general deems necessary to confirm those deposits;

(iv) The amount and date of any withdrawal or transfer of funds the nonparticipating manufacturer made at any time from any qualified escrow fund into which it ever made payments under section 1346.02 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under that section.

(e) A statement that the nonparticipating manufacturer is in full compliance with this section and sections 1346.02, 1346.06, and 1346.07 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under those sections.

(4)(a) No tobacco product manufacturer shall include a brand family in its certification unless either of the following applies:

(i) In the case of a participating manufacturer, the participating manufacturer affirms that the cigarettes in the brand family shall be deemed to be its cigarettes for the purpose of calculating its payments under the Master Settlement Agreement for the relevant year in the volume and shares determined pursuant to that agreement.

(ii) In the case of a nonparticipating manufacturer, the nonparticipating manufacturer affirms that the cigarettes in the brand family shall be deemed to be its cigarettes for the purpose of section 1346.02 of the Revised Code.

(b) Nothing in this section limits or shall be construed to limit the state's authority to determine that the cigarettes in a brand family constitute the cigarettes of another tobacco product manufacturer for the purpose of calculating payments under the Master Settlement Agreement or for the purpose of section 1346.02 of the Revised Code.

(5) Each tobacco product manufacturer shall maintain all invoices and documentations of sales and other information relied upon for its certification for a period of at least five years.

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(3) of this section, the attorney general shall develop and publish on its web site a directory listing all tobacco product manufacturers that have provided current and accurate certifications under division (A) of this section and all brand families listed in those certifications.

(2)(a) The attorney general shall update the directory as necessary to correct mistakes or to add or remove a tobacco product manufacturer or brand family to keep the directory in conformity with the requirements of this section. At least ten days before any tobacco product manufacturer or brand family is added to or removed from the directory, the attorney general shall publish notice of the pending addition or removal online in the directory and shall notify the tax commissioner of those pending changes. At least ten days before such addition or removal, the tax commissioner shall transmit by electronic mail or other practicable means to each stamping agent notice of the pending addition or removal.

(b) Unless an agreement between a stamping agent and a tobacco product manufacturer provides otherwise, a tobacco product manufacturer that is removed from the directory or whose brand family is removed from the directory shall refund to the stamping agent any money paid by the

stamping agent to the tobacco product manufacturer for cigarettes of that tobacco product manufacturer that are in the possession of the stamping agent at the time the stamping agent receives notice of the pending removal of the tobacco product manufacturer or a brand family of that tobacco product manufacturer from the directory under division (B)(2)(a) of this section.

(c) The tax commissioner shall notify the attorney general of any tobacco product manufacturer that fails to refund money to a stamping agent under division (B)(2)(b) of this section. The attorney general shall not restore to the directory any tobacco product manufacturer or brand family of a tobacco product manufacturer until the tobacco product manufacturer has paid the stamping agent any required refund. Once a required refund has been so paid, the tax commissioner shall notify the attorney general of that payment.

(3) The attorney general shall not include or retain in the directory a nonparticipating manufacturer or a brand family of a nonparticipating manufacturer if any of the following applies:

(a) The nonparticipating manufacturer fails to provide the required certification under this section, or the attorney general determines that the certification is not in compliance with the requirements of this section, unless the attorney general determines that the violation has been cured to the attorney general's satisfaction.

(b) The attorney general determines that any escrow payment required under section 1346.02 of the Revised Code for any period for any brand family of the nonparticipating manufacturer, regardless of whether the brand family is listed by the nonparticipating manufacturer in its certification under this section, has not been fully paid into a qualified escrow fund governed by a qualified escrow agreement that has been approved by the attorney general.

(c) The attorney general determines that the nonparticipating manufacturer has not fully satisfied any outstanding final judgment, including interest, for a violation of section 1346.02 of the Revised Code.

(4) Each stamping agent shall provide an electronic mail address to the tax commissioner for the purpose of receiving notifications under division (B)(2) of this section. As necessary, each stamping agent shall update the agent's electronic mail address with the tax commissioner.

(C)(1) No person shall do any of the following:

(a) Affix a tax stamp to a package or other container of cigarettes of a tobacco product manufacturer or a brand family that is not included in the directory;

(b) Sell, offer for sale, or possess for sale in this state cigarettes of a tobacco product manufacturer or a brand family that is not included in the directory;

(c) Sell or distribute cigarettes that have had a tax stamp affixed while the tobacco product manufacturer or brand family of those cigarettes was not included in the directory;

(d) Acquire, hold, own, possess, transport, import, or cause to be imported cigarettes that the person knows or should know are intended for distribution or sale in this state and that have had a tax stamp affixed while the tobacco product manufacturer or brand family of those cigarettes was not included in the directory;

(e) Acquire, hold, own, possess, transport, import, or cause to be imported cigarettes that the person knows or should know are intended for distribution or sale in this state and that are the cigarettes of a tobacco product manufacturer or a brand family that is not included in the directory.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this division, a violation of division (C)(1) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender has a previous conviction for a violation of that division, a violation of division (C)(1) of this section is a felony of the fourth degree.

(3) Any cigarettes sold, offered for sale, or possessed for sale in violation of division (C)(1) of this section shall be considered contraband under section 5743.21 of the Revised Code, and those cigarettes shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture under that section. Cigarettes so seized and forfeited shall not be resold and shall be destroyed.

Sec. 1346.06. (A)(1) Any nonresident or foreign nonparticipating manufacturer that has not registered to do business in the state as a foreign corporation or business entity, as a condition precedent to having its brand families included or retained in the directory developed and published by the attorney general under section 1346.05 of the Revised Code, shall appoint, and continually engage without interruption the services of, an agent in the state to act as agent for the service, in any manner authorized by law, of all process pertaining to any action or proceeding in the courts of this state against the manufacturer concerning or arising out of the enforcement of this chapter.

(2) Service on a nonparticipating manufacturer's agent shall constitute legal and valid service of process on the manufacturer.

(3) A nonparticipating manufacturer shall provide the attorney general, to the satisfaction of the attorney general, with proof of the appointment of, and notice of the name, address, telephone number, and availability of, the manufacturer's agent.

(B)(1) If a nonparticipating manufacturer decides to terminate its agent's appointment, the manufacturer shall provide notice of the termination to the attorney general thirty calendar days prior to the termination and shall provide proof, to the satisfaction of the attorney general, of the appointment of a new agent not less than five calendar days prior to the termination.

(2) If a nonparticipating manufacturer's agent terminates the agent's appointment, the manufacturer shall provide notice of the termination to the attorney general and include proof, to the satisfaction of the attorney general, of the appointment of a new agent within five calendar days of the termination.

(C)(1) Any nonparticipating manufacturer whose cigarettes are sold in the state and who has not appointed and continually engaged an agent in accordance with divisions (A) and (B) of this section shall be deemed to have appointed the secretary of state as the manufacturer's agent and may be proceeded against in any action or proceeding in the courts of the state described in division (A) of this section by service of process on the secretary of state.

(2) The deemed appointment of the secretary of state as a nonparticipating manufacturer's agent does not satisfy the requirements of divisions (A)(3)(b) and (B)(1) of section 1346.05 of the Revised Code that a nonparticipating manufacturer that has not registered to do business in the state shall appoint an agent for service of process as a condition precedent to the existence of an accurate certification permitting the manufacturer's brand families to be included or retained in the directory.

Sec. 1346.07. (A) Not later than the last day of each month or less frequently if so directed by the tax commissioner, each stamping agent shall submit information for the previous month or for the relevant time period, if directed by the tax commissioner to make the submission less frequently, which the tax commissioner requires to facilitate compliance with sections 1346.05 to 1346.10 of the Revised Code. The information shall include, but is not limited to, a list by brand family of the total number of cigarettes, or, in the case of roll-your-own, the equivalent stick count, for which the stamping agent during the period covered by the report affixed stamps or otherwise paid the tax due.

The stamping agent shall maintain and make available to the tax commissioner all invoices and documentations of sales of all nonparticipating manufacturer cigarettes and any other information the agent relies upon in submitting information under this division to the tax commissioner. This duty shall be for a period of five years from the date of each submission of information under this division.

(B) The attorney general at any time may require a nonparticipating manufacturer to provide proof, from the financial institution in which the manufacturer has established a qualified escrow fund under section 1346.02 of the Revised Code, of the amount of money in the fund, exclusive of interest, the amount and date of each deposit in the fund, and the amount and date of each withdrawal from the fund.

(C) In addition to the information required to be submitted or provided to the tax commissioner and the attorney general under divisions (A) and (B) of this section, the attorney general may require a stamping agent or tobacco product manufacturer to submit any additional information necessary to enable the attorney general to determine whether a manufacturer is in compliance with sections 1346.05 to 1346.10 of the Revised Code. The information shall include, but is not limited to, samples of the packaging or labeling of each brand family.

(D) The tax commissioner and the attorney general shall share information received under sections 1346.05 to 1346.10 of the Revised Code for purposes of determining compliance with and enforcement of those sections. The tax commissioner and the attorney general also may share information received under these sections with federal, state, or local agencies for purposes of the enforcement of this chapter or corresponding laws of other states.

Sec. 1346.08. (A) The tax commissioner and the attorney general may adopt administrative rules necessary to implement sections 1346.05 to 1346.10 of the Revised Code.

(B) Subject to the requirements of section 1346.05 of the Revised Code, the attorney general may adopt an administrative rule requiring a tobacco product manufacturer to make required escrow deposits in quarterly installments during the year in which the sales covered by the deposits are made. If the attorney general adopts such a rule, the tax commissioner may require a tobacco product manufacturer or a stamping agent to produce information sufficient to enable the tax commissioner and the attorney general to determine the adequacy of the amount of an installment deposit.

Sec. 1346.09. (A) The attorney general, on behalf of the tax commissioner, may seek an injunction to restrain a threatened or actual violation of division (C)(1) of section 1346.05 of the Revised Code or division (A) or (C) of section 1346.07 of the Revised Code by a stamping agent and to compel the stamping agent to comply with those divisions.

(B) In any action brought by the state to enforce sections 1346.05 to 1346.10 of the Revised Code, the state shall be entitled to recover the costs of the investigation, expert witness fees, court costs, and reasonable

attorney's fees.

(C) If a court determines that a person has violated any prohibition or other provision of sections 1346.05 to 1346.10 of the Revised Code, the court shall order that the person's profits, gain, gross receipts, or other benefit from the violation be disgorged and paid to the general revenue fund of the state.

(D) Unless otherwise expressly provided, the remedies or penalties provided by this chapter are cumulative to each other and to the remedies or penalties available under all other laws of the state.

Sec. 1346.10. (A) In lieu of or in addition to any other remedy provided by law, upon a determination that a stamping agent has violated division (C)(1) of section 1346.05 of the Revised Code or any administrative rule adopted under sections 1346.05 to 1346.10 of the Revised Code, the tax commissioner may revoke the license of the stamping agent in the manner provided by section 5743.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) For each violation of division (C)(1) of section 1346.05 of the Revised Code, in addition to any other penalty provided by law, the tax commissioner may impose a fine in an amount not to exceed the greater of five hundred per cent of the retail value of the cigarettes involved or five thousand dollars. The fine shall be imposed in the manner provided by section 5743.081 of the Revised Code.

For the purpose of this division, each stamp affixed to a package of cigarettes and each sale or offer for sale of cigarettes in violation of division (C)(1) of section 1346.05 of the Revised Code shall constitute a separate violation.

Sec. 1501.04. There is hereby created in the department of natural resources a recreation and resources commission composed of the ~~chairman~~ chairperson of the wildlife council created under section 1531.03 of the Revised Code, the ~~chairman~~ chairperson of the parks and recreation council created under section 1541.40 of the Revised Code, the ~~chairman~~ chairperson of the waterways safety council created under section 1547.73 of the Revised Code, the ~~chairman~~ chairperson of the technical advisory council on oil and gas created under section 1509.38 of the Revised Code, the chairman of the forestry advisory council created under section 1503.40 of the Revised Code, the ~~chairman~~ chairperson of the Ohio soil and water conservation commission created under section 1515.02 of the Revised Code, the ~~chairman~~ chairperson of the Ohio natural areas council created under section 1517.03 of the Revised Code, the ~~chairman~~ chairperson of the Ohio water advisory council created under section 1521.031 of the Revised Code, the chairperson of the recycling and litter prevention advisory council

created under section 1502.04 of the Revised Code, ~~the chairperson of the civilian conservation advisory council created under section 1553.10 of the Revised Code,~~ the ~~chairman~~ chairperson of the Ohio geology advisory council created under section 1505.11 of the Revised Code, and five members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, not more than three of whom shall belong to the same political party. The director of natural resources shall be an ex officio member of the commission, with a voice in its deliberations, but without the power to vote.

Terms of office of members of the commission appointed by the governor shall be for five years, commencing on the second day of February and ending on the first day of February. Each member shall hold office from the date of ~~his~~ appointment until the end of the term for which ~~he~~ the member was appointed.

In the event of the death, removal, resignation, or incapacity of a member of the commission, the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint a successor who shall hold office for the remainder of the term for which ~~his~~ the member's predecessor was appointed. Any member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of ~~his~~ the member's term until ~~his~~ the member's successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

The governor may remove any appointed member of the commission for misfeasance, nonfeasance, or malfeasance in office.

The commission shall exercise no administrative function, but may:

(A) Advise with and recommend to the director ~~of natural resources~~ as to plans and programs for the management, development, utilization, and conservation of the natural resources of the state;

(B) Advise with and recommend to the director as to methods of coordinating the work of the divisions of the department;

(C) Consider and make recommendations upon any matter ~~which~~ that the director may submit to it;

(D) Submit to the governor biennially recommendations for amendments to the conservation laws of the state.

~~Before~~ Each member of the commission, before entering upon the discharge of ~~his~~ the member's duties, ~~each member of the commission~~ shall take and subscribe to an oath of office, which oath, in writing, shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to receive their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

The commission, by a majority vote of all its members, shall adopt and

amend bylaws.

To be eligible for appointment, a person shall be a citizen of the United States and an elector of the state and shall possess a knowledge of and have an interest in the natural resources of this state.

The commission shall hold at least four regular quarterly meetings each year. Special meetings shall be held at such times as the bylaws of the commission provide. Notices of all meetings shall be given in such manner as the bylaws provide. The commission shall choose annually from among its members a ~~chairman~~ chairperson to preside over its meetings and a secretary to keep a record of its proceedings. A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum. No advice shall be given or recommendation made without a majority of the members of the commission concurring therein.

Sec. 1501.25. (A) There is hereby created the Muskingum river advisory council consisting of the following members:

(1) Two members of the house of representatives, one from each party to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives after conferring with the minority leader of the house, and two members of the senate, one from each party to be appointed by the president of the senate after conferring with the minority leader of the senate;

(2) Four persons interested in the development of recreational and commercial uses of the Muskingum river, to be appointed by the governor;

(3) Two representatives of the department of natural resources to be appointed by the director of natural resources, one representative of the department of development to be appointed by the director of development, one representative of the environmental protection agency to be appointed by the director of environmental protection, one representative of the department of transportation to be appointed by the director of transportation, and one representative of the Ohio historical society to be appointed by the director of the society;

(4) Twelve persons to be appointed from the four counties through which the Muskingum river flows, who shall be appointed in the following manner. The board of county commissioners of Coshocton county shall appoint two members, and the mayor of the city of Coshocton shall appoint one member. The board of county commissioners of Muskingum county shall appoint two members, and the mayor of the city of Zanesville shall appoint one member. The board of county commissioners of Morgan county shall appoint two members, and the mayor of the city of McConnelsville shall appoint one member. The board of county commissioners of Washington county shall appoint two members, and the mayor of the city of

Marietta shall appoint one member.

(5) One member representing the Muskingum watershed conservancy district, to be appointed by the board of directors of the district.

Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment.

The council biennially shall elect from among its members a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. One of the representatives of the department of natural resources shall serve as secretary of the council unless a majority of the members elect another member to that position. The council shall meet at least once each year for the purpose of taking testimony from residents of the Muskingum river area, users of the river and adjacent lands, and the general public and may hold additional meetings at the call of the chairperson.

The chairperson may appoint members of the council and other persons to committees and study groups as needed.

The council shall submit an annual report to the general assembly, the governor, and the director of natural resources. The report shall include, without limitation, a description of the conditions of the Muskingum river area, a discussion of the council's activities, any recommendations for actions by the general assembly or any state agency that the council determines are needed, and estimates of the costs of those recommendations.

The department of natural resources shall provide staff assistance to the council as needed.

(B) The council may do any of the following:

(1) Provide coordination among political subdivisions, state agencies, and federal agencies involved in dredging, debris removal or disposal, and recreational, commercial, tourism, and economic development;

(2) Provide aid to civic groups and individuals who want to make improvements to the Muskingum river if the council determines that the improvements would be beneficial to the residents of the area and to the state;

(3) Provide information and planning aid to state and local agencies responsible for historic, commercial, and recreational development of the Muskingum river area, including, without limitation, suggestions as to priorities for pending Muskingum river projects of the department of natural resources;

(4) Provide updated information to the United States army corps of engineers, the department of natural resources, and the Muskingum conservancy district established under Chapter 6101. of the Revised Code concerning potential hazards to flood control or navigation, erosion

problems, debris accumulation, and deterioration of locks or dams.

Sec. 1503.05. (A) The chief of the division of forestry may sell timber and other forest products from the state forest and state forest nurseries whenever the chief considers such a sale desirable and, with the approval of the attorney general and the director of natural resources, may sell portions of the state forest lands when such a sale is advantageous to the state.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a timber sale agreement shall not be executed unless the person or governmental entity bidding on the sale executes and files a surety bond conditioned on completion of the timber sale in accordance with the terms of the agreement in an amount equal to twenty-five per cent of the highest value cutting section. All bonds shall be given in a form prescribed by the chief and shall run to the state as obligee.

The chief shall not approve any bond until it is personally signed and acknowledged by both principal and surety, or as to either by the attorney in fact thereof, with a certified copy of the power of attorney attached. The chief shall not approve the bond unless there is attached a certificate of the superintendent of insurance that the company is authorized to transact a fidelity and surety business in this state.

In lieu of a bond, the bidder may deposit any of the following:

(1) Cash in an amount equal to the amount of the bond;

(2) United States government securities having a par value equal to or greater than the amount of the bond;

(3) Negotiable certificates of deposit or irrevocable letters of credit issued by any bank organized or transacting business in this state having a par value equal to or greater than the amount of the bond.

The cash or securities shall be deposited on the same terms as bonds. If one or more certificates of deposit are deposited in lieu of a bond, the chief shall require the bank that issued any of the certificates to pledge securities of the aggregate market value equal to the amount of the certificate or certificates that is in excess of the amount insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation. The securities to be pledged shall be those designated as eligible under section 135.18 of the Revised Code. The securities shall be security for the repayment of the certificate or certificates of deposit.

Immediately upon a deposit of cash, securities, certificates of deposit, or letters of credit, the chief shall deliver them to the treasurer of state, who shall hold them in trust for the purposes for which they have been deposited. The treasurer of state is responsible for the safekeeping of the deposits. A bidder making a deposit of cash, securities, certificates of deposit, or letters of credit may withdraw and receive from the treasurer of state, on the

written order of the chief, all or any portion of the cash, securities, certificates of deposit, or letters of credit upon depositing with the treasurer of state cash, other United States government securities, or other negotiable certificates of deposit or irrevocable letters of credit issued by any bank organized or transacting business in this state, equal in par value to the par value of the cash, securities, certificates of deposit, or letters of credit withdrawn.

A bidder may demand and receive from the treasurer of state all interest or other income from any such securities or certificates as it becomes due. If securities so deposited with and in the possession of the treasurer of state mature or are called for payment by their issuer, the treasurer of state, at the request of the bidder who deposited them, shall convert the proceeds of the redemption or payment of the securities into other United States government securities, negotiable certificates of deposit, or cash as the bidder designates.

When the chief finds that a person or governmental agency has failed to comply with the conditions of the person's or governmental agency's bond, the chief shall make a finding of that fact and declare the bond, cash, securities, certificates, or letters of credit forfeited. The chief thereupon shall certify the total forfeiture to the attorney general, who shall proceed to collect the amount of the bond, cash, securities, certificates, or letters of credit.

In lieu of total forfeiture, the surety, at its option, may cause the timber sale to be completed or pay to the treasurer of state the cost thereof.

All moneys collected as a result of forfeitures of bonds, cash, securities, certificates, and letters of credit under this section shall be credited to the state forest fund created in this section.

(C) The chief may grant easements and leases on portions of the state forest lands and state forest nurseries under terms that are advantageous to the state, and the chief may grant mineral rights on a royalty basis on those lands and nurseries, with the approval of the attorney general and the director.

(D) All moneys received from the sale of state forest lands, or in payment for easements or leases on or as rents from those lands or from state forest nurseries, shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the state forest fund, which is hereby created. All moneys received from the sale of standing timber taken from the state forest lands shall be deposited into the state treasury. Twenty-five per cent of the moneys so deposited shall be credited to the state forest fund. Seventy-five per cent of the moneys so deposited shall be credited to the general revenue fund. All moneys received from the sale of forest products, other than standing timber, and minerals

taken from the state forest lands and state forest nurseries, together with royalties from mineral rights, shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the state forest fund.

At the time of making such a ~~payment or~~ deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund, the chief shall determine the amount and ~~gross~~ net value of all such ~~products~~ standing timber sold ~~or royalties received~~ from lands and nurseries in each county, in each township within the county, and in each school district within the county. Afterward the chief shall send to each county treasurer a copy of the determination and shall provide for payment to the county treasurer, for the use of the general fund of that county from the amount so received as provided in this division, an amount equal to ~~eighty~~ sixty-five per cent of the ~~gross~~ net value of the ~~products~~ standing timber sold ~~or royalties received~~ from lands and nurseries located in that county. The county auditor shall do all of the following:

(1) Retain for the use of the general fund of the county one-fourth of the amount received by the county under division (D) of this section;

(2) Pay into the general fund of any township located within the county and containing such lands and nurseries one-fourth of the amount received by the county from ~~products~~ standing timber sold ~~or royalties received~~ from lands and nurseries located in the township;

(3) Request the board of education of any school district located within the county and containing such lands and nurseries to identify which fund or funds of the district should receive the moneys available to the school district under division (D)(3) of this section. After receiving notice from the board, the county auditor shall pay into the fund or funds so identified one-half of the amount received by the county from ~~products~~ standing timber sold ~~or royalties received~~ from lands and nurseries located in the school district, distributed proportionately as identified by the board.

The division of forestry shall not supply logs, lumber, or other forest products or minerals, taken from the state forest lands or state forest nurseries, to any other agency or subdivision of the state unless payment is made therefor in the amount of the actual prevailing value thereof. This section is applicable to the moneys so received. All moneys received from the sale of reforestation tree stock or other revenues derived from the operation of the state forests, facilities, or equipment shall be paid into the state forest fund.

The fund shall not be expended for any purpose other than the administration, operation, maintenance, development, or utilization of the state forests, forest nurseries, and forest programs, for facilities or equipment incident to them, or for the further purchase of lands for state

forest or forest nursery purposes.

Sec. 1513.05. There is hereby created a reclamation commission consisting of seven members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. For the purposes of hearing appeals under section 1513.13 of the Revised Code that involve mine safety issues, the reclamation commission shall consist of two additional members appointed specifically for that function by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. All terms of office shall be for five years, commencing on the twenty-ninth day of June and ending on the twenty-eighth day of June. Each member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the appointment was made. Each vacancy occurring on the commission shall be filled by appointment within sixty days after the vacancy occurs. 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 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.

Two of the appointees to the commission shall be persons who, at the time of their appointment, own and operate a farm or are retired farmers. Notwithstanding section 1513.04 of the Revised Code, one of the appointees to the commission shall be a person who, at the time of appointment, is the representative of an operator of a coal mine. One of the appointees to the commission shall be a person who, by reason of the person's previous vocation, employment, or affiliations, can be classed as a representative of the public. One of the appointees to the commission shall be a person who, by reason of previous training and experience, can be classed as one learned and experienced in modern forestry practices. One of the appointees to the commission shall be a person who, by reason of previous training and experience, can be classed as one learned and experienced in agronomy. One of the appointees to the commission shall be either a person who, by reason of previous training and experience, can be classed as one capable and experienced in earth-grading problems, or a civil engineer. Beginning not later than five years after the effective date of this amendment, at least one of the seven appointees to the commission shall be an attorney at law who is admitted to practice in this state and is familiar with mining issues. Not more than four members shall be members of the same political party.

The two additional members of the commission who are appointed specifically to hear appeals that involve mine safety issues shall be individuals who, because of previous vocation, employment, or affiliation,

can be classified as representatives of employees currently engaged in mining operations. One shall be a representative of coal miners, and one shall be a representative of aggregates miners. Prior to making the appointment, the governor shall request the highest ranking officer in the major employee organization representing coal miners in this state to submit to the governor the names and qualifications of three nominees and shall request the highest ranking officer in the major employee organization representing aggregates miners in this state to do the same. The governor shall appoint one person nominated by each organization to the commission. The nominees shall have not less than five years of practical experience in dealing with mine health and safety issues and at the time of the nomination shall be employed in positions that involve the protection of the health and safety of miners. The major employee organization representing coal miners and the major employee organization representing aggregates miners shall represent a membership consisting of the largest number of coal miners and aggregates miners, respectively, in this state compared to other employee organizations in the year prior to the year in which the appointments are made.

When the commission hears an appeal that involves a coal mining safety issue, one of the commission members who owns and operates a farm or is a retired farmer shall be replaced by the additional member who is a representative of coal miners. When the commission hears an appeal that involves an aggregates mining safety issue, one of the commission members who owns and operates a farm or is a retired farmer shall be replaced by the additional member who is a representative of aggregates miners. Neither of the additional members who are appointed specifically to hear appeals that involve mine safety issues shall be considered to be members of the commission for any other purpose, and they shall not participate in any other matters that come before the commission.

The commission may appoint a secretary to hold office at its pleasure. A commission member may serve as secretary. The secretary shall perform such duties as the commission prescribes, and shall receive such compensation as the commission fixes in accordance with such schedules as are provided by law for the compensation of state employees.

The commission shall appoint one or more hearing officers who shall be attorneys at law admitted to practice in this state to conduct hearings under this chapter.

Four members constitute a quorum, and no action of the commission shall be valid unless it has the concurrence of at least four members. The commission shall keep a record of its proceedings.

Each member shall be paid as compensation for work as a member one hundred fifty dollars per day when actually engaged in the performance of work as a member and when engaged in travel necessary in connection with such work. In addition to such compensation each member shall be reimbursed for all traveling, hotel, and other expenses, in accordance with the current travel rules of the office of budget and management, necessarily incurred in the performance of the member's work as a member.

Annually one member shall be elected as chairperson and another member shall be elected as vice-chairperson for terms of one year.

The governor may remove any member of the commission from office for inefficiency, neglect of duty, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance, after delivering to the member the charges against the member in writing with at least ten days' written notice of the time and place at which the governor will publicly hear the member, either in person or by counsel, in defense of the charges against the member. If the member is removed from office, the governor shall file in the office of the secretary of state a complete statement of the charges made against the member and a complete report of the proceedings. The action of the governor removing a member from office is final.

The commission shall adopt rules governing procedure of appeals under section 1513.13 of the Revised Code and may, for its own internal management, adopt rules that do not affect private rights.

Sec. 1515.08. The supervisors of a soil and water conservation district have the following powers in addition to their other powers:

(A) To conduct surveys, investigations, and research relating to the character of soil erosion, floodwater and sediment damages, and the preventive and control measures and works of improvement for flood prevention and the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water needed within the district, and to publish the results of those surveys, investigations, or research, provided that no district shall initiate any research program except in cooperation or after consultation with the Ohio agricultural research and development center;

(B) To develop plans for the conservation of soil resources, for the control and prevention of soil erosion, and for works of improvement for flood prevention and the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water within the district, and to publish those plans and information;

(C) To implement, construct, repair, maintain, and operate preventive and control measures and other works of improvement for natural resource conservation and development and flood prevention, and the conservation,

development, utilization, and disposal of water within the district on lands owned or controlled by this state or any of its agencies and on any other lands within the district, which works may include any facilities authorized under state or federal programs, and to acquire, by purchase or gift, to hold, encumber, or dispose of, and to lease real and personal property or interests in such property for those purposes;

(D) To cooperate or enter into agreements with any occupier of lands within the district in the carrying on of natural resource conservation operations and works of improvement for flood prevention and the conservation, development, utilization, and management of natural resources within the district, subject to such conditions as the supervisors consider necessary;

(E) To accept donations, gifts, grants, and contributions in money, service, materials, or otherwise, and to use or expend them according to their terms;

(F) To adopt, amend, and rescind rules to carry into effect the purposes and powers of the district;

(G) To sue and plead in the name of the district, and be sued and impleaded in the name of the district, with respect to its contracts and, as indicated in section 1515.081 of the Revised Code, certain torts of its officers, employees, or agents acting within the scope of their employment or official responsibilities, or with respect to the enforcement of its obligations and covenants made under this chapter;

(H) To make and enter into all contracts, leases, and agreements and execute all instruments necessary or incidental to the performance of the duties and the execution of the powers of the district under this chapter, provided that all of the following apply:

(1) Except as provided in section 307.86 of the Revised Code regarding expenditures by boards of county commissioners, when the cost under any such contract, lease, or agreement, other than compensation for personal services or rental of office space, involves an expenditure of more than the amount established in that section regarding expenditures by boards of county commissioners, the supervisors shall make a written contract with the lowest and best bidder after advertisement, for not less than two nor more than four consecutive weeks preceding the day of the opening of bids, in a newspaper of general circulation within the district and in such other publications as the supervisors determine. The notice shall state the general character of the work and materials to be furnished, the place where plans and specifications may be examined, and the time and place of receiving bids.

(2) Each bid for a contract shall contain the full name of every person interested in it.

(3) Each bid for a contract for the construction, demolition, alteration, repair, or reconstruction of an improvement shall meet the requirements of section 153.54 of the Revised Code.

(4) Each bid for a contract, other than a contract for the construction, demolition, alteration, repair, or reconstruction of an improvement, at the discretion of the supervisors, may be accompanied by a bond or certified check on a solvent bank in an amount not to exceed five per cent of the bid, conditioned that, if the bid is accepted, a contract shall be entered into.

(5) The supervisors may reject any and all bids.

(I) To make agreements with the department of natural resources giving it control over lands of the district for the purpose of construction of improvements by the department under section 1501.011 of the Revised Code;

(J) To charge, alter, and collect rentals and other charges for the use or services of any works of the district;

(K) To enter, either in person or by designated representatives, upon lands, private or public, in the necessary discharge of their duties;

(L) To enter into agreements or contracts with the department for the determination, implementation, inspection, and funding of agricultural pollution abatement and urban sediment pollution abatement measures whereby landowners, operators, managers, and developers may meet adopted state standards for a quality environment, except that failure of a district board of supervisors to negotiate an agreement or contract with the department shall authorize the division of soil and water conservation to implement the required program;

(M) To conduct demonstrations and provide information to the public regarding practices and methods for natural resource conservation, development, and utilization;

(N) Until June 1, 1996, to conduct surveys and investigations relating to the incidence of the multiflora rose within the district and of the nature and extent of the adverse effects of the multiflora rose on agriculture, forestry, recreation, and other beneficial land uses;

(O) Until June 1, 1996, to develop plans for the control of the multiflora rose within the district and to publish those plans and information related to control of the multiflora rose;

(P) Until June 1, 1996, to enter into contracts or agreements with the chief of the division of soil and water conservation to implement and administer a program for control of the multiflora rose and to receive and

expend funds provided by the chief for that purpose;

(Q) Until June 1, 1996, to enter into cost-sharing agreements with landowners for control of the multiflora rose. Before entering into any such agreement, the board of supervisors shall determine that the landowner's application meets the eligibility criteria established under division (E)(6) of section 1511.02 of the Revised Code. The cost-sharing agreements shall contain the contract provisions required by the rules adopted under that division and such other provisions as the board of supervisors considers appropriate to ensure effective control of the multiflora rose.

(R) To enter into contracts or agreements with the chief to implement and administer a program for urban sediment pollution abatement and to receive and expend moneys provided by the chief for that purpose;

(S) To develop operation and management plans, as defined in section 1511.01 of the Revised Code, as necessary;

(T) To determine whether operation and management plans developed under division (A) of section 1511.021 of the Revised Code comply with the standards established under division (E)(1) of section 1511.02 of the Revised Code and to approve or disapprove the plans, based on such compliance. If an operation and management plan is disapproved, the board shall provide a written explanation to the person who submitted the plan. The person may appeal the plan disapproval to the chief, who shall afford the person a hearing. Following the hearing, the chief shall uphold the plan disapproval or reverse it. If the chief reverses the plan disapproval, the plan shall be deemed approved under this division. In the event that any person operating or owning agricultural land or a concentrated animal feeding operation in accordance with an approved operation and management plan who, in good faith, is following that plan, causes agricultural pollution, the plan shall be revised in a fashion necessary to mitigate the agricultural pollution, as determined and approved by the board of supervisors of the soil and water conservation district.

(U) With regard to composting conducted in conjunction with agricultural operations, to do all of the following:

(1) Upon request or upon their own initiative, inspect composting at any such operation to determine whether the composting is being conducted in accordance with section 1511.022 of the Revised Code;

(2) If the board determines that composting is not being so conducted, request the chief to issue an order under division (G) of section 1511.02 of the Revised Code requiring the person who is conducting the composting to prepare a composting plan in accordance with rules adopted under division (E)(10)(c) of that section and to operate in accordance with that plan or to

operate in accordance with a previously prepared plan, as applicable;

(3) In accordance with rules adopted under division (E)(10)(c) of section 1511.02 of the Revised Code, review and approve or disapprove any such composting plan. If a plan is disapproved, the board shall provide a written explanation to the person who submitted the plan.

As used in division (U) of this section, "composting" has the same meaning as in section 1511.01 of the Revised Code.

(V) With regard to conservation activities that are conducted in conjunction with agricultural operations, to assist the county auditor, upon request, in determining whether a conservation activity is a conservation practice for purposes of Chapter 929. or sections 5713.30 to 5713.37 and 5715.01 of the Revised Code.

As used in this division, "conservation practice" has the same meaning as in section 5713.30 of the Revised Code.

(W) To do all acts necessary or proper to carry out the powers granted in this chapter.

The director of natural resources shall make recommendations to reduce the adverse environmental effects of each project that a soil and water conservation district plans to undertake under division (A), (B), (C), or (D) of this section and that will be funded in whole or in part by moneys authorized under section 1515.16 of the Revised Code and shall disapprove any such project that the director finds will adversely affect the environment without equal or greater benefit to the public. The director's disapproval or recommendations, upon the request of the district filed in accordance with rules adopted by the Ohio soil and water conservation commission, shall be reviewed by the commission, which may confirm the director's decision, modify it, or add recommendations to or approve a project the director has disapproved.

Any instrument by which real property is acquired pursuant to this section shall identify the agency of the state that has the use and benefit of the real property as specified in section 5301.012 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1519.05. (A) As used in this section, "local political subdivision" and "nonprofit organization" have the same meanings as in section 164.20 of the Revised Code.

(B) There is hereby created in the state treasury the clean Ohio trail fund. Twelve and one-half per cent of the net proceeds of obligations issued and sold pursuant to sections 151.01 and 151.09 of the Revised Code shall be deposited into the fund.

Investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund~~. For two years after the effective date of this section, investment earnings credited to~~

~~the fund~~ and may be used to pay costs incurred by the director of natural resources in administering this section.

Money in the clean Ohio trail fund shall not be used for the appropriation of land, rights, rights-of-way, franchises, easements, or other property through the exercise of the right of eminent domain.

The director shall use moneys in the fund exclusively to provide matching grants to nonprofit organizations and to local political subdivisions for the purposes of purchasing land or interests in land for recreational trails and for the construction of such trails. A matching grant may provide up to seventy-five per cent of the cost of a recreational trail project, and the recipient of the matching grant shall provide not less than twenty-five per cent of that cost.

(C) The director shall establish policies for the purposes of this section. The policies shall establish all of the following:

(1) Procedures for providing matching grants to nonprofit organizations and local political subdivisions for the purposes of purchasing land or interests in land for recreational trails and for the construction of such trails, including, without limitation, procedures for both of the following:

(a) Developing a grant application form and soliciting, accepting, and approving grant applications;

(b) Participation by nonprofit organizations and local political subdivisions in the application process.

(2) A requirement that an application for a matching grant for a recreational trail project include a copy of a resolution supporting the project from each county in which the proposed project is to be conducted and whichever of the following is applicable:

(a) If the proposed project is to be conducted wholly within the geographical boundaries of one township, a copy of a resolution supporting the project from the township;

(b) If the proposed project is to be conducted wholly within the geographical boundaries of one municipal corporation, a copy of a resolution supporting the project from the municipal corporation;

(c) If the proposed project is to be conducted in more than one, but fewer than five townships or municipal corporations, a copy of a resolution supporting the project from at least one-half of the total number of townships and municipal corporations in which the proposed project is to be conducted;

(d) If the proposed project is to be conducted in five or more municipal corporations, a copy of a resolution supporting the project from at least three-fifths of the total number of townships and municipal corporations in

which the proposed project is to be conducted.

(3) Eligibility criteria that must be satisfied by an applicant in order to receive a matching grant and that emphasize the following:

(a) Synchronization with the statewide trail plan;

(b) Complete regional systems and links to the statewide trail system;

(c) A combination of funds from various state agencies;

(d) The provision of links in urban areas that support commuter access and show economic impact on local communities;

(e) The linkage of population centers with public outdoor recreation areas and facilities;

(f) The purchase of rail lines that are linked to the statewide trail plan;

(g) The preservation of natural corridors.

(4) Items of value, such as in-kind contributions of land, easements or other interests in land, labor, or materials, that may be considered as contributing toward the percentage of the cost of a recreational trails project that must be provided by a matching grant recipient.

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 dike or 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, dike, or levee issued by the chief of the division of water.

A construction permit is not required under this section for:

(1) A dam ~~which~~ that is or will be less than ten feet in height and ~~which~~ 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, ~~which~~ 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, ~~which~~ that is or will be six feet or less in height, as determined by the chief;

(4) A dam, dike, or levee ~~which~~ that belongs to a class exempted by the chief;

(5) The repair, maintenance, improvement, alteration, or removal of a dam, dike, or levee ~~which~~ that is subject to section 1521.062 of the Revised Code, unless the construction constitutes an enlargement 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 the filing fee specified by 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, dike, or levee, including supervision and inspection of the construction by a registered professional engineer. ~~Except for a political subdivision, the~~ The filing fee shall be based on the detailed cost estimate for the proposed construction as filed with and approved by the chief, and shall be determined by the following schedule unless otherwise provided by rules adopted under this section:

(1) For the first one hundred thousand dollars of estimated cost, a fee of ~~two~~ four per cent;

(2) For the next four hundred thousand dollars of estimated cost, a fee of ~~one and one-half~~ three per cent;

(3) For the next five hundred thousand dollars of estimated cost, a fee of ~~one~~ two per cent;

(4) For all costs in excess of one million dollars, a fee of ~~one-quarter~~ one-half of one per cent.

In no case shall the filing fee be less than ~~two hundred~~ one thousand dollars or more than ~~fifty~~ one hundred thousand dollars. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost by more than fifteen per cent, an additional filing fee shall be required equal to the fee determined by the preceding schedule less the original filing fee. ~~The filing fee for a political subdivision shall be two hundred dollars.~~ 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 ~~he~~ the chief considers advisable if ~~he~~ the chief determines that the construction of the proposed dam, dike, or levee, in accordance with the plans and specifications filed, would endanger life, health, or property.

(D) The chief may deny a construction permit ~~if he finds~~ after finding that a dam, dike, 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, dike, or levee, or issues a permit conditioned upon a making of changes in the plans or specifications for the construction, ~~he~~ the chief shall state ~~his~~ 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, dike, 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, dike, or levee, or site upon which any dam, dike, 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 ~~his~~ 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 ~~him~~ the chief, ~~he~~ 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, ~~he~~ 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, dike, 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, dike, 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 ~~his~~ the engineer's inspections are not being performed.

(G) The chief may order construction to cease on any dam, dike, or levee ~~which~~ that is being built in violation of ~~the provisions of~~ this section, and may prohibit the retention of water behind any dam, dike, or levee ~~which~~ that has been built in violation of ~~the provisions 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, dikes, 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 establishing a filing fee schedule in lieu of the schedule established under division (B) of this section, 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, dikes, and levees, as specified in section 1521.062 of the Revised Code, and for establishing classes of dams, dikes, or levees ~~which~~ that are exempt from the requirements of sections 1521.06 and 1521.062 of the Revised Code as being of a size, purpose, or situation ~~which~~ 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. If a construction permit expires 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) As used in this section and section 1521.063 of the Revised Code, "political subdivision" includes townships, municipal corporations, counties, school districts, municipal universities, park districts, sanitary districts, and conservancy districts and subdivisions thereof.~~

Sec. 1521.063. (A) Except for ~~a political subdivision~~ the federal government, the owner of any dam subject to section 1521.062 of the Revised Code shall pay an annual fee, based upon the height of the dam, to the division of water on or before June 30, 1988, and on or before the thirtieth day of June of each succeeding year. The annual fee shall be as follows until otherwise provided by rules adopted under this section:

(1) For any dam classified as a class I dam under rules adopted by the chief of the division of water under section 1521.06 of the Revised Code, thirty dollars plus ~~three~~ ten dollars per foot of height of dam;

(2) For any dam classified as a class II dam under those rules, thirty dollars plus one dollar per foot of height of dam;

(3) For any dam classified as a class III dam under those rules, thirty dollars.

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. 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.

(B) The chief shall, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, adopt, and may amend or rescind, rules for the collection of fees and the administration, implementation, and enforcement of this section and for the establishment of an annual fee schedule in lieu of the schedule established under division (A) of this section.

(C)(1) 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. 1531.26. There is hereby created in the state treasury the nongame and endangered wildlife fund, which shall consist of moneys paid into it by the tax commissioner under section 5747.113 of the Revised Code, moneys deposited in the fund from the issuance of wildlife conservation license plates under section 4503.57 of the Revised Code, moneys deposited in the fund from the issuance of bald eagle license plates under section 4503.572 of the Revised Code, moneys credited to the fund under section 1533.151 of the Revised Code, and ~~of~~ contributions made directly to it. Any person may contribute directly to the fund in addition to or independently of the income tax refund contribution system established in section 5747.113 of the Revised Code. Moneys in the fund shall be disbursed pursuant to vouchers approved by the director of natural resources for use by the division of wildlife solely for the purchase, management, preservation, propagation,

protection, and stocking of wild animals that are not commonly taken for sport or commercial purposes, including the acquisition of title and easements to lands, biological investigations, law enforcement, production of educational materials, sociological surveys, habitat development, and personnel and equipment costs; and for carrying out section 1531.25 of the Revised Code. Moneys in the fund also may be used to promote and develop nonconsumptive wildlife recreational opportunities involving wild animals. Moneys in the fund from the issuance of bald eagle license plates under section 4503.572 of the Revised Code shall be expended by the division only to pay the costs of acquiring, developing, and restoring habitat for bald eagles within this state. Moneys in the fund from any other source also may be used to pay the costs of acquiring, developing, and restoring habitat for bald eagles within this state.

All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund. Subject to the approval of the director, the chief of the division of wildlife may enter into agreements that the chief considers appropriate to obtain additional moneys for the protection of nongame native wildlife under the "Endangered Species Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 884, 16 U.S.C.A. 1541-1543, as amended, and the "Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act of 1980," 94 Stat. 1322, 16 U.S.C.A. 2901-2911, as amended. Moneys appropriated from the fund are not intended to replace other moneys appropriated for these purposes.

Sec. 1533.08. Except as otherwise provided by division rule, any person desiring to collect wild animals that are protected by law or their nests or eggs for scientific study, school instruction, other educational uses, or rehabilitation shall make application to the chief of the division of wildlife for a wild animal collecting permit on a form furnished by the chief. Each applicant for a wild animal collecting permit, other than an applicant desiring to rehabilitate wild animals, shall pay an annual fee of ~~ten~~ twenty-five dollars for each permit. No fee shall be charged to an applicant desiring to rehabilitate wild animals. When it appears that the application is made in good faith, the chief shall issue to the applicant a permit to take, possess, and transport at any time and in any manner specimens of wild animals protected by law or their nests and eggs for scientific study, school instruction, other educational uses, or rehabilitation and under any additional rules recommended by the wildlife council. Upon the receipt of a permit, the holder may take, possess, and transport those wild animals in accordance with the permit.

Each holder of a permit engaged in collecting such wild animals shall carry the permit at all times and shall exhibit it upon demand to any wildlife

officer, constable, sheriff, deputy sheriff, or police officer, to the owner or person in lawful control of the land upon which the permit holder is collecting, or to any other person. Failure to so carry or exhibit the permit constitutes an offense under this section.

Each permit holder shall keep a daily record of all specimens collected under the permit and the disposition of the specimens and shall exhibit the daily record to any official of the division upon demand.

Each permit shall remain in effect for one year from the date of issuance unless it is revoked sooner by the chief.

All moneys received as fees for the issuance of a wild animal collecting permit shall be transmitted to the director of natural resources to be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the fund created by section 1533.15 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1533.10. Except as provided in this section or division (A) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, no person shall hunt any wild bird or wild quadruped without a hunting license. Each day that any person hunts within the state without procuring such a license constitutes a separate offense. ~~Every~~ Except as otherwise provided in this section, every applicant for a hunting license who is a resident of the state and sixteen years of age or more shall procure a resident hunting license, the fee for which shall be ~~fourteen~~ eighteen dollars, unless the rules adopted under division (B) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code provide for issuance of a resident hunting license to the applicant free of charge. Except as provided in rules adopted under division (B)(2) of that section, each applicant who is a resident of this state and who at the time of application is sixty-six years of age or older shall procure a special senior hunting license, the fee for which shall be one-half of the regular hunting license fee. Every applicant who is ~~a resident of the state and~~ under the age of sixteen years shall procure a special youth hunting license, the fee for which shall be one-half of the regular hunting license fee. The owner of lands in the state and the owner's children of any age and grandchildren under eighteen years of age may hunt on the lands without a hunting license. The tenant ~~or manager~~ and children of the tenant ~~or manager~~, residing on lands in the state, may hunt on them without a hunting license. Every applicant for a hunting license who is a nonresident of the state and who is sixteen years of age or older shall procure a nonresident hunting license, the fee for which shall be ~~ninety~~ one hundred twenty-four dollars, unless the applicant is a resident of a state that is a party to an agreement under section 1533.91 of the Revised Code, in which case the fee shall be ~~fourteen~~ eighteen dollars.

The chief of the division of wildlife may issue a ~~tourist's~~ small game

hunting license expiring three days from the effective date of the license to a nonresident of the state, the fee for which shall be ~~twenty-four~~ thirty-nine dollars. No person shall take or possess deer, wild turkeys, fur-bearing animals, ducks, geese, brant, or any nongame animal while possessing only a ~~tourist's~~ small game hunting license. A ~~tourist's~~ small game hunting license does not authorize the taking or possessing of ducks, geese, or brant without having obtained, in addition to the ~~tourist's~~ small game hunting license, a wetlands habitat stamp as provided in section 1533.112 of the Revised Code. A ~~tourist's~~ small game hunting license does not authorize the taking or possessing of deer, wild turkeys, or fur-bearing animals. A nonresident of the state who wishes to take or possess deer, wild turkeys, or fur-bearing animals in this state shall procure, respectively, a special deer or wild turkey permit as provided in section 1533.11 of the Revised Code or a fur taker permit as provided in section 1533.111 of the Revised Code in addition to a nonresident hunting license or a special youth hunting license, as applicable, as provided in this section.

No person shall procure or attempt to procure a hunting license by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or any false statement.

This section does not authorize the taking and possessing of deer or wild turkeys without first having obtained, in addition to the hunting license required by this section, a special deer or wild turkey permit as provided in section 1533.11 of the Revised Code or the taking and possessing of ducks, geese, or brant without first having obtained, in addition to the hunting license required by this section, a wetlands habitat stamp as provided in section 1533.112 of the Revised Code.

This section does not authorize the hunting or trapping of fur-bearing animals without first having obtained, in addition to a hunting license required by this section, a fur taker permit as provided in section 1533.111 of the Revised Code.

No hunting license shall be issued unless it is accompanied by a written explanation of the law in section 1533.17 of the Revised Code and the penalty for its violation, including a description of terms of imprisonment and fines that may be imposed.

No hunting license shall be issued unless the applicant presents to the agent authorized to issue the license a previously held hunting license or evidence of having held such a license in content and manner approved by the chief, a certificate of completion issued upon completion of a hunter education and conservation course approved by the chief, or evidence of equivalent training in content and manner approved by the chief.

No person shall issue a hunting license to any person who fails to

present the evidence required by this section. No person shall purchase or obtain a hunting license without presenting to the issuing agent the evidence required by this section. Issuance of a hunting license in violation of the requirements of this section is an offense by both the purchaser of the illegally obtained hunting license and the clerk or agent who issued the hunting license. Any hunting license issued in violation of this section is void.

The chief, with approval of the wildlife council, shall adopt rules prescribing a hunter education and conservation course for first-time hunting license buyers and for volunteer instructors. The course shall consist of subjects including, but not limited to, hunter safety and health, use of hunting implements, hunting tradition and ethics, the hunter and conservation, the law in section 1533.17 of the Revised Code along with the penalty for its violation, including a description of terms of imprisonment and fines that may be imposed, and other law relating to hunting. Authorized personnel of the division or volunteer instructors approved by the chief shall conduct such courses with such frequency and at such locations throughout the state as to reasonably meet the needs of license applicants. The chief shall issue a certificate of completion to each person who successfully completes the course and passes an examination prescribed by the chief.

Sec. 1533.101. Any person who has been issued a hunting or fishing license, a wetlands habitat stamp, a deer or wild turkey permit, or a fur taker permit for the current license, stamp, or permit year or for the license, stamp, or permit year next preceding the current such year pursuant to this chapter, and if the license, stamp, or permit has been lost, destroyed, or stolen, may be issued a reissued hunting or fishing license, wetlands habitat stamp, deer or wild turkey permit, or fur taker permit. The person shall file with the clerk of the court of common pleas an application in affidavit form or, if the chief of the division of wildlife authorizes it, apply for a reissued license, stamp, or permit to an authorized agent designated by the chief, and pay a fee for each license, stamp, or permit of ~~two~~ four dollars ~~plus one dollar to the clerk or agent, who shall issue a reissued license, stamp, or permit that shall allow the applicant to hunt, fish, or trap, as the case may be~~. The clerk or agent shall administer the oath to the applicant, issue a reissued license, stamp, or permit that shall allow the applicant to hunt, fish, or trap, as applicable, and ~~shall~~ send a copy of the reissued license, stamp, or permit to the division of wildlife.

All moneys received as fees for the issuance of reissued licenses, stamps, or permits shall be transmitted to the director of natural resources to

be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the funds to which the fees for the original licenses, stamps, and permits were credited.

No person shall knowingly or willfully secure, attempt to secure, or use a reissued hunting or fishing license, wetlands habitat stamp, deer or wild turkey permit, or fur taker permit to which the person is not entitled. No person shall knowingly or willfully issue a reissued hunting or fishing license, wetlands habitat stamp, deer or wild turkey permit, or fur taker permit under this section to any person who is not entitled to receive and use such a reissued license, stamp, or permit.

Sec. 1533.11. (A) Except as provided in this section, no person shall hunt deer on lands of another without first obtaining an annual special deer permit. Except as provided in this section, no person shall hunt wild turkeys on lands of another without first obtaining an annual special wild turkey permit. Each applicant for a special deer or wild turkey permit shall pay an annual fee of ~~nineteen~~ twenty-three dollars for each permit~~, together with one dollar as a fee to the clerk or other issuing agent, for the permit~~ unless the rules adopted under division (B) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code provide for issuance of a deer or wild turkey permit to the applicant free of charge. Except as provided in rules adopted under division (B)(2) of that section, each applicant who is a resident of this state and who at the time of application is sixty-six years of age or older shall procure a special senior deer or wild turkey permit, the fee for which shall be one-half of the regular special deer or wild turkey permit fee. Each applicant who is under the age of sixteen years shall procure a special youth deer or wild turkey permit, the fee for which shall be one-half of the regular special deer or wild turkey permit fee. Except as provided in division (A) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, a deer or wild turkey permit shall run concurrently with the hunting license. The money received~~, other than the one-dollar fee provided for above,~~ shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the wildlife fund, created in section 1531.17 of the Revised Code, exclusively for the use of the division of wildlife in the acquisition and development of land for deer or wild turkey management, for investigating deer or wild turkey problems, and for the stocking, management, and protection of deer or wild turkey. Every person, while hunting deer or wild turkey on lands of another, shall carry the person's special deer or wild turkey permit and exhibit it to any enforcement officer so requesting. Failure to so carry and exhibit such a permit constitutes an offense under this section. The chief of the division of wildlife shall adopt any additional rules the chief considers necessary to carry out this section and section 1533.10 of the Revised Code.

The owner and the children of the owner of lands in this state may hunt

deer or wild turkey thereon without a special deer or wild turkey permit. The tenant ~~or manager~~ and children of the tenant ~~or manager~~ may hunt deer or wild turkey on lands where they reside without a special deer or wild turkey permit.

(B) A special deer or wild turkey permit is not transferable. No person shall carry a special deer or wild turkey permit issued in the name of another person.

(C) The wildlife refunds fund is hereby created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of money received from application fees for special deer permits that are not issued. Money in the fund shall be used to make refunds of such application fees.

Sec. 1533.111. Except as provided in this section or division (A) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, no person shall hunt or trap fur-bearing animals on land of another without first obtaining an annual fur taker permit. Each applicant for a fur taker permit shall pay an annual fee of ~~ten~~ fourteen dollars~~, together with one dollar as a fee to the clerk or other issuing agent,~~ for the permit, except as otherwise provided in this section or unless the rules adopted under division (B) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code provide for issuance of a fur taker permit to the applicant free of charge. Except as provided in rules adopted under division (B)(2) of that section, each applicant who is a resident of this state and who at the time of application is sixty-six years of age or older shall procure a special senior fur taker permit, the fee for which shall be one-half of the regular fur taker permit fee. Each applicant who is a resident of the state and under the age of sixteen years shall procure a special youth fur taker permit, the fee for which shall be one-half of the regular fur taker permit fee ~~and which shall be paid together with one dollar as a fee to the clerk or other issuing agent~~. The fur taker permit shall run concurrently with the hunting license. The money received~~, other than the one dollar fee provided for in this section,~~ shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the fund established in section 1533.15 of the Revised Code.

No fur taker permit shall be issued unless it is accompanied by a written explanation of the law in section 1533.17 of the Revised Code and the penalty for its violation, including a description of terms of imprisonment and fines that may be imposed.

No fur taker permit shall be issued unless the applicant presents to the agent authorized to issue a fur taker permit a previously held hunting license or trapping or fur taker permit or evidence of having held such a license or permit in content and manner approved by the chief of the division of wildlife, a certificate of completion issued upon completion of a trapper

education course approved by the chief, or evidence of equivalent training in content and manner approved by the chief.

No person shall issue a fur taker permit to any person who fails to present the evidence required by this section. No person shall purchase or obtain a fur taker permit without presenting to the issuing agent the evidence required by this section. Issuance of a fur taker permit in violation of the requirements of this section is an offense by both the purchaser of the illegally obtained permit and the clerk or agent who issued the permit. Any fur taker permit issued in violation of this section is void.

The chief, with approval of the wildlife council, shall adopt rules prescribing a trapper education course for first-time fur taker permit buyers and for volunteer instructors. The course shall consist of subjects that include, but are not limited to, trapping techniques, animal habits and identification, trapping tradition and ethics, the trapper and conservation, the law in section 1533.17 of the Revised Code along with the penalty for its violation, including a description of terms of imprisonment and fines that may be imposed, and other law relating to trapping. Authorized personnel of the division of wildlife or volunteer instructors approved by the chief shall conduct the courses with such frequency and at such locations throughout the state as to reasonably meet the needs of permit applicants. The chief shall issue a certificate of completion to each person who successfully completes the course and passes an examination prescribed by the chief.

Every person, while hunting or trapping fur-bearing animals on lands of another, shall carry the person's fur taker permit affixed to the person's hunting license with the person's signature written across the face of the permit. Failure to carry such a signed permit constitutes an offense under this section. The chief shall adopt any additional rules the chief considers necessary to carry out this section.

The owner and the children of the owner of lands in this state may hunt or trap fur-bearing animals thereon without a fur taker permit. The tenant ~~or manager~~ and children of the tenant ~~or manager~~ may hunt or trap fur-bearing animals on lands where they reside without a fur taker permit.

A fur taker permit is not transferable. No person shall carry a fur taker permit issued in the name of another person.

A fur taker permit entitles a nonresident to take from this state fur-bearing animals taken and possessed by the nonresident as provided by law or division rule.

Sec. 1533.112. Except as provided in this section or unless otherwise provided by division rule, no person shall hunt ducks, geese, or brant on the lands of another without first obtaining an annual wetlands habitat stamp.

The annual fee for the wetlands habitat stamp shall be ~~ten~~ fourteen dollars for each stamp~~, together with one dollar as a fee to the clerk or other issuing agent,~~ unless the rules adopted under division (B) of section 1533.12 provide for issuance of a wetlands habitat stamp to the applicant free of charge.

Moneys received from the stamp fee~~, other than the one- dollar clerk's fee,~~ shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the wetlands habitat fund, which is hereby established. Moneys shall be paid from the fund on the order of the director of natural resources for the following purposes:

(A) Sixty per cent for projects that the division approves for the acquisition, development, management, or preservation of waterfowl areas within the state;

(B) Forty per cent for contribution by the division to an appropriate nonprofit organization for the acquisition, development, management, or preservation of lands and waters within the United States or Canada that provide or will provide habitat for waterfowl with migration routes that cross this state.

No moneys derived from the issuance of wetlands habitat stamps shall be spent for purposes other than those specified by this section. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund.

Wetlands habitat stamps shall be furnished by and in a form prescribed by the chief of the division of wildlife and issued by clerks and other agents authorized to issue licenses and permits under section 1533.13 of the Revised Code. The record of stamps kept by the clerks and other agents shall be uniform throughout the state, in such form or manner as the director prescribes, and open at all reasonable hours to the inspection of any person. Unless otherwise provided by rule, each stamp shall remain in force until midnight of the thirty-first day of August next ensuing. Wetlands habitat stamps may be issued in any manner to any person on any date, whether or not that date is within the period in which they are effective.

Every person to whom this section applies, while hunting ducks, geese, or brant, shall carry an unexpired wetlands habitat stamp that is validated by the person's signature written on the stamp in ink and shall exhibit the stamp to any enforcement officer so requesting. No person shall fail to carry and exhibit the person's stamp.

A wetlands habitat stamp is not transferable.

The chief shall establish a procedure to obtain subject matter to be printed on the wetlands habitat stamp and shall use, dispose of, or distribute the subject matter as the chief considers necessary. The chief also shall adopt rules necessary to administer this section.

This section does not apply to persons under sixteen years of age nor to persons exempted from procuring a hunting license under section 1533.10 or division (A) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1533.12. (A) Every person on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, while on leave or furlough, may take or catch fish of the kind lawfully permitted to be taken or caught within the state, may hunt any wild bird or wild quadruped lawfully permitted to be hunted within the state, and may trap fur-bearing animals lawfully permitted to be trapped within the state, without procuring a fishing license, a hunting license, a fur taker permit, or a wetlands habitat stamp required by this chapter, provided that the person shall carry on ~~self~~ the person when fishing, hunting, or trapping, a card or other evidence identifying the person as being on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, and provided that the person is not otherwise violating any of the hunting, fishing, and trapping laws of this state.

In order to hunt deer or wild turkey, any such person shall obtain a special deer or wild turkey permit, as applicable, under section 1533.11 of the Revised Code. However, the person need not obtain a hunting license in order to obtain such a permit.

(B) The chief of the division of wildlife shall provide by rule adopted under section 1531.10 of the Revised Code all of the following:

(1) Every resident of this state with a disability that has been determined by the veterans administration to be permanently and totally disabling, who receives a pension or compensation from the veterans administration, and who received an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the United States, and every veteran to whom the registrar of motor vehicles has issued a set of license plates under section 4503.41 of the Revised Code, shall be issued an annual fishing license, hunting license, fur taker permit, deer or wild turkey permit, or wetlands habitat stamp, or any combination of those licenses, permits, and stamp, free of charge when application is made to the chief in the manner prescribed by and on forms provided by the chief.

(2) Every resident of the state who ~~is sixty-six years of age or older~~ was born on or before December 31, 1937, shall be issued an annual fishing license, hunting license, fur taker permit, deer or wild turkey permit, or wetlands habitat stamp, or any combination of those licenses, permits, and stamp, free of charge when application is made to the chief in the manner prescribed by and on forms provided by the chief.

(3) Every resident of state or county institutions, charitable institutions, and military homes in this state shall be issued an annual fishing license free of charge when application is made to the chief in the manner prescribed by

and on forms provided by the chief.

(4) Any mobility impaired or blind person, as defined in section 955.011 of the Revised Code, who is a resident of this state and who is unable to engage in fishing without the assistance of another person shall be issued an annual fishing license free of charge when application is made to the chief in the manner prescribed by and on forms provided by the chief. The person who is assisting the mobility impaired or blind person may assist in taking or catching fish of the kind permitted to be taken or caught without procuring the license required under section 1533.32 of the Revised Code, provided that only one line is used by both persons.

(5) As used in division (B)(5) of this section, "prisoner of war" means any regularly appointed, enrolled, enlisted, or inducted member of the military forces of the United States who was captured, separated, and incarcerated by an enemy of the United States.

Any person who has been a prisoner of war, was honorably discharged from the military forces, and is a resident of this state shall be issued an annual fishing license, hunting license, fur taker permit, or wetlands habitat stamp, or any combination of those licenses, permits, and stamp, free of charge when application is made to the chief in the manner prescribed by and on forms provided by the chief.

(C) The chief shall adopt rules pursuant to section 1531.08 of the Revised Code designating not more than two days, which need not be consecutive, in each year as "free sport fishing days" on which any resident may exercise the privileges accorded the holder of a fishing license issued under section 1533.32 of the Revised Code without procuring such a license, provided that the person is not otherwise violating any of the fishing laws of this state.

Sec. 1533.13. Hunting and fishing licenses, wetlands habitat stamps, deer and wild turkey permits, ~~and~~ fur taker permits ~~shall~~, and any other licenses, permits, or stamps that are required under this chapter or Chapter 1531. of the Revised Code and any reissued license, permit, or stamp may be issued by the clerk of the court of common pleas, village and township clerks, and other authorized agents designated by the chief of the division of wildlife. When required by the chief, a clerk or agent shall give bond in the manner provided by the chief. All bonds, reports, except records prescribed by the auditor of state, and moneys received by those persons shall be handled under rules adopted by the director of natural resources.

The premium of any bond prescribed by the chief under this section may be paid by the chief. Any person who is designated and authorized by the chief to issue licenses, stamps, and permits as provided in this section,

except the clerk of the court of common pleas and the village and township clerks, shall pay to the chief a premium in an amount that represents the person's portion of the premium paid by the chief under this section, which amount shall be established by the chief and approved by the wildlife council created under section 1531.03 of the Revised Code. The chief shall pay all moneys that the chief receives as premiums under this section into the state treasury to the credit of the wildlife fund created under section 1531.17 of the Revised Code.

Every authorized agent, for the purpose of issuing hunting and fishing licenses, wetlands habitat stamps, deer and wild turkey permits, and fur taker permits, may administer oaths to and take affidavits from applicants for the licenses, stamps, or permits when required. An authorized agent may appoint deputies to perform any acts that the agent is authorized to perform, consistent with division rules.

Every applicant for a hunting or fishing license, wetlands habitat stamp, deer or wild turkey permit, or fur taker permit, unless otherwise provided by division rule, shall ~~make and subscribe an affidavit setting forth~~ provide the applicant's name, ~~age~~ date of birth, weight, height, ~~occupation,~~ place of residence, ~~personal description,~~ and ~~citizenship~~ any other information that the chief may require. The clerk or other agent authorized to issue licenses, stamps, and permits shall charge each applicant a fee of one dollar for taking the ~~affidavit~~ information provided by the applicant and issuing the license, stamp, or permit. The application, license, stamp, permit, and other blanks required by this section shall be prepared and furnished by the chief, in such form as the chief provides, to the clerk or other agent authorized to issue them. The licenses and permits shall be issued to applicants by the clerk or other agent. The record of licenses and permits kept by the clerk and other authorized agents shall be uniform throughout the state and in such form or manner as the auditor of state prescribes and shall be open at all reasonable hours to the inspection of any person. Unless otherwise provided by division rule, each hunting license, deer or wild turkey permit, and fur taker permit issued shall remain in force until midnight of the thirty-first day of August next ensuing. Application for any such license or permit may be made and a license or permit issued prior to the date upon which it becomes effective.

The chief may require an applicant who wishes to purchase a license, stamp, or permit by mail or telephone or via the internet to pay a nominal fee for postage and handling and credit card transactions.

The court before whom a violator of any laws or division rules for the protection of wild animals is tried, as a part of the punishment, shall revoke the license, stamp, or permit of any person convicted. The license, stamp, or

permit fee paid by that person shall not be returned to the person. The person shall not procure or use any other license, stamp, or permit or engage in hunting wild animals or trapping fur-bearing animals during the period of revocation as ordered by the court.

No person under sixteen years of age shall engage in hunting unless accompanied by the person's parent or another adult person.

Sec. 1533.151. The chief of the division of wildlife, with the approval of the director of natural resources, ~~is hereby authorized to~~ may print and issue stamps portraying wild animals of the state. This stamp shall be identified as a wildlife conservation stamp ~~and the~~. The fee for each stamp shall be ~~five dollars~~ not more than the fee for a wetlands habitat stamp issued under section 1533.112 of the Revised Code.

The purchase of wildlife conservation stamps shall provide no privileges to the purchaser, but merely recognizes ~~such~~ the person as voluntarily contributing to the management, protection, and the perpetuation of the wildlife resources of the state. All moneys received from the sale of wildlife conservation stamps shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the nongame and endangered wildlife fund to be used exclusively by the division of wildlife for the purposes outlined in section ~~1533.15~~ 1531.26 of the Revised Code ~~and for the management of all forms of wildlife for its ecological and non-consumptive recreational value~~.

Sec. 1533.19. Except as otherwise provided by division rule, recognized field trial clubs may shoot domestically raised quails, chukar partridges, ducks, pheasants, or other game birds and common pigeons at any time during the daylight hours from the first day of September to the thirtieth day of April of the following year, both dates inclusive. Such domestically raised quails, chukar partridges, ducks, pheasants, and other game birds shall be banded prior to release and approved by the division of wildlife for field trial use, provided that permission for the holding of such a trial shall be obtained from the division. Permission shall be requested in writing at least thirty days in advance of the trial. The request shall contain the name of the recognized field trial club and the names of its officers, the date and location of the trial, and the name of the licensed breeders from whom the quails, chukar partridges, ducks, pheasants, or other game birds will be obtained. The division may grant a written permit when it is satisfied that the trial is a bona fide one conducted by a bona fide club under this section. When an application is approved, a permit shall be issued after the payment of a fee of ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars for each day upon which the trials are conducted. Participants in such trials need not possess a hunter's license while participating in the trials. The division shall supervise all such trials

and shall enforce all laws and division rules governing them. If unbanded quails, chukar partridges, ducks, pheasants, or other game birds are accidentally shot during such trials, they immediately shall be replaced by the club by the releasing of an equal number of live quails, chukar partridges, ducks, pheasants, or other game birds under the supervision of the division.

Sec. 1533.23. No person shall deal in or buy green or dried furs, skins, or parts thereof~~,~~ taken from fur-bearing animals of the state, except domesticated rabbits, without a fur dealer's permit. Every applicant for a fur dealer's permit shall make and subscribe a statement setting forth ~~his~~ the applicant's name, place of residence, and whom ~~he~~ the applicant represents. Every applicant for a dealer's permit who is a nonresident of the state, or who is a resident of the state and is an agent or representative of a nonresident person, firm, or corporation, shall pay an annual fee of two hundred dollars to the chief of the division of wildlife issuing such permit, and every applicant for a dealer's permit who is a resident of the state shall pay an annual fee of ~~fifty~~ seventy-five dollars to the chief ~~of the division of wildlife~~ issuing such permit~~, and every~~. Every fur dealer shall operate under such additional ~~regulations~~ rules as are provided by the chief ~~of the division of wildlife~~. The chief shall pay ~~such~~ the fees into the state treasury to the credit of the fund created by section 1533.15 of the Revised Code for the use of the division of wildlife in the purchase, preservation, protection, and stocking of fur-bearing animals and for the necessary clerical help and forms required by this section and section 1533.24 of the Revised Code.

All permits shall be procured from the chief and the application, license, and other blanks required by this section and section 1533.24 of the Revised Code shall be in such form as the chief prescribes. Each such permit shall expire on the thirtieth day of April next after its issuance.

Sec. 1533.301. Any person may apply for a permit to transport fish that are for sale, sold, or purchased. The chief of the division of wildlife shall issue an annual permit granting the applicant the privilege to transport such fish, upon filing of an application on a form prescribed by the chief and payment of a fee of ~~fifty~~ sixty-five dollars. No person shall transport any fish or part thereof that is for sale, sold, or purchased, whether acquired in or outside this state, unless the consignor has a permit ~~issued to him~~ for the calendar year in which the fish is transported, except that no such permit is required for any of the following:

(A) Fish transported from a point outside this state to another point outside this state if the fish are not unloaded in this state. A fish is not to be considered unloaded for purposes of this section if it remains under the

control of a common carrier.

(B) Fish being transported by a person holding a valid license under section 1533.34 of the Revised Code from the place of taking to ~~his~~ the person's usual place of processing or temporary storage as designated by ~~him~~ the person in the application for the license under that section;

(C) Fish being transported from a premises designated in a valid permit issued under section 1533.631 of the Revised Code to a premises where fish are to be sold at retail, sold for immediate consumption, or consumed if inspection of the designated premises as required by that section has not been denied during the preceding thirty days;

(D) Any quantity of fish the total weight of which does not exceed five hundred pounds in one vehicle;

(E) Minnows for which a permit is required under section 1533.40 of the Revised Code.

If a fish for which a permit is required under this section is transported in this state from a consignor who does not have a valid permit at the time of transportation, or if such a fish is transported in this state from a consignor who has a valid permit at the time of transportation, but the fish is part of the contents of a box, package, or receptacle that was or could be the basis for conviction of a violation of this chapter or a division rule, the fish may be seized by any law enforcement officer authorized by section 1531.13 of the Revised Code to enforce laws and division rules, and the fish shall escheat to the state unless a court of this state makes a specific finding that the consignor at the time of seizure had a valid permit under this section ~~1533.301 of the Revised Code~~ and that the fish are lawful under the requirements of this chapter or a division rule relating thereto.

A fish for which a permit is required under this section may be transported only if each box, package, or other receptacle bears a label showing the total weight in pounds, the species of the fish, the name of the consignor and consignee, the initial point of billing, the destination, and a statement that each species of fish by weight in the box, package, or other receptacle that are undersized under ~~the provisions of~~ section 1533.63 of the Revised Code or division rule is ten per cent or less or is in excess of ten per cent, whichever the fact may be. If fish are not boxed or packaged, each compartment of a tank or other receptacle shall be considered a separate receptacle, but in lieu of a label on the compartment or tank a written statement containing the same information required to be contained on a label, and clearly identifying the tank or receptacle concerned, may be carried in the vehicle. Species may be designated in any manner, but the label also shall bear either the common name indicated in section 1533.63 of

the Revised Code or the scientific name contained in section 1531.01 of the Revised Code. The consignor shall ascertain that labels are attached or statements carried as required herein and that the facts stated thereon are true.

The permit required by this section may be suspended by the chief for a period not to exceed five days upon conviction of the permittee of a violation of this chapter or Chapter 1531. of the Revised Code or a division rule if the permittee has been convicted of another such violation during the preceding twelve-month period. If the permittee has had two or more such convictions during the twelve-month period preceding such a conviction, ~~his~~ the permittee's permit may be suspended as provided herein for a period not to exceed twenty days. A permit is invalid during the period of suspension, but in no case is a permit invalid until fifteen days after mailing by certified mail a notice of the rule of suspension by the chief.

The chief may not suspend more than one permit of the same permittee, or suspend a permit of the same permittee more than once, for convictions resulting from violations that occur in a load in one vehicle.

A driver or other person in charge of a vehicle transporting fish that are for sale, sold, or purchased, upon demand by any law enforcement officer authorized by section 1531.13 of the Revised Code to enforce laws and division rules, shall stop and open the vehicle and allow inspection of the load, and any box, package, or receptacle, and the contents thereof, for the purpose of determining whether this chapter or a division rule is being violated.

The word "fish" in the English language, at least eight inches high and maintained in a clear, conspicuous, and legible condition at all times, shall appear on both sides of the vehicle body of all vehicles transporting fresh water fish in this state when the fish are for sale or sold, except those fish exempt from a transportation permit in divisions (A), (B), and (E) of this section.

The chief may refuse to issue a permit to any person whose purpose in applying for the permit is to allow it to be used by another person to whom a permit has been refused or revoked. The chief also may revoke a person's permit when it is used for that purpose.

No civil action may be brought in any court in the state for the value or agreed price of fish that have escheated to the state under this section.

No person shall fail to comply with any provision of this section or a division rule adopted pursuant thereto.

In addition to other penalties provided in the Revised Code, the permit of any person who is convicted of two violations of this section that

occurred within a twelve-month period is suspended upon the second such conviction by operation of law for a period of five fishing season days immediately following that conviction.

In addition to other penalties provided in the Revised Code, the permit of any person who is convicted of three or more violations of this section that occurred within a twelve-month period is suspended upon the third or subsequent conviction by operation of law for a period of twenty fishing season days immediately following that conviction.

During any period of suspension, no person shall use or engage in hauling or transporting fish with equipment owned, used, or controlled at the time of conviction by the permittee whose permit has been suspended.

Sec. 1533.32. Except as provided in this section or division (A) or (C) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, no person, including nonresidents, shall take or catch any fish by angling in any of the waters in the state or engage in fishing in those waters without a license. No person shall take or catch frogs or turtles without a valid fishing license, except as provided in this section. Persons fishing in privately owned ponds, lakes, or reservoirs to or from which fish are not accustomed to migrate are exempt from the license requirements set forth in this section. Persons fishing in privately owned ponds, lakes, or reservoirs that are open to public fishing through an agreement or lease with the division of wildlife shall comply with the license requirements set forth in this section.

The fee for an annual license shall be ~~twenty-three~~ thirty-nine dollars for a resident of a state that is not a party to an agreement under section 1533.91 of the Revised Code. The fee for an annual license shall be ~~fourteen~~ eighteen dollars for a resident of a state that is a party to such an agreement. The fee for an annual license for residents of this state shall be ~~fourteen~~ eighteen dollars unless the rules adopted under division (B) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code provide for issuance of a resident fishing license to the applicant free of charge. Except as provided in rules adopted under division (B)(2) of that section, each applicant who is a resident of this state and who at the time of application is sixty-six years of age or older shall procure a special senior fishing license, the fee for which shall be one-half of the annual resident fishing license fee.

Any person under the age of sixteen years may take or catch frogs and turtles and take or catch fish by angling without a license. ~~Any resident of this state sixty-six years of age or older may take or catch frogs and turtles without a license.~~

The chief of the division of wildlife may issue a tourist's license expiring three days from the effective date of the license to a resident of a

state that is not a party to an agreement under section 1533.91 of the Revised Code. The fee for a tourist's license shall be ~~fourteen~~ eighteen dollars.

The chief shall adopt rules under section 1531.10 of the Revised Code providing for the issuance of a one-day fishing license to a resident of this state or of any other state. The fee for such a license shall be ~~forty~~ fifty-five per cent of the amount established under this section for a tourist's license, rounded up to the nearest whole dollar. A one-day fishing license shall allow the holder to take or catch fish by angling in the waters in the state, engage in fishing in those waters, or take or catch frogs or turtles in those waters for one day without obtaining an annual license or a tourist's license under this section. At the request of a holder of a one-day fishing license who wishes to obtain an annual license, a clerk or agent authorized to issue licenses under section 1533.13 of the Revised Code, not later than the last day on which the one-day license would be valid if it were an annual license, shall credit the amount of the fee paid for the one-day license toward the fee charged for the annual license if so authorized by the chief. The clerk or agent shall issue the annual license upon presentation of the one-day license and payment of a fee in an amount equal to the difference between the fee for the annual license and the fee for the one-day license.

~~A fee of one dollar for each license issued under this section shall be paid to the issuing clerk or agent in accordance with section 1533.13 of the Revised Code~~.

Unless otherwise provided by division rule, each annual license shall begin on the first day of March of the current year and expire on the last day of February of the following year.

No person shall alter a fishing license or possess a fishing license that has been altered.

No person shall procure or attempt to procure a fishing license by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or any false statement.

Owners of land over, through, upon, or along which any water flows or stands, except where the land is in or borders on state parks or state-owned lakes, together with the members of the immediate families of such owners, may take frogs and turtles and may take or catch fish of the kind permitted to be taken or caught therefrom without procuring a license provided for in this section. This exemption extends to tenants actually residing upon such lands and to the members of the immediate families of the tenants. Residents of state or county institutions, charitable institutions, and military homes in this state may take frogs and turtles without procuring the required license, provided that a member of the institution or home has an identification card,

which shall be carried on that person when fishing.

Every fisher required to be licensed, while fishing or taking or attempting to take frogs or turtles, shall carry the license and exhibit it to any person. Failure to so carry and exhibit the license constitutes an offense under this section.

Sec. 1533.35. (A) Commercial fishing devices shall be annually licensed as follows:

(1) Trap and fyke nets, for the first twenty nets or any portion thereof, eight hundred dollars; and for each additional group of ten such nets or any portion thereof, four hundred dollars;

(2) For each seine of one hundred fifty rods or less in length other than an inland fishing district seine, four hundred dollars;

(3) For each seine over one hundred fifty rods in length other than an inland fishing district seine, six hundred dollars;

(4) For each inland fishing district seine, one hundred dollars;

(5) For each carp apron, one hundred dollars;

(6) For one trotline with seventy hooks or less attached thereto, twenty dollars;

(7) For each trotline, or trotlines, with a total of more than seventy hooks attached thereto, one hundred dollars;

(8) For each dip net, one hundred dollars.

The license fee for other commercial fishing gear not mentioned in this section, as approved by the chief of the division of wildlife, shall be set by the chief with approval of the wildlife council.

Commercial fishing gear owned or used by a nonresident may be licensed in this state only if a reciprocal agreement is in effect as provided for in section 1533.352 of the Revised Code.

All commercial license fees shall be paid upon application or shall be paid one-fourth upon application with the balance due and owing within ninety days of the date of application, except that those license fees of one hundred dollars or less shall be paid in full at the time of application.

(B) Royalty fees are hereby established ~~as set forth~~ on the following species of fish when taken commercially: catfish, white bass, and yellow perch.

The amount of the royalty fees shall be as follows: on the species taken for which an allowable catch or quota has been established by division rule, ~~two~~ five cents per pound. On the species taken for which an allowable catch or quota has not been established by division rule, ~~one cent~~ two cents per pound ~~on that portion taken that exceeds one-half of the previous year's taking of the species~~.

~~For the purpose of this section, the previous year's taking shall be the amount reported for that previous year by the license holder to the division pursuant to reporting procedures set forth in this chapter and Chapter 1531. of the Revised Code.~~

All royalty fees established or provided for in this section shall be paid by the license holder to the division. No person may be issued a commercial fishing license until all royalty fees due from that person for the preceding fishing season have been paid in full. The chief may request the attorney general to recover any royalty fee or amount thereof that is not paid by the opening date of the next fishing season, and the attorney general shall commence appropriate legal proceedings to recover the unpaid fee or amount.

All commercial fishing license moneys and all other fees collected from commercial ~~fishermen~~ fishers shall be deposited in the state treasury in accordance with section 1533.33 of the Revised Code.

No person shall fail to comply with any provision of this section or a division rule adopted pursuant to it.

In addition to other penalties provided in the Revised Code, the license of any person who is convicted of one or more violations of this section shall be suspended upon the conviction by operation of law for a period of eighteen fishing season months immediately following the conviction.

During any period of suspension, no person shall use or engage in fishing with commercial gear owned, used, or controlled at the time of conviction by the licensee whose license has been suspended.

Sec. 1533.40. Each person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation ~~which~~ that buys, sells, or deals in minnows, crayfish, or hellgrammites or collects the listed species for sale shall obtain, annually, from the chief of the division of wildlife a permit and shall operate under such rules as the chief ~~of the division of wildlife prescribes~~ adopts. ~~Such~~ A permit shall be issued upon application and the payment of a fee of ~~twenty-five~~ forty dollars. This permit expires at midnight~~,~~ on the thirty-first day of December ~~31~~. Nonresidents engaging in the collecting, seining, or picking of minnows, crayfish, or hellgrammites for bait shall have a nonresident fishing license as prescribed in section 1533.32 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1533.54. No person shall draw, set, place, locate, maintain, or possess a pound net, crib net, trammel net, fyke net, set net, seine, bar net, or fish trap, or any part thereof, or throw or hand line, with more than three hooks attached thereto, or any other device for catching fish, except a line with not more than three hooks attached thereto or lure with not more than three sets of three hooks each, in the inland fishing district of this state,

except for taking carp, mullet, sheepshead, and grass pike as provided in section 1533.62 of the Revised Code, and except as provided in section 1533.60 of the Revised Code, or as otherwise provided for by division rule. No person shall catch or kill a fish in that fishing district with what are known as bob lines, trotlines, or float lines, or by grabbing with the hands, or by spearing or shooting, or with any other device other than by angling. In the waters of the inland fishing district, except those lakes, harbors, and reservoirs controlled by the state, a trotline may be used with not more than fifty hooks, and no two hooks less than three feet apart, by the owner or person having the owner's consent in that part of the stream bordering on or running through that owner's lands.

Notwithstanding this section, any resident who is licensed to fish with nets in the Ohio river may possess fish nets for the sole purpose of storage, repair, drying, and tarring in the area between United States route fifty and the Ohio river from the Indiana state line to Cincinnati, Ohio, and in the area between United States route fifty-two and the Ohio river from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Chesapeake, Ohio, and in the area between state route seven and the Ohio river from Chesapeake, Ohio, to East Liverpool, Ohio.

Any person possessing a net in this reserve district shall have an Ohio permit for each net in ~~his~~ the person's possession. The permit shall be issued annually by the chief of the division of wildlife upon application of the owner of the net and submission of evidence by ~~him~~ the owner of ~~his~~ possession of a valid fishing license permitting ~~him~~ the owner to fish with nets in the Ohio river, and the payment of ~~ten~~ fifty dollars for each net for which an application is made and a permit is issued. The permit shall expire at twelve midnight on the fifteenth day of March of each year.

Sec. 1533.631. Any person may apply for a permit to handle commercial fish, or other fish that may be bought or sold under the Revised Code or division rule, at wholesale. The chief of the division of wildlife shall issue an annual permit granting the applicant the privilege to handle such fish at wholesale at one or more designated premises upon filing of an application on a form prescribed by the chief and payment of a fee of ~~fifty~~ sixty-five dollars. No person or ~~his~~ a person's agent shall handle at wholesale any fresh water fish or part thereof unless a permit has been issued for the calendar year in which the fish is handled at wholesale for the premises at which the fish is handled.

A fish is handled at wholesale for purposes of this section when it is on a premises within the state and is being held, stored, handled, or processed for the purpose of sale to a person who ordinarily resells the fish.

The permit required by this section shall be issued subject to the right of

entry and inspection of the designated premises of the permittee by any law enforcement officer authorized by section 1531.13 of the Revised Code to enforce the laws and rules of the division of wildlife. Such an officer may enter and inspect the designated premises and any box, package, or receptacle, and the contents thereof, for the purpose of determining whether any provision of this chapter or Chapter 1531. of the Revised Code or division rule is being violated.

No person holding a permit under this section shall remove a label required by section 1533.301 of the Revised Code unless the box, package, or receptacle bearing the label has been opened or unless the label is replaced with another label that meets the requirements of that section.

No person shall fail to comply with any provision of this section or division rule adopted pursuant to it.

In addition to other penalties provided in the Revised Code, the permit of any person who is convicted of two violations of this section that occurred within a twelve-month period is suspended upon the second such conviction by operation of law for a period of five fishing season days immediately following that conviction.

In addition to other penalties provided in the Revised Code, the permit of any person who is convicted of three or more violations of this section that occurred within a twelve-month period is suspended upon the third or subsequent such conviction by operation of law for a period of twenty fishing season days immediately following that conviction.

During any period of suspension, no person shall use or engage in handling commercial fish at wholesale with equipment or facilities owned, used, or controlled at the time of conviction by the permittee whose permit has been suspended.

Sec. 1533.632. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Aquaculture" means a form of agriculture that involves the propagation and rearing of aquatic species in controlled environments under private control, including, but not limited to, for the purpose of sale for consumption as food.

(2) "Aquaculture species" means any aquatic species that may be raised through aquaculture that is either a class A aquaculture species or a class B aquaculture species.

(3) "Class A aquaculture species" includes all of the following:

(a) Trout and salmon (Onchorhynchus sp., Salmo sp., Salvelinus sp.);

(b) Walleye (Stizostedion vitreum);

(c) Sauger (Stizostedion canadense);

(d) Bluegill (Lepomis machrochirus);

(e) Redear sunfish (Lepomis microlophus);

(f) Green sunfish (Lepomis cyanellus);

(g) White crappie (Pomoxis annularis);

(h) Black crappie (Pomoxis nigromaculatus);

(i) Blue catfish (Ictalurus furcatus);

(j) Any species added by rule under division (B) of this section or listed as commercial fish under section 1531.01 of the Revised Code except white perch (Morone americana).

(4) "Class B aquaculture species" includes any species, except for class A aquaculture species, designated as such by the chief of the division of wildlife.

(5) "Aquaculture production facility" means a facility used for aquaculture.

(B) The chief, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules for the regulation of aquaculture and may issue permits to persons wishing to engage in aquaculture for the production of aquaculture species. Rules adopted under this section shall ensure the protection and preservation of the wildlife and natural resources of this state. The legal length and weight limitations established under section 1533.63 of the Revised Code do not apply to class A or class B aquaculture species.

A permit may be issued upon application to any person who satisfies the chief that the person has suitable equipment, of which ~~he~~ the person is the owner or lessee, to engage in aquaculture for a given aquaculture species or group of aquaculture species. Each permit shall be in such form as the chief prescribes. The permits shall be classified as either class A or class B. A class A permit shall be required for all class A aquaculture species that are specified in this section or designated by rule as a class A aquaculture species. Class B permits shall be issued on a case-by-case basis. In determining whether to issue a class B permit, the chief shall take into account the species for which the class B permit is requested, the location of the aquaculture production facility, and any other information determined by the chief to be necessary to protect the wildlife and natural resources of this state. The annual fee for a class A permit shall be fifty dollars unless otherwise provided by rule by the chief. The annual fee for a class B permit shall be set by the chief at a level between one hundred and five hundred dollars. In determining the fee to be charged for a class B permit, the chief shall take into account the additional costs to the division for the inspection of aquaculture facilities used to raise a given class B aquaculture species.

The chief may revoke a permit upon a determination that the person to whom the permit was issued has violated any rule adopted under this

section. The permit shall be reissued upon a showing by the person that ~~he~~ the person is in compliance with the rules adopted under this section. A holder of an aquaculture permit may receive a permit issued under section 1533.301~~, 1533.39,~~ or 1533.40 of the Revised Code without payment of the fee for that permit if the conditions for the issuance of the permit have been met.

(C) No person shall knowingly sell any aquatic species under an aquaculture permit issued under this section that was not raised in an aquaculture production facility. In addition to any other penalties prescribed for violation of this division, the chief may revoke the permit of any person convicted of a violation of this division for any period of time ~~he~~ the chief considers necessary.

(D) No person who does not hold a current valid aquaculture permit shall knowingly sell an aquaculture species while claiming to possess an aquaculture permit.

Sec. 1533.71. Unless otherwise provided by division rule, any person desiring to engage in the business of raising and selling game birds, game quadrupeds, reptiles, amphibians, or fur-bearing animals in a wholly enclosed preserve of which the person is the owner or lessee, or to have game birds, game quadrupeds, reptiles, amphibians, or fur-bearing animals in captivity, shall apply in writing to the division of wildlife for a license to do so.

The division, when it appears that the application is made in good faith and upon the payment of the fee for each license, ~~shall~~ may issue to the applicant any of the following licenses that may be applied for:

(A) "Commercial propagating license" permitting the licensee to propagate game birds, game quadrupeds, reptiles, amphibians, or fur-bearing animals in the wholly enclosed preserve the location of which is stated in the license and the application therefor, and to sell the propagated game birds, game quadrupeds, reptiles, amphibians, or fur-bearing animals and ship them from the state alive at any time, and permitting the licensee and the licensee's employees to kill the propagated game birds, game quadrupeds, or fur-bearing animals and sell the carcasses for food subject to sections 1533.70 to 1533.80 of the Revised Code. The fee for such a license is ~~twenty-five~~ forty dollars per annum.

(B) "Noncommercial propagating license" permitting the licensee to propagate game birds, game quadrupeds, reptiles, amphibians, or fur-bearing animals and to hold the animals in captivity. Game birds, game quadrupeds, reptiles, amphibians, and fur-bearing animals propagated or held in captivity by authority of a noncommercial propagating license are

for the licensee's own use and shall not be sold. The fee for such a license is ~~ten~~ twenty-five dollars per annum.

(C) A free "raise to release license" permitting duly organized clubs, associations, or individuals approved by the division to engage in the raising of game birds, game quadrupeds, or fur-bearing animals for release only and not for sale or personal use.

Except as provided by law, no person shall possess game birds, game quadrupeds, or fur-bearing animals in closed season, provided that municipal or governmental zoological parks are not required to obtain the licenses provided for in this section.

All licenses issued under this section shall expire on the fifteenth day of March of each year.

The chief of the division of wildlife shall pay all moneys received as fees for the issuance of licenses under this section into the state treasury to the credit of the fund created by section 1533.15 of the Revised Code for the use of the division in the purchase, preservation, and protection of wild animals and for the necessary clerical help and forms required by sections 1533.70 to 1533.80 of the Revised Code.

This section does not authorize the taking or the release for taking of the following:

(1) Game birds, without first obtaining a commercial bird shooting preserve license issued under section 1533.72 of the Revised Code;

(2) Game or nonnative wildlife, without first obtaining a wild animal hunting preserve license issued under section 1533.721 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1533.82. (A) On receipt of a notice pursuant to section 3123.43 of the Revised Code, the chief of the division of wildlife 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, permit, or certificate issued pursuant to section 1533.23, 1533.34, 1533.342, ~~1533.39,~~ 1533.40, 1533.51, 1533.631, 1533.71, 1533.72, 1533.81, 1533.88, or 1533.881 of the Revised Code.

(B) On receipt of a notice pursuant to section 3123.62 of the Revised Code, the chief shall comply with that section and any applicable rules adopted under section 3123.63 of the Revised Code with respect to a license, permit, or stamp issued pursuant to section 1533.10, 1533.11, 1533.111, 1533.112, or 1533.32 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1541.10. Any person selected by the chief of the division of parks and recreation for custodial or patrol service on the lands and waters operated or administered by the division of parks and recreation shall be employed in conformity with the law applicable to the classified civil

service of the state. Subject to section 1541.11 of the Revised Code, the chief may designate that person as a park officer. A park officer, on any lands and waters owned, controlled, maintained, or administered by the department of natural resources and on highways, as defined in section 4511.01 of the Revised Code, adjacent to lands and waters owned, controlled, maintained, or administered by the division, has the authority specified under section 2935.03 of the Revised Code for peace officers of the department of natural resources to keep the peace, to enforce all laws and rules governing those lands and waters, and to make arrests for violation of those laws and rules, provided that the authority shall be exercised on lands or waters administered by another division of the department only pursuant to an agreement with the chief of that division or to a request for assistance by an enforcement officer of that division in an emergency. A park officer, in or along any watercourse within, abutting, or upstream from the boundary of any area administered by the department, has the authority to enforce section 3767.32 of the Revised Code and any other laws prohibiting the dumping of refuse into or along waters and to make arrests for violation of those laws. The jurisdiction of park officers shall be concurrent with that of the peace officers of the county, township, or municipal corporation in which the violation occurs. A state park, for purposes of this section, is any area that is administered as a state park by the division of parks and recreation.

The ~~governor~~ secretary of state, upon the recommendation of the chief, shall issue to each park officer a commission indicating authority to make arrests as provided in this section.

The chief shall furnish a suitable badge to each commissioned park officer as evidence of that park officer's authority.

If any person employed under this section is designated by the chief to act as an agent of the state in the collection of moneys resulting from the sale of licenses, fees of any nature, or other moneys belonging to the state, the chief shall require a surety bond from that person in an amount not less than one thousand dollars.

A park officer may render assistance to a state or local law enforcement officer at the request of that officer or may render assistance to a state or local law enforcement officer in the event of an emergency.

Park officers serving outside the division of parks and recreation under this section or serving under the terms of a mutual aid compact authorized under section 1501.02 of the Revised Code shall be considered as performing services within their regular employment for the purposes of compensation, pension or indemnity fund rights, workers' compensation,

and other rights or benefits to which they may be entitled as incidents of their regular employment.

Park officers serving outside the division of parks and recreation under this section or under a mutual aid compact retain personal immunity from civil liability as specified in section 9.86 of the Revised Code and shall not be considered an employee of a political subdivision for purposes of Chapter 2744. of the Revised Code. A political subdivision that uses park officers under this section or under the terms of a mutual aid compact authorized under section 1501.02 of the Revised Code is not subject to civil liability under Chapter 2744. of the Revised Code as the result of any action or omission of any park officer acting under this section or under a mutual aid compact.

Sec. 1548.06. Application for a certificate of title for a watercraft or outboard motor shall be made upon a form prescribed by the chief of the division of watercraft and shall be sworn to before a notary public or other officer empowered to administer oaths. The application shall be filed with the clerk of any court of common pleas. An application for a certificate of title may be filed electronically by any electronic means approved by the chief in any county with the clerk of the court of common pleas of that county. The application shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed in section 1548.10 of the Revised Code. The fee shall be retained by the clerk who issues the certificate of title and shall be distributed in accordance with that section. If a clerk of a court of common pleas, other than the clerk of the court of common pleas of an applicant's county of residence, issues a certificate of title to the applicant, the clerk shall transmit data related to the transaction to the automated title processing system.

If a certificate of title previously has been issued for the watercraft or outboard motor, the application for a certificate of title also shall be accompanied by the certificate of title duly assigned unless otherwise provided in this chapter. If a certificate of title previously has not been issued for the watercraft or outboard motor in this state, the application, unless otherwise provided in this chapter, shall be accompanied by a manufacturer's or importer's certificate; by a sworn statement of ownership if the watercraft or outboard motor was purchased by the applicant on or before October 9, 1963, or if the watercraft is less than fourteen feet long with a permanently affixed mechanical means of propulsion and was purchased by the applicant on or before January 1, 2000; or by a certificate of title, bill of sale, or other evidence of ownership required by the law of another state from which the watercraft or outboard motor was brought into this state. Evidence of ownership of a watercraft or outboard motor for

which an Ohio certificate of title previously has not been issued and which watercraft or outboard motor does not have permanently affixed to it a manufacturer's serial number shall be accompanied by the certificate of assignment of a hull identification number assigned by the chief as provided in section 1548.07 of the Revised Code.

The clerk shall retain the evidence of title presented by the applicant and on which the certificate of title is issued, except that, if an application for a certificate of title is filed electronically, by a vendor on behalf of a purchaser of a watercraft or outboard motor, the clerk shall retain the completed electronic record to which the vendor converted the certificate of title application and other required documents. ~~The vendor shall forward the actual application and all other documents relating to the sale of the watercraft or outboard motor to any clerk within thirty days after the certificate of title is issued.~~ The chief, after consultation with the attorney general, shall adopt rules that govern the location at which, and the manner in which, are stored the actual application and all other documents relating to the sale of a watercraft or outboard motor when a vendor files the application for a certificate of title electronically on behalf of a purchaser.

The clerk shall use reasonable diligence in ascertaining whether the facts in the application are true by checking the application and documents accompanying it or the electronic record to which a vendor converted the application and accompanying documents with the records of watercraft and outboard motors in the clerk's office. If the clerk is satisfied that the applicant is the owner of the watercraft or outboard motor and that the application is in the proper form, the clerk shall issue a physical certificate of title over the clerk's signature and sealed with the clerk's seal unless the applicant specifically requests the clerk not to issue a physical certificate of title and instead to issue an electronic certificate of title. However, if the evidence indicates and an investigation shows that one or more Ohio titles already exist for the watercraft or outboard motor, the chief may cause the redundant title or titles to be canceled.

In the case of the sale of a watercraft or outboard motor by a vendor to a general purchaser or user, the certificate of title shall be obtained in the name of the purchaser by the vendor upon application signed by the purchaser. In all other cases, the certificate shall be obtained by the purchaser. In all cases of transfer of watercraft or outboard motors, the application for certificate of title shall be filed within thirty days after the later of the date of purchase or assignment of ownership of the watercraft or outboard motor. If the application for certificate of title is not filed within thirty days after the later of the date of purchase or assignment of ownership

of the watercraft or outboard motor, the clerk shall charge a late penalty fee of five dollars in addition to the fee prescribed by section 1548.10 of the Revised Code. The clerk shall retain the entire amount of each late penalty fee.

The clerk shall refuse to accept an application for certificate of title unless the applicant either tenders with the application payment of all taxes levied by or pursuant to Chapter 5739. or 5741. of the Revised Code based on the applicant's county of residence less, in the case of a sale by a vendor, any discount to which the vendor is entitled under section 5739.12 of the Revised Code, or submits any of the following:

(A) A receipt issued by the tax commissioner or a clerk of courts showing payment of the tax;

(B) A copy of the unit certificate of exemption completed by the purchaser at the time of sale as provided in section 5739.03 of the Revised Code;

(C) An exemption certificate, in a form prescribed by the tax commissioner, that specifies why the purchase is not subject to the tax imposed by Chapter 5739. or 5741. of the Revised Code.

Payment of the tax shall be in accordance with rules issued by the tax commissioner, and the clerk shall issue a receipt in the form prescribed by the tax commissioner to any applicant who tenders payment of the tax with the application for the certificate of title.

For receiving and disbursing the taxes paid to the clerk by a resident of the clerk's county, the clerk may retain a poundage fee of one and one one-hundredth per cent of the taxes collected, which shall be paid into the certificate of title administration fund created by section 325.33 of the Revised Code. The clerk shall not retain a poundage fee from payments of taxes by persons who do not reside in the clerk's county.

A clerk, however, may retain from the taxes paid to the clerk an amount equal to the poundage fees associated with certificates of title issued by other clerks of courts of common pleas to applicants who reside in the first clerk's county. The chief of the division of watercraft, in consultation with the tax commissioner and the clerks of the courts of common pleas, shall develop a report from the automated title processing system that informs each clerk of the amount of the poundage fees that the clerk is permitted to retain from those taxes because of certificates of title issued by the clerks of other counties to applicants who reside in the first clerk's county.

In the case of casual sales of watercraft or outboard motors that are subject to the tax imposed by Chapter 5739. or 5741. of the Revised Code, the purchase price for the purpose of determining the tax shall be the

purchase price on an affidavit executed and filed with the clerk by the vendor on a form to be prescribed by the chief, which shall be prima-facie evidence of the price for the determination of the tax. In addition to the information required by section 1548.08 of the Revised Code, each certificate of title shall contain in bold lettering the following notification and statements: "WARNING TO TRANSFEROR AND TRANSFEREE (SELLER AND BUYER). You are required by law to state the true selling price. A false statement is a violation of section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and is punishable by six months imprisonment or a fine of up to one thousand dollars, or both. All transfers are audited by the department of taxation. The seller and buyer must provide any information requested by the department of taxation. The buyer may be assessed any additional tax found to be due."

The clerk shall forward all payments of taxes, less poundage fees, to the treasurer of state in a manner to be prescribed by the tax commissioner and shall furnish information to the commissioner as the commissioner may require. For purposes of a transfer of a certificate of title, if the clerk is satisfied that a secured party has discharged a lien but has not canceled the lien notation with a clerk, the clerk may cancel the lien notation on the automated title processing system and notify the clerk of the county of origin.

Every clerk shall have the capability to transact by electronic means all procedures and transactions relating to the issuance of watercraft or outboard motor certificates of title that are described in the Revised Code as being accomplished by electronic means.

Sec. 1551.11. (A) To achieve the purposes of ~~this chapter~~ sections 1551.01 to 1551.25 of the Revised Code, the director of development may:

(1) Identify, plan, organize, initiate, and sponsor studies, research, and experimental, pilot, and demonstration facilities and projects ~~which~~ that would lead to the development and more efficient utilization of present, new, or alternative energy sources in ~~the~~ this state, to the conservation of energy, to the attraction of federal and other development funding in emerging and established national or state priority areas, or to the enhancement of the economic development of the state;

(2) Promote, assist, and provide financial assistance for the development of nonprofit corporations organized and established under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code to further the purposes of this section;

(3) Seek out, apply for, receive, and accept grants, gifts, contributions, loans, and other assistance in any form from public and private sources, including assistance from any governmental agency;

(4) Make grants under division (F) of section 1551.12 of the Revised Code from funds that are appropriated by the general assembly and from gifts or grants obtained under division (A)(3) of this section for the purposes of developing, constructing, or operating experimental, pilot, and demonstration facilities or programs which develop, test, or demonstrate more efficient and environmentally acceptable methods of extracting energy resources; new concepts, programs, or technology for the conservation of energy; new concepts, programs, or technology for the efficient and environmentally acceptable utilization of present, new, or alternative energy sources; or concepts, programs, or technology which develop resources of the state. Grants may be made, without limitation, for projects and programs such as experimental demonstrations of the use of Ohio coal in processes which would facilitate its widespread use as a source of energy; experimental demonstrations of new or improved coal, natural gas, and natural petroleum extraction techniques and of reclamation techniques at the extraction sites; experimental demonstrations or development of solar heating and cooling and potentially energy-efficient construction in public buildings, schools, offices, commercial establishments, and residential homes; development of programs or experimental demonstrations of the utilization of waste products in energy production and mineral and energy conservation; and development of programs or experimental demonstrations of technologies which would permit utility pricing policies which may reduce the consumer costs of energy.

(5) Enter into agreements with persons and governmental agencies, in any combination, for the purposes of this section.

(B) Any materials or data submitted to, made available by or to, or received by the director under division (A) of this section, division (F) of section 1551.12, or division (B) of section 1551.15 of the Revised Code, and any information taken from those materials or data for any purpose, to the extent that those materials or data consist of trade secrets or other proprietary information, are not public information or public documents and shall not be open to public inspection.

(C) The exercise by the director of the powers conferred by ~~this chapter~~ sections 1551.01 to 1551.25 of the Revised Code for the preservation or creation of jobs and employment opportunities for the people of ~~the~~ this state through the development and efficient utilization of energy resources of the state is in all respects for the benefit of the people of the state, and is determined to be an essential government function and public purpose of the state.

Sec. 1551.12. The director of development may:

(A) Seek, solicit, or acquire personal property or any estate, interest, or right in real property, or services, funds, and other things of value of any kind or character by purchase, lease, gift, grant, contribution, exchange, or otherwise from any person or governmental agency to be held, used, and applied in accordance with and for the purposes of ~~this chapter~~ sections 1551.01 to 1551.25 of the Revised Code;

(B) Contract for the operation of, and establish rules for the use of, facilities over which the director has supervision or control, which rules may include the limitation of ingress to or egress from such facilities as may be necessary to maintain the security of such facilities and to provide for the safety of those on the premises of such facilities;

(C) Purchase such fire and extended coverage insurance and insurance protecting against liability for damage to property or injury to or death of persons as the director may consider necessary and proper under ~~this chapter~~ sections 1551.01 to 1551.25 of the Revised Code;

(D) Sponsor, conduct, assist, and encourage conferences, seminars, meetings, institutes, and other forms of meetings; authorize, prepare, publish, and disseminate any form of studies, reports, and other publications; originate, prepare, and assist proposals for the expenditure or granting of funds by any governmental agency or person for purposes of energy resource development; and investigate, initiate, sponsor, participate in, and assist with cooperative activities and programs involving governmental agencies and other entities of other states and jurisdictions;

(E) Do all acts and things necessary and proper to carry out the powers granted and the duties imposed by ~~this chapter~~ sections 1551.01 to 1551.25 of the Revised Code;

(F) Make grants of funds to any person, organization, or governmental agency of the state for the furnishing of goods or performance of services.

Any person or governmental agency that receives funds from the department of development, or utilizes the facilities of the department under ~~this chapter~~ sections 1551.01 to 1551.25 of the Revised Code shall agree in writing that all know-how, trade secrets, and other forms of property, rights, and interest arising out of developments, discoveries, or inventions, including patents, copyrights, or royalties thereon, which result in whole or in part from research, studies, or testing conducted by use of such funds or facilities shall be the sole property of the department, except as may be otherwise negotiated and provided by contract in advance of such research, studies, or testing. However, such exceptions do not apply to the director or employees of the department participating in or performing research, tests, or studies.

Rights retained by the department may be assigned, licensed, transferred, sold, or otherwise disposed of, in whole or in part, to any person or governmental agency. Any and all income, royalties, or proceeds derived or retained from such dispositions shall be paid to the state and credited to the general revenue fund.

Any instrument by which real property is acquired pursuant to this section shall identify the agency of ~~the~~ this state that has the use and benefit of the real property as specified in section 5301.012 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1551.15. (A) All general revenue fund moneys required by the department of development for purposes of ~~this chapter~~ sections 1551.01 to 1551.25 of the Revised Code are subject to appropriation by the general assembly.

(B) The director of development may enter into agreements, make grants, or enter into contracts for the purposes of effecting the construction and operation in this state of experimental, pilot, or demonstration energy resource development facilities. Before making grants or entering contracts, the director shall determine that all of the following criteria are met:

(1) The urgency of public need for the potential results of the experimental, pilot, or demonstration project is high, and there is little likelihood that similar results would be achieved in this state in a timely manner in the absence of state assistance;

(2) The potential opportunities for private interests to recapture the investment in the undertaking through the normal commercial exploitation of proprietary knowledge appear to be inadequate to encourage timely results in this state;

(3) The extent of the problems treated and the objectives sought by the project are consistent with the purposes of ~~this chapter~~ sections 1551.01 to 1551.25 of the Revised Code and of general significance to the state.

This determination by the director shall include the facts or reasons justifying it and shall be journalized by the director.

(C) The director may use funds as appropriated, donated, granted, or received for any of the following purposes:

(1) Construction and related architectural or engineering studies or purchase of physical plant and equipment for an experimental, pilot, or demonstration energy resource development facility;

(2) Acquisition and improvement of land, construction of roads, and provision of other public facilities incidental and necessary to the accomplishment of experimental, pilot, or demonstration energy resource development facilities;

(3) Operation of an energy resource development experimental, pilot, or

demonstration project or facility, which could include but not be limited to labor, feedstocks, and repair or replacement parts;

(4) Purchase of all or a portion of the usable output of energy resource development experimental, pilot, or demonstration projects and the disposition of this output for use in the facilities of governmental agencies.

(D) Each grant made pursuant to this section shall be accomplished through written agreements between the department and the person or governmental agency which would effect the construction and operation of the project or facility, and between the department and the persons and governmental agencies which would share the expenses and costs of the project or facility. In addition to such other terms as may be required by law or advised by counsel, each agreement shall provide for each of the following conditions:

(1) The limitation of the department's financial obligations in the project or facility to a specified dollar amount which shall not exceed one-third of the total costs of the project or facility;

(2) The financial participation in the project or facility by the federal government or its agencies, by private corporations doing business in this state, by local governmental agencies, or by other organizations;

(3) The disposition of the assets of the project or facility, should it be terminated or abandoned, in such manner that the department shall be repaid in the same proportion as its share in the total of moneys, property, or other assets expended, contributed, or invested in the project or facility;

(4) The criteria for the identification if and when the project or facility is commercially viable through the profitable disposition of its output;

(5) The termination of the department's financial support at such time the project or facility is commercially viable and the repayment of the department through the future profits, if any, of the project or facility.

Sec. 1551.311. The general assembly hereby finds and declares that the future of the Ohio coal industry lies in the development of clean coal technology and that the disproportionate economic impact on the state under Title IV of the "Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990," 104 Stat. 2584, 42 U.S.C.A. 7651, warrants maximum federal assistance to ~~the~~ this state for such development. It is therefore imperative that the ~~department of development~~ Ohio air quality development authority created under Chapter 3706. of the Revised Code, its Ohio coal development office, the Ohio coal industry, the Ohio Washington office in the office of the governor, and the state's congressional delegation make every effort to acquire any federal assistance available for the development of clean coal technology, including assisting entities eligible for grants in their acquisition. The Ohio coal

development agenda required by section 1551.34 of the Revised Code shall include, in addition to the other information required by that section, a description of such efforts and a description of the current status of the development of clean coal technology in this state and elsewhere.

Sec. 1551.32. (A) There is hereby established within the ~~department of development~~ Ohio air quality development authority the Ohio coal development office whose purposes are to do all of the following:

(1) Encourage, promote, and support siting, financing, construction, and operation of commercially available or scaled facilities and technologies, including, without limitation, commercial-scale demonstration facilities and, when necessary or appropriate to demonstrate the commercial acceptability of a specific technology, up to three installations within this state utilizing the specific technology, to more efficiently produce, beneficiate, market, or use Ohio coal;

(2) Encourage, promote, and support the market acceptance and increased market use of Ohio coal through technology and market development;

(3) Assist in the financing of coal development facilities;

(4) Encourage, promote, and support, in state-owned buildings, facilities, and operations, use of Ohio coal and electricity sold by utilities and others in this state that use Ohio coal for generation;

(5) Improve environmental quality, particularly through cleaner use of Ohio coal;

(6) Assist and cooperate with governmental agencies, universities and colleges, coal producers, coal miners, electric utilities and other coal users, public and private sector coal development interests, and others in achieving these purposes.

(B) The office shall give priority to improvement or reconstruction of existing facilities and equipment when economically feasible, to construction and operation of commercial-scale facilities, and to technologies, equipment, and other techniques that enable maximum use of Ohio coal in an environmentally acceptable, cost-effective manner.

Sec. 1551.33. (A) The ~~director of development~~ Ohio air quality development authority, by the affirmative vote of a majority of its members, shall appoint and fix the compensation of the director of the Ohio coal development office ~~established under section 1551.32 of the Revised Code~~. The director ~~of the office~~ shall serve at the pleasure of the ~~director of development~~ authority.

(B) The director of the office shall do all of the following:

(1) Biennially prepare and maintain the Ohio coal development agenda

required under section 1551.34 of the Revised Code;

(2) Propose and support policies for the office consistent with the Ohio coal development agenda and develop means to implement the agenda;

(3) Initiate, undertake, and support projects to carry out the office's purposes and ensure that the projects are consistent with and meet the selection criteria established by the Ohio coal development agenda;

(4) Actively encourage joint participation in and, when feasible, joint funding of the office's projects with governmental agencies, electric utilities, universities and colleges, other public or private interests, or any other person;

(5) Establish a table of organization for and employ such employees and agents as are necessary for the administration and operation of the office~~;~~. Any such employees shall be in the unclassified service and shall serve at the pleasure of the authority.

(6) Appoint specified members of and convene the technical advisory committee established under section 1551.35 of the Revised Code;

(7) Review, with the assistance of the technical advisory committee, proposed coal research and development projects as defined in section 1555.01 of the Revised Code, and coal development projects, submitted to the office by public utilities for the purpose of section 4905.304 of the Revised Code. If the director and the advisory committee determine that any such facility or project has as its purpose the enhanced use of Ohio coal in an environmentally acceptable, cost effective manner, promotes energy conservation, is cost effective, and is environmentally sound, the director shall submit to the public utilities commission a report recommending that the commission allow the recovery of costs associated with the facility or project under section 4905.304 of the Revised Code and including the reasons for the recommendation.

(8) Establish such policies, procedures, and guidelines as are necessary to achieve the office's purposes.

(C) ~~With the approval of the director of development~~ By the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Ohio air quality development authority, the director of the office may exercise any of the powers and duties of the director of development as the ~~directors~~ authority and the director of the office consider appropriate or desirable to achieve the office's purposes, including, but not limited to, the powers and duties enumerated in sections 1551.11, 1551.12, 1551.13, and 1551.15 of the Revised Code.

Additionally, the director of the office may make loans to governmental agencies or persons for projects to carry out the office's purposes. Fees, charges, rates of interest, times of payment of interest and principal, and

other terms, conditions, and provisions of the loans shall be such as the director of the office determines to be appropriate and in furtherance of the purposes for which the loans are made. The mortgage lien securing any moneys lent by the director of the office may be subordinate to the mortgage lien securing any moneys lent or invested by a financial institution, but shall be superior to that securing any moneys lent or expended by any other person. The moneys used in making the loans shall be disbursed upon order of the director of the office.

Sec. 1551.35. (A) There is hereby established a technical advisory committee to assist the director of the Ohio coal development office ~~established under section 1551.32 of the Revised Code~~ in achieving the office's purposes. The director shall appoint to the committee one member of the public utilities commission and one representative each of coal production companies, the united mine workers of America, electric utilities, manufacturers that use Ohio coal, and environmental organizations, as well as two people with a background in coal research and development technology, one of whom is employed at the time of the member's appointment by a state university, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code. In addition, the committee shall include four legislative members. The speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives each shall appoint one member of the house of representatives, and the president and minority leader of the senate each shall appoint one member of the senate, to the committee. The director of environmental protection, ~~representing the environmental protection agency,~~ the ~~Ohio air quality~~ director of development ~~authority~~, and one member of the Ohio water development authority designated by that authority, shall serve on the committee as members ex officio. Any member of the committee may designate in writing a substitute to serve in the member's absence on the committee. The director of environmental protection may designate in writing the chief of the air pollution control division of the agency to represent the agency. Members shall serve on the committee at the pleasure of their appointing authority. Members of the committee appointed by the director of the office and, notwithstanding section 101.26 of the Revised Code, legislative members of the committee, when engaged in their official duties as members of the committee, shall be compensated on a per diem basis in accordance with division (J) of section 124.15 of the Revised Code, except that the member of the public utilities commission and, while employed by a state university, the member with a background in coal research, shall not be so compensated. Members shall receive their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(B) The technical advisory committee shall review and make recommendations concerning the Ohio coal development agenda required under section 1551.34 of the Revised Code, project proposals, research and development projects submitted to the office by public utilities for the purpose of section 4905.304 of the Revised Code, proposals for grants, loans, and loan guarantees for purposes of sections 1555.01 to 1555.06 of the Revised Code, and such other topics as the director of the office considers appropriate.

(C) The technical advisory committee may hold an executive session at any regular or special meeting for the purpose of considering research and development project proposals or applications for assistance submitted to the Ohio coal development office under section 1551.33, or sections 1555.01 to 1555.06, of the Revised Code, to the extent that such proposals or applications consist of trade secrets or other proprietary information.

Any materials or data submitted to, made available to, or received by the ~~director of~~ Ohio air quality development authority or the director of the Ohio coal development office in connection with agreements for assistance entered into under this chapter or Chapter 1555. of the Revised Code, or any information taken from such materials or data for any purpose, to the extent that the materials or data consist of trade secrets or other proprietary information, are not public records for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

As used in this division, "trade secrets" has the same meaning as in section 1333.61 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1555.02. It is hereby declared to be the public policy of ~~the~~ this state through the operations of the Ohio coal development office under this chapter to contribute toward one or more of the following: to provide for the comfort, health, safety, and general welfare of all employees and other inhabitants of ~~the~~ this state through research and development directed toward the discovery of new technologies or the demonstration or application of existing technologies to enable the conversion or use of Ohio coal as a fuel or chemical feedstock in an environmentally acceptable manner thereby enhancing the marketability and fostering the use of this state's vast reserves of coal, to assist in the financing of coal research and development and coal research and development projects or facilities for persons doing business in this state and educational and scientific institutions located in this state, to create or preserve jobs and employment opportunities or improve the economic welfare of the people of ~~the~~ this state, or to assist and cooperate with such persons and educational and scientific institutions in conducting coal research and development. In

furtherance of ~~such~~ this public policy, the Ohio coal development office ~~may~~, with the advice of the technical advisory committee created in section 1551.35 of the Revised Code and the ~~approval of the director of development~~ affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Ohio air quality development authority, may make loans, guarantee loans, and make grants to persons doing business in this state or to educational or scientific institutions located in this state for coal research and development projects by such persons or educational or scientific institutions; may, with the advice of the technical advisory committee and the ~~approval of the director of development~~ affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Ohio air quality development authority, request the issuance of coal research and development general obligations under section 151.07 of the Revised Code to provide funds for making such loans, loan guarantees, and grants; and may, with the advice of the technical advisory committee and the ~~approval of the director of development~~ affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Ohio air quality development authority, expend moneys credited to the coal research and development fund created in section 1555.15 of the Revised Code for the purpose of making such loans, loan guarantees, and grants. Determinations by the director of the Ohio coal development office that coal research and development or a coal research and development facility is a coal research and development project under this chapter and is consistent with the purposes of Section 15 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and this chapter shall be conclusive as to the validity and enforceability of the coal research and development general obligations issued to finance such project and of the authorizations, trust agreements or indentures, loan agreements, loan guarantee agreements, or grant agreements, and other agreements made in connection therewith, all in accordance with their terms.

Sec. 1555.03. For the purposes of this chapter, the director of the Ohio coal development office may:

(A) With the advice of the technical advisory committee created in section 1551.35 of the Revised Code and the ~~approval of the director of development~~ affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Ohio air quality development authority, make loans, guarantee loans, and make grants to persons doing business in this state or to educational or scientific institutions located in this state for coal research and development projects by any such person or educational or scientific institution and adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for making such loans, guarantees, and grants.

(B) In making loans, loan guarantees, and grants under division (A) of

this section and section 1555.04 of the Revised Code, the director of the office shall ensure that an adequate portion of the total amount of those loans, loan guarantees, and grants, as determined by the director with the advice of the technical advisory committee, ~~be~~ is used for conducting research on fundamental scientific problems related to the utilization of Ohio coal and shall ensure, to the maximum feasible extent, joint financial participation by the federal government or other investors or interested parties in conjunction with any such loan, loan guarantee, or grant. The director, in each grant agreement or contract under division (A) of this section, loan contract or agreement under this division or section 1555.04 of the Revised Code, and contract of guarantee under section 1555.05 of the Revised Code, shall require that the facility or project be maintained and kept in good condition and repair by the person or educational or scientific institution to whom the grant or loan was made or for whom the guarantee was made.

(C) From time to time, with the advice of the technical advisory committee and the ~~approval of the director of development~~ affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Ohio air quality development authority, request the issuance of coal research and development general obligations under section 151.07 of the Revised Code, for any of the purposes set forth in Section 15 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and subject to the limitations therein upon the aggregate total amount of obligations that may be outstanding at any time.

(D) Include as a condition of any loan, loan guarantee, or grant contract or agreement with any such person or educational or scientific institution that the director of the office receive, in addition to payments of principal and interest on any such loan or service charges for any such guarantee, as appropriate, as authorized by Section 15, Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, a reasonable royalty or portion of the income or profits arising out of the developments, discoveries, or inventions, including patents or copyrights ~~which~~, that result in whole or in part from coal research and development projects conducted under any such contract or agreement, in such amounts and for such period of years as may be negotiated and provided by the contract or agreement in advance of the making of the grant, loan, or loan guarantee. Moneys so received by the director of the office shall be credited to the coal research and development bond service fund.

(E) Employ managers, superintendents, and other employees and retain or contract with consulting engineers, financial consultants, accounting experts, architects, and such other consultants and independent contractors as are necessary in the judgment of the director of the office to carry out this

chapter, and fix the compensation thereof.

(F) Receive and accept from any federal agency, subject to the approval of the governor, grants for or in aid of the construction or operation of any coal research and development project or for coal research and development, and receive and accept aid or contributions from any source of money, property, labor, or other things of value, to be held, used, and applied only for the purposes for which such grants and contributions are made.

(G) Purchase fire and extended coverage and liability insurance for any coal research and development project, insurance protecting the office and its officers and employees against liability for damage to property or injury to or death of persons arising from its operations, and any other insurance the director of the office determines necessary or proper under this chapter. Any moneys received by the director from the proceeds of any such insurance with respect to a coal research and development project and any moneys received by the director from the proceeds of any settlement, judgment, foreclosure, or other insurance with respect to a coal research and development project or facility shall be credited to the coal research and development bond service fund.

(H) In the exercise of the powers of the director of the office under this chapter, call to the director's assistance, temporarily, from time to time, any engineers, technical experts, financial experts, and other employees in any state department, agency, or commission, or in the Ohio state university, or other educational institutions financed wholly or partially by ~~the~~ this state for purposes of assisting the director of the office with reviewing and evaluating applications for financial assistance under this chapter, monitoring performance of coal research and development projects receiving financial assistance under this chapter, and reviewing and evaluating the progress and findings of those projects. Such engineers, experts, and employees shall not receive any additional compensation over that which they receive from the department, agency, commission, or educational institution by which they are employed, but they shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred while working under the direction of the director.

(I) Do all acts necessary or proper to carry out the powers expressly granted in this chapter.

Sec. 1555.04. (A) With respect to coal research and development projects financed wholly or partially from a loan or loan guarantee under this chapter, the director of the Ohio coal development office ~~may~~, in addition to other powers under this chapter, with the advice of the technical advisory committee created in section 1551.35 of the Revised Code and the

~~approval~~ affirmative vote of ~~the director of development~~ a majority of the members of the Ohio air quality development authority, may enter into loan agreements, accept notes and other forms of obligation to evidence such indebtedness and mortgages, liens, pledges, assignments, or other security interests to secure such indebtedness, which may be prior or subordinate to or on a parity with other indebtedness, obligations, mortgages, pledges, assignments, other security interests, or liens or encumbrances, and take such actions as ~~he~~ the director of the office considers appropriate to protect such security and safeguard against losses, including, without limitation, foreclosure and the bidding upon and purchase of property upon foreclosure or other sale~~;~~.

(B) The authority granted by this section is cumulative and supplementary to all other authority granted in this chapter. The authority granted by this section does not alter or impair any similar authority granted elsewhere in this chapter with respect to other projects.

Sec. 1555.05. (A) Subject to any limitations as to aggregate amounts thereof that may from time to time be prescribed by the general assembly and to other applicable provisions of this chapter, and subject to the ~~one hundred million dollar~~ one-hundred-million-dollar limitation provided in Section 15 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, the director of the Ohio coal development office ~~may~~, on behalf of ~~the~~ this state, with the advice of the technical advisory committee created in section 1551.35 of the Revised Code and the ~~approval~~ affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the ~~director of development~~ Ohio air quality development authority, may enter into contracts to guarantee the repayment or payment of the unpaid principal amount of loans made to pay the costs of coal research and development projects.

(B) The contract of guarantee may make provision for the conditions of, time for, and manner of fulfillment of the guarantee commitment, subrogation of ~~the~~ this state to the rights of the parties guaranteed and exercise of such parties' rights by the state, giving the state the option of making payment of the principal amount guaranteed in one or more installments and, if deferred, to pay interest thereon from the source specified in division (A) of this section, and any other terms or conditions customary to such guarantees and as the director of the office may approve, and may contain provisions for securing the guarantee in the manner consistent with this section, covenants on behalf of ~~the~~ this state to issue obligations under section 1555.08 of the Revised Code to provide moneys to fulfill such guarantees and covenants, and covenants restricting the aggregate amount of guarantees that may be contracted under this section

and obligations that may be issued under section 151.07 of the Revised Code, and terms pertinent to either, to better secure the parties guaranteed.

(C) The director of the office may fix service charges for making a guarantee. Such charges shall be payable at such times and place and in such amounts and manner as may be prescribed by the director. Moneys received from such charges shall be credited to the coal research and development bond service fund.

(D) Any guaranteed parties under this section, by any suitable form of legal proceedings and except to the extent that their rights are restricted by the guarantee documents, may ~~by any suitable form of legal proceedings,~~ protect and enforce any rights under the laws of this state or granted by such guarantee or guarantee documents. Such rights include the right to compel the performance of all duties of the office required by this section or the guarantee or guarantee documents; and in the event of default with respect to the payment of any guarantees, to apply to a court having jurisdiction of the cause to appoint a receiver to receive and administer the moneys pledged to such guarantee with full power to pay, and to provide for payment of, such guarantee, and with such powers, subject to the direction of the court, as are accorded receivers in general equity cases, excluding any power to pledge or apply additional revenues or receipts or other income or moneys of ~~the~~ this state. Each duty of the office and its director and employees required or undertaken under this section or a guarantee made under this section is hereby established as a duty of the office and of its director and each such employee having authority to perform such duty, specifically enjoined by the law resulting from an office, trust, or station within the meaning of section 2731.01 of the Revised Code. The persons who are at the time the director of the office, or its employees, are not liable in their personal capacities on any guarantees or contracts to make guarantees by the director.

Sec. 1555.06. Upon application by the director of the Ohio coal development office with the ~~approval~~ affirmative vote of a majority of the ~~director of development~~ members of the Ohio air quality development authority, the controlling board ~~may~~, from appropriations available to the board, may provide funds for surveys or studies by the office of any proposed coal research and development project subject to repayment by the office from funds available to it, within the time fixed by the board. Funds to be repaid shall be charged by the office to the appropriate coal research and development project and the amount thereof shall be a cost of the project. This section does not abrogate the authority of the controlling board to otherwise provide funds for use by the office in the exercise of the powers

granted to it by this chapter.

Sec. 1555.08. (A) Subject to the limitations provided in Section 15 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, the commissioners of the sinking fund, upon certification by the director of the Ohio coal development office of the amount of moneys or additional moneys needed in the coal research and development fund for the purpose of making grants or loans for allowable costs, or needed for capitalized interest, for funding reserves, and for paying costs and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance, carrying, securing, paying, redeeming, or retirement of the obligations or any obligations refunded thereby, including payment of costs and expenses relating to letters of credit, lines of credit, insurance, put agreements, standby purchase agreements, indexing, marketing, remarketing and administrative arrangements, interest swap or hedging agreements, and any other credit enhancement, liquidity, remarketing, renewal, or refunding arrangements, all of which are authorized by this section, or providing moneys for loan guarantees, shall issue obligations of the state under this section in amounts authorized by the general assembly; provided that such obligations may be issued to the extent necessary to satisfy the covenants in contracts of guarantee made under section 1555.05 of the Revised Code to issue obligations to meet such guarantees, notwithstanding limitations otherwise applicable to the issuance of obligations under this section except the one-hundred-million-dollar limitation provided in Section 15 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution. The proceeds of such obligations, except for the portion to be deposited in the coal research and development bond service fund as may be provided in the bond proceedings, shall as provided in the bond proceedings be deposited in the coal research and development fund. The commissioners of the sinking fund may appoint trustees, paying agents, and transfer agents and may retain the services of financial advisors, accounting experts, and attorneys, and retain or contract for the services of marketing, remarketing, indexing, and administrative agents, other consultants, and independent contractors, including printing services, as are necessary in their judgment to carry out this section.

(B) The full faith and credit of the state of Ohio is hereby pledged to obligations issued under this section. The right of the holders and owners to payment of bond service charges is limited to all or that portion of the moneys pledged thereto pursuant to the bond proceedings in accordance with this section, and each such obligation shall bear on its face a statement to that effect.

(C) Obligations shall be authorized by resolution of the commissioners of the sinking fund on request of the director of the Ohio coal development

office as provided in section 1555.02 of the Revised Code and the bond proceedings shall provide for the purpose thereof and the principal amount or amounts, and shall provide for or authorize the manner or agency for determining the principal maturity or maturities, not exceeding forty years from the date of issuance, the interest rate or rates or the maximum interest rate, the date of the obligations and the dates of payment of interest thereon, their denomination, and the establishment within or without the state of a place or places of payment of bond service charges. Sections 9.98 to 9.983 of the Revised Code apply to obligations issued under this section. The purpose of such obligations may be stated in the bond proceedings in terms describing the general purpose or purposes to be served. The bond proceedings shall also provide, subject to the provisions of any other applicable bond proceedings, for the pledge of all, or such part as the commissioners of the sinking fund may determine, of the moneys credited to the coal research and development bond service fund to the payment of bond service charges, which pledges may be made either prior or subordinate to other expenses, claims, or payments and may be made to secure the obligations on a parity with obligations theretofore or thereafter issued, if and to the extent provided in the bond proceedings. The moneys so pledged and thereafter received by the state are immediately subject to the lien of such pledge without any physical delivery thereof or further act, and the lien of any such pledges is valid and binding against all parties having claims of any kind against the state or any governmental agency of the state, irrespective of whether such parties have notice thereof, and shall create a perfected security interest for all purposes of Chapter 1309. of the Revised Code, without the necessity for separation or delivery of funds or for the filing or recording of the bond proceedings by which such pledge is created or any certificate, statement or other document with respect thereto; and the pledge of such moneys is effective and the money therefrom and thereof may be applied to the purposes for which pledged without necessity for any act of appropriation. Every pledge, and every covenant and agreement made with respect thereto, made in the bond proceedings may therein be extended to the benefit of the owners and holders of obligations authorized by this section, and to any trustee therefor, for the further security of the payment of the bond service charges.

(D) The bond proceedings may contain additional provisions as to:

(1) The redemption of obligations prior to maturity at the option of the commissioners of the sinking fund at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as are provided in the bond proceedings;

(2) Other terms of the obligations;

(3) Limitations on the issuance of additional obligations;

(4) The terms of any trust agreement or indenture securing the obligations or under which the obligations may be issued;

(5) The deposit, investment, and application of the coal research and development bond service fund, and the safeguarding of moneys on hand or on deposit, without regard to Chapter 131. or 135. of the Revised Code, but subject to any special provisions of this chapter, with respect to particular moneys; provided, that any bank or trust company which acts as depository of any moneys in the fund may furnish such indemnifying bonds or may pledge such securities as required by the commissioners of the sinking fund;

(6) Any other provision of the bond proceedings being binding upon the commissioners of the sinking fund, or such other body or person as may from time to time have the authority under law to take such actions as may be necessary to perform all or any part of the duty required by such provision;

(7) Any provision which may be made in a trust agreement or indenture;

(8) Any other or additional agreements with the holders of the obligations, or the trustee therefor, relating to the obligations or the security therefor, including the assignment of mortgages or other security obtained or to be obtained for loans under this chapter.

(E) The obligations may have the great seal of the state or a facsimile thereof affixed thereto or printed thereon. The obligations shall be signed by such members of the commissioners of the sinking fund as are designated in the resolution authorizing the obligations or bear the facsimile signatures of such members. Any coupons attached to the obligations shall bear the facsimile signature of the treasurer of state. Any obligations may be executed by the persons who, on the date of execution, are the commissioners although on the date of such bonds the persons were not the commissioners. Any coupons may be executed by the person who, on the date of execution, is the treasurer of state although on the date of such coupons the person was not the treasurer of state. In case any officer or commissioner whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature appears on any such obligations or any coupons ceases to be such officer or commissioner before delivery thereof, such signature or facsimile is nevertheless valid and sufficient for all purposes as if the individual had remained such officer or commissioner until such delivery; and in case the seal to be affixed to obligations has been changed after a facsimile of the seal has been imprinted on such obligations, such facsimile seal shall continue to be sufficient as to such obligations and obligations issued in substitution or exchange therefor.

(F) All obligations except loan guarantees are negotiable instruments and securities under Chapter 1308. of the Revised Code, subject to the provisions of the bond proceedings as to registration. The obligations may be issued in coupon or in registered form, or both, as the commissioners of the sinking fund determine. Provision may be made for the registration of any obligations with coupons attached thereto as to principal alone or as to both principal and interest, their exchange for obligations so registered, and for the conversion or reconversion into obligations with coupons attached thereto of any obligations registered as to both principal and interest, and for reasonable charges for such registration, exchange, conversion, and reconversion.

(G) Obligations may be sold at public sale or at private sale, as determined in the bond proceedings.

(H) Pending preparation of definitive obligations, the commissioners of the sinking fund may issue interim receipts or certificates which shall be exchanged for such definitive obligations.

(I) In the discretion of the commissioners of the sinking fund, obligations may be secured additionally by a trust agreement or indenture between the commissioners and a corporate trustee, which may be any trust company or bank having its principal place of business within the state. Any such agreement or indenture may contain the resolution authorizing the issuance of the obligations, any provisions that may be contained in any bond proceedings, and other provisions that are customary or appropriate in an agreement or indenture of such type, including, but not limited to:

(1) Maintenance of each pledge, trust agreement, indenture, or other instrument comprising part of the bond proceedings until the state has fully paid the bond service charges on the obligations secured thereby, or provision therefor has been made;

(2) In the event of default in any payments required to be made by the bond proceedings, or any other agreement of the commissioners of the sinking fund made as a part of the contract under which the obligations were issued, enforcement of such payments or agreement by mandamus, the appointment of a receiver, suit in equity, action at law, or any combination of the foregoing;

(3) The rights and remedies of the holders of obligations and of the trustee, and provisions for protecting and enforcing them, including limitations on rights of individual holders of obligations;

(4) The replacement of any obligations that become mutilated or are destroyed, lost, or stolen;

(5) Such other provisions as the trustee and the commissioners of the

sinking fund agree upon, including limitations, conditions, or qualifications relating to any of the foregoing.

(J) Any holder of obligations or a trustee under the bond proceedings, except to the extent that the holder's rights are restricted by the bond proceedings, may by any suitable form of legal proceedings protect and enforce any rights under the laws of this state or granted by such bond proceedings. Such rights include the right to compel the performance of all duties of the commissioners of the sinking fund, the ~~director of development~~ Ohio air quality development authority, or the Ohio coal development office required by this chapter and Chapter 1551. of the Revised Code or the bond proceedings; to enjoin unlawful activities; and in the event of default with respect to the payment of any bond service charges on any obligations or in the performance of any covenant or agreement on the part of the commissioners, the ~~director~~ authority, or the office in the bond proceedings, to apply to a court having jurisdiction of the cause to appoint a receiver to receive and administer the moneys pledged, other than those in the custody of the treasurer of state, that are pledged to the payment of the bond service charges on such obligations or that are the subject of the covenant or agreement, with full power to pay, and to provide for payment of bond service charges on, such obligations, and with such powers, subject to the direction of the court, as are accorded receivers in general equity cases, excluding any power to pledge additional revenues or receipts or other income or moneys of the commissioners of the sinking fund or the state or governmental agencies of the state to the payment of such principal and interest and excluding the power to take possession of, mortgage, or cause the sale or otherwise dispose of any project.

Each duty of the commissioners of the sinking fund and their employees, and of each governmental agency and its officers, members, or employees, undertaken pursuant to the bond proceedings or any grant, loan, or loan guarantee agreement made under authority of this chapter, and in every agreement by or with the commissioners, is hereby established as a duty of the commissioners, and of each such officer, member, or employee having authority to perform such duty, specifically enjoined by the law resulting from an office, trust, or station within the meaning of section 2731.01 of the Revised Code.

The persons who are at the time the commissioners of the sinking fund, or their employees, are not liable in their personal capacities on any obligations issued by the commissioners or any agreements of or with the commissioners.

(K) Obligations issued under this section are lawful investments for

banks, societies for savings, savings and loan associations, deposit guarantee associations, trust companies, trustees, fiduciaries, insurance companies, including domestic for life and domestic not for life, trustees or other officers having charge of sinking and bond retirement or other special funds of political subdivisions and taxing districts of this state, the commissioners of the sinking fund of the state, the administrator of workers' compensation, the state teachers retirement system, the public employees retirement system, the school employees retirement system, and the Ohio police and fire pension fund, notwithstanding any other provisions of the Revised Code or rules adopted pursuant thereto by any governmental agency of the state with respect to investments by them, and are also acceptable as security for the deposit of public moneys.

(L) If the law or the instrument creating a trust pursuant to division (I) of this section expressly permits investment in direct obligations of the United States or an agency of the United States, unless expressly prohibited by the instrument, such moneys also may be invested in no-front-end-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations of the United States or an agency of the United States and in repurchase agreements, including those issued by the fiduciary itself, secured by obligations of the United States or an agency of the United States; and in collective investment funds established in accordance with section 1111.14 of the Revised Code and consisting exclusively of any such securities, notwithstanding division (A)(1)(c) of that section. The income from such investments shall be credited to such funds as the commissioners of the sinking fund determine, and such investments may be sold at such times as the commissioners determine or authorize.

(M) Provision may be made in the applicable bond proceedings for the establishment of separate accounts in the bond service fund and for the application of such accounts only to the specified bond service charges on obligations pertinent to such accounts and bond service fund and for other accounts therein within the general purposes of such fund. Moneys to the credit of the bond service fund shall be disbursed on the order of the treasurer of state; provided, that no such order is required for the payment from the bond service fund when due of bond service charges on obligations.

(N) The commissioners of the sinking fund may pledge all, or such portion as they determine, of the receipts of the bond service fund to the payment of bond service charges on obligations issued under this section, and for the establishment and maintenance of any reserves, as provided in the bond proceedings, and make other provisions therein with respect to

pledged receipts as authorized by this chapter, which provisions control notwithstanding any other provisions of law pertaining thereto.

(O) The commissioners of the sinking fund may covenant in the bond proceedings, and any such covenants control notwithstanding any other provision of law, that the state and applicable officers and governmental agencies of the state, including the general assembly, so long as any obligations are outstanding, shall:

(1) Maintain statutory authority for and cause to be levied and collected taxes so that the pledged receipts are sufficient in amount to meet bond service charges, and the establishment and maintenance of any reserves and other requirements provided for in the bond proceedings, and, as necessary, to meet covenants contained in any loan guarantees made under this chapter;

(2) Take or permit no action, by statute or otherwise, that would impair the exemption from federal income taxation of the interest on the obligations.

(P) All moneys received by or on account of the state and required by the applicable bond proceedings, consistent with this section, to be deposited, transferred, or credited to the coal research and development bond service fund, and all other moneys transferred or allocated to or received for the purposes of the fund, shall be credited to such fund and to any separate accounts therein, subject to applicable provisions of the bond proceedings, but without necessity for any act of appropriation. During the period beginning with the date of the first issuance of obligations and continuing during such time as any such obligations are outstanding, and so long as moneys in the bond service fund are insufficient to pay all bond service charges on such obligations becoming due in each year, a sufficient amount of moneys of the state are committed and shall be paid to the bond service fund in each year for the purpose of paying the bond service charges becoming due in that year without necessity for further act of appropriation for such purpose. The bond service fund is a trust fund and is hereby pledged to the payment of bond service charges to the extent provided in the applicable bond proceedings, and payment thereof from such fund shall be made or provided for by the treasurer of state in accordance with such bond proceedings without necessity for any act of appropriation. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund.

(Q) For purposes of establishing the limitations contained in Section 15 of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, the "principal amount" refers to the aggregate of the offering price of the bonds or notes. "Principal amount" does not refer to the aggregate value at maturity or redemption of the bonds or notes.

(R) This section applies only with respect to obligations issued and delivered prior to September 30, 2000.

Sec. 1555.17. All final actions of the director of the Ohio coal development office shall be journalized and such journal shall be open to inspection of the public at all reasonable times. Any materials or data, to the extent that they consist of trade secrets, as defined in section 1333.61 of the Revised Code, or other proprietary information, that are submitted or made available to, or received by, the ~~director of development~~ Ohio air quality development authority or the director of the Ohio coal development office, in connection with agreements for assistance entered into under this chapter or Chapter ~~1555.~~ 1551. of the Revised Code, or any information taken from those materials or data, are not public records for the ~~prposes~~ purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1563.42. The operator of a mine, before the pillars are drawn previous to the abandonment of any part of the mine, shall have a correct map of such part of the mine made, showing its area and workings to the day of the abandonment and the pillars drawn previous to abandonment, and file such map within ninety days after the abandonment of such mine, in the office of the county recorder of the county where such mine is located, and with the chief of the division of mineral resources management. Such map shall have attached the usual certificate of the mining engineer making it, and the mine foreperson in charge of the underground workings of the mine, and such operator shall pay to the recorder for filing such map, a base fee of five dollars for services and a housing trust fee of five dollars pursuant to section 317.36 of the Revised Code.

No operator of a mine shall refuse or neglect to comply with this section.

Sec. 1702.59. (A) Every nonprofit corporation, incorporated under the general corporation laws of this state, or previous laws, or under special provisions of the Revised Code, or created before September 1, 1851, which corporation has expressedly or impliedly elected to be governed by the laws passed since that date, and whose articles or other documents are filed with the secretary of state, shall file with the secretary of state a verified statement of continued existence, signed by a director, officer, or three members in good standing, setting forth the corporate name, the place where the principal office of the corporation is located, the date of incorporation, the fact that the corporation is still actively engaged in exercising its corporate privileges, and the name and address of its agent appointed pursuant to section 1702.06 of the Revised Code.

(B) Each corporation required to file a statement of continued existence

shall file it with the secretary of state within each five years after the date of incorporation or of the last corporate filing.

(C) Corporations specifically exempted by division (N) of section 1702.06 of the Revised Code, or whose activities are regulated or supervised by another state official, agency, bureau, department, or commission are exempted from this section.

(D) The secretary of state shall give notice in writing and provide a form for compliance with this section to each corporation required by this section to file the statement of continued existence, such notice and form to be mailed to the last known address of the corporation as it appears on the records of the secretary of state or which the secretary of state may ascertain upon a reasonable search.

(E) If any nonprofit corporation required by this section to file a statement of continued existence fails to file the statement required every fifth year, then the secretary of state shall cancel the articles of such corporation, make a notation of the cancellation on the records, and mail to the corporation a certificate of the action so taken.

(F) A corporation whose articles have been canceled may be reinstated by filing an application for reinstatement and paying to the secretary of state the fee specified in division (Q) of section 111.16 of the Revised Code. The name of a corporation whose articles have been canceled shall be reserved for a period of one year after the date of cancellation. If the reinstatement is not made within one year from the date of the cancellation of its articles of incorporation and it appears that a corporate name, limited liability company name, limited liability partnership name, limited partnership name, or trade name has been filed, the name of which is not distinguishable upon the record as provided in section 1702.06 of the Revised Code, the applicant for reinstatement shall be required by the secretary of state, as a condition prerequisite to such reinstatement, to amend its articles by changing its name. A certificate of reinstatement may be filed in the recorder's office of any county in the state, for which the recorder shall charge and collect a base fee of one dollar for services and a housing trust fund fee of one dollar pursuant to section 317.36 of the Revised Code. The rights, privileges, and franchises of a corporation whose articles have been reinstated are subject to section 1702.60 of the Revised Code.

(G) The secretary of state shall furnish the tax commissioner a list of all corporations failing to file the required statement of continued existence.

Sec. 1711.13. County agricultural societies are hereby declared bodies corporate and politic, and as such they shall be capable of suing and being sued and of holding in fee simple any real estate purchased by them as sites

for their fairs. ~~They~~ In addition, they may ~~mortgage~~ do either or both of the following:

(A) Mortgage their grounds for the purpose of renewing or extending pre-existing debts, and for the purpose of furnishing money to purchase additional land~~;~~, but if the board of county commissioners has caused money to be paid out of the county treasury to aid in the purchase of ~~such~~ the grounds, no mortgage shall be given without the consent of ~~such~~ the board.

Deeds, conveyances, and agreements in writing, made to and by such societies, for the purchase of real estate as sites for their fairs, shall vest a title in fee simple to the real estate ~~therein~~ described in those documents, without words of inheritance.

(B) Enter into agreements to obtain loans and credit for expenses related to the purposes of the county agricultural society, provided that the agreements are in writing and are first approved by the board of directors of the society. The total net indebtedness incurred by a county agricultural society pursuant to this division shall not exceed an amount equal to twenty-five per cent of its annual revenues.

Sec. 1711.131. (A) The board of directors of a county agricultural society or an independent agricultural society may authorize by resolution an officer or employee of the agricultural society to use a credit card held by the board to pay for expenses related to the purposes of the agricultural society. If a board elects to authorize the use of a credit card held by the board as described in this section, the board first shall adopt a policy specifying the purposes for which the credit card may be used.

(B) An officer or employee of an agricultural society who makes unauthorized use of a credit card held by the society's board of directors is personally liable for the unauthorized use. The prosecuting attorney of the appropriate county shall recover the amount of any unauthorized expenses incurred by the officer or employee through the misuse of the credit card in a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction. This section does not limit any other liability of the officer or employee for the unauthorized use of a credit card held by the board of directors.

(C) An officer or employee who is authorized to use a credit card held by the board of directors of an agricultural society and who suspects the loss, theft, or possibility of unauthorized use of the credit card immediately shall notify the board in writing of the suspected loss, theft, or possible unauthorized use. The officer or employee may be held personally liable for not more than fifty dollars in unauthorized debt incurred before the board receives the notification.

(D) The misuse by an officer or employee of an agricultural society of a

credit card held by the society's board of directors is a violation of section 2913.21 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1711.15. In any county in which there is a duly organized county agricultural society, the board of county commissioners or the county agricultural society itself may purchase or lease, for a term of not less than twenty years, real estate on which to hold fairs under the management and control of the county agricultural society, and may erect ~~thereon~~ suitable buildings on the real estate and otherwise improve it.

In counties in which there is a county agricultural society that has purchased, or leased, for a term of not less than twenty years, real estate as a site on which to hold fairs or in which the title to the site is vested in fee in the county, the board of county commissioners may erect or repair buildings or otherwise improve the site and pay the rental ~~thereof~~ of it, or contribute to or pay any other form of indebtedness of the society, if the director of agriculture has certified to the board that the county agricultural society is complying with all laws and rules governing the operation of county agricultural societies. The board may appropriate from the general fund any amount that it considers necessary for any of those purposes.

Sec. 1711.17. (A) In any counties in which there is a duly organized independent agricultural society, the respective boards of county commissioners may purchase or lease jointly, for a term of not less than twenty years, real estate on which to hold fairs under the management and control of the society, and may erect suitable buildings and otherwise improve the property, and pay the rental thereof, or contribute to or pay any other form of indebtedness of the society, if the director of agriculture has certified to the board that the independent agricultural society is complying with all laws and rules governing the operation of county agricultural societies. The boards may appropriate from their respective general funds such an amount as they consider necessary for any of those purposes.

(B) An independent agricultural society may purchase or lease, for a term of not less than twenty years, real estate on which to hold fairs under its management and control and may erect suitable buildings on the real estate and otherwise improve it.

Sec. 1751.05. (A) The superintendent of insurance shall issue or deny a certificate of authority to establish or operate a health insuring corporation to any corporation filing an application pursuant to section 1751.03 of the Revised Code within forty-five days of the superintendent's receipt of the certification from the director of health under division (C) of section 1751.04 of the Revised Code. A certificate of authority shall be issued upon payment of the application fee prescribed in section 1751.44 of the Revised

Code if the superintendent is satisfied that the following conditions are met:

(1) The persons responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the applicant are competent, trustworthy, and possess good reputations.

(2) The director certifies, in accordance with division (C) of section 1751.04 of the Revised Code, that the organization's proposed plan of operation meets the requirements of division (B) of that section and sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code. If, after the director has certified compliance, the application is amended in a manner that affects its approval under section 1751.04 of the Revised Code, the superintendent shall request the director to review and recertify the amended plan of operation. Within forty-five days of receipt of the amended plan from the superintendent, the director shall certify to the superintendent, pursuant to section 1751.04 of the Revised Code, whether or not the amended plan meets the requirements of section 1751.04 of the Revised Code. The superintendent's forty-five-day review period shall cease to run as of the date on which the amended plan is transmitted to the director and shall remain suspended until the superintendent receives a new certification from the director.

(3) The applicant constitutes an appropriate mechanism to effectively provide or arrange for the provision of the basic health care services, supplemental health care services, or specialty health care services to be provided to enrollees.

(4) The applicant is financially responsible, complies with section 1751.28 of the Revised Code, and may reasonably be expected to meet its obligations to enrollees and prospective enrollees. In making this determination, the superintendent may consider:

(a) The financial soundness of the applicant's arrangements for health care services, including the applicant's proposed contractual periodic prepayments or premiums and the use of copayments and deductibles;

(b) The adequacy of working capital;

(c) Any agreement with an insurer, a government, or any other person for insuring the payment of the cost of health care services or providing for automatic applicability of an alternative coverage in the event of discontinuance of the health insuring corporation's operations;

(d) Any agreement with providers or health care facilities for the provision of health care services;

(e) Any deposit of securities submitted in accordance with section 1751.27 of the Revised Code as a guarantee that the obligations will be performed.

(5) The applicant has submitted documentation of an arrangement to provide health care services to its enrollees until the expiration of the

enrollees' contracts with the applicant if a health care plan or the operations of the health insuring corporation are discontinued prior to the expiration of the enrollees' contracts. An arrangement to provide health care services may be made by using any one, or any combination, of the following methods:

(a) The maintenance of insolvency insurance;

(b) A provision in contracts with providers and health care facilities, but no health insuring corporation shall rely solely on such a provision for more than thirty days;

(c) An agreement with other health insuring corporations or insurers, providing enrollees with automatic conversion rights upon the discontinuation of a health care plan or the health insuring corporation's operations;

(d) Such other methods as approved by the superintendent.

(6) Nothing in the applicant's proposed method of operation, as shown by the information submitted pursuant to section 1751.03 of the Revised Code or by independent investigation, will cause harm to an enrollee or to the public at large, as determined by the superintendent.

(7) Any deficiencies certified by the director have been corrected.

(8) The applicant has deposited securities as set forth in section 1751.27 of the Revised Code.

(B) If an applicant elects to fulfill the requirements of division (A)(5) of this section through an agreement with other health insuring corporations or insurers, the agreement shall require those health insuring corporations or insurers to give thirty days' notice to the superintendent prior to cancellation or discontinuation of the agreement for any reason.

(C) A certificate of authority shall be denied only after compliance with the requirements of section 1751.36 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1751.11. (A) Every subscriber of a health insuring corporation is entitled to an evidence of coverage for the health care plan under which health care benefits are provided.

(B) Every subscriber of a health insuring corporation that offers basic health care services is entitled to an identification card or similar document that specifies the health insuring corporation's name as stated in its articles of incorporation, and any trade or fictitious names used by the health insuring corporation. The identification card or document shall list at least one toll-free telephone number that provides the subscriber with access, to information on a twenty-four-hours-per-day, seven-days-per-week basis, as to how health care services may be obtained. The identification card or document shall also list at least one toll-free number that, during normal business hours, provides the subscriber with access to information on the

coverage available under the subscriber's health care plan and information on the health care plan's internal and external review processes.

(C) No evidence of coverage, or amendment to the evidence of coverage, shall be delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, or used, until the form of the evidence of coverage or amendment has been filed by the health insuring corporation with the superintendent of insurance. If the superintendent does not disapprove the evidence of coverage or amendment within sixty days after it is filed it shall be deemed approved, unless the superintendent sooner gives approval for the evidence of coverage or amendment. With respect to an amendment to an approved evidence of coverage, the superintendent only may disapprove provisions amended or added to the evidence of coverage. If the superintendent determines within the sixty-day period that any evidence of coverage or amendment fails to meet the requirements of this section, the superintendent shall so notify the health insuring corporation and it shall be unlawful for the health insuring corporation to use such evidence of coverage or amendment. At any time, the superintendent, upon at least thirty days' written notice to a health insuring corporation, may withdraw an approval, deemed or actual, of any evidence of coverage or amendment on any of the grounds stated in this section. Such disapproval shall be effected by a written order, which shall state the grounds for disapproval and shall be issued in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(D) No evidence of coverage or amendment shall be delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, or used:

(1) If it contains provisions or statements that are inequitable, untrue, misleading, or deceptive;

(2) Unless it contains a clear, concise, and complete statement of the following:

(a) The health care services and insurance or other benefits, if any, to which an enrollee is entitled under the health care plan;

(b) Any exclusions or limitations on the health care services, type of health care services, benefits, or type of benefits to be provided, including copayments and deductibles;

(c) An enrollee's personal financial obligation for noncovered services;

(d) Where and in what manner general information and information as to how health care services may be obtained is available, including a toll-free telephone number;

(e) The premium rate with respect to individual and conversion contracts, and relevant copayment and deductible provisions with respect to all contracts. The statement of the premium rate, however, may be contained

in a separate insert.

(f) The method utilized by the health insuring corporation for resolving enrollee complaints;

(g) The utilization review, internal review, and external review procedures established under sections 1751.77 to 1751.85 of the Revised Code.

(3) Unless it provides for the continuation of an enrollee's coverage, in the event that the enrollee's coverage under the group policy, contract, certificate, or agreement terminates while the enrollee is receiving inpatient care in a hospital. This continuation of coverage shall terminate at the earliest occurrence of any of the following:

(a) The enrollee's discharge from the hospital;

(b) The determination by the enrollee's attending physician that inpatient care is no longer medically indicated for the enrollee; however, nothing in division (D)(3)(b) of this section precludes a health insuring corporation from engaging in utilization review as described in the evidence of coverage.

(c) The enrollee's reaching the limit for contractual benefits;

(d) The effective date of any new coverage.

(4) Unless it contains a provision that states, in substance, that the health insuring corporation is not a member of any guaranty fund, and that in the event of the health insuring corporation's insolvency, an enrollee is protected only to the extent that the hold harmless provision required by section 1751.13 of the Revised Code applies to the health care services rendered;

(5) Unless it contains a provision that states, in substance, that in the event of the insolvency of the health insuring corporation, an enrollee may be financially responsible for health care services rendered by a provider or health care facility that is not under contract to the health insuring corporation, whether or not the health insuring corporation authorized the use of the provider or health care facility.

(E) Notwithstanding divisions (C) and (D) of this section, a health insuring corporation may use an evidence of coverage that provides for the coverage of beneficiaries enrolled in Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, pursuant to a medicare contract, or an evidence of coverage that provides for the coverage of beneficiaries enrolled in the federal employees health benefits program pursuant to 5 U.S.C.A. 8905, or an evidence of coverage that provides for the coverage of beneficiaries enrolled in Title XIX of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, known as the

medical assistance program or medicaid, provided by the Ohio department of job and family services under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code, or an evidence of coverage that provides for the coverage of beneficiaries under any other federal health care program regulated by a federal regulatory body, or an evidence of coverage that provides for the coverage of beneficiaries under any contract covering officers or employees of the state that has been entered into by the department of administrative services, if both of the following apply:

(1) The evidence of coverage has been approved by the United States department of health and human services, the United States office of personnel management, the Ohio department of job and family services, or the department of administrative services.

(2) The evidence of coverage is filed with the superintendent of insurance prior to use and is accompanied by documentation of approval from the United States department of health and human services, the United States office of personnel management, the Ohio department of job and family services, or the department of administrative services.

Sec. 1751.12. (A)(1) No contractual periodic prepayment and no premium rate for nongroup and conversion policies for health care services, or any amendment to them, may be used by any health insuring corporation at any time until the contractual periodic prepayment and premium rate, or amendment, have been filed with the superintendent of insurance, and shall not be effective until the expiration of sixty days after their filing unless the superintendent sooner gives approval. The filing shall be accompanied by an actuarial certification in the form prescribed by the superintendent. The superintendent shall disapprove the filing, if the superintendent determines within the sixty-day period that the contractual periodic prepayment or premium rate, or amendment, is not in accordance with sound actuarial principles or is not reasonably related to the applicable coverage and characteristics of the applicable class of enrollees. The superintendent shall notify the health insuring corporation of the disapproval, and it shall thereafter be unlawful for the health insuring corporation to use the contractual periodic prepayment or premium rate, or amendment.

(2) No contractual periodic prepayment for group policies for health care services shall be used until the contractual periodic prepayment has been filed with the superintendent. The filing shall be accompanied by an actuarial certification in the form prescribed by the superintendent. The superintendent may reject a filing made under division (A)(2) of this section at any time, with at least thirty days' written notice to a health insuring corporation, if the contractual periodic prepayment is not in accordance with

sound actuarial principles or is not reasonably related to the applicable coverage and characteristics of the applicable class of enrollees.

(3) At any time, the superintendent, upon at least thirty days' written notice to a health insuring corporation, may withdraw the approval given under division (A)(1) of this section, deemed or actual, of any contractual periodic prepayment or premium rate, or amendment, based on information that either of the following applies:

(a) The contractual periodic prepayment or premium rate, or amendment, is not in accordance with sound actuarial principles.

(b) The contractual periodic prepayment or premium rate, or amendment, is not reasonably related to the applicable coverage and characteristics of the applicable class of enrollees.

(4) Any disapproval under division (A)(1) of this section, any rejection of a filing made under division (A)(2) of this section, or any withdrawal of approval under division (A)(3) of this section, shall be effected by a written notice, which shall state the specific basis for the disapproval, rejection, or withdrawal and shall be issued in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(B) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, a health insuring corporation may use a contractual periodic prepayment or premium rate for policies used for the coverage of beneficiaries enrolled in Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, pursuant to a medicare risk contract or medicare cost contract, or for policies used for the coverage of beneficiaries enrolled in the federal employees health benefits program pursuant to 5 U.S.C.A. 8905, or for policies used for the coverage of beneficiaries enrolled in Title XIX of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, known as the medical assistance program or medicaid, provided by the department of job and family services under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code, or for policies used for the coverage of beneficiaries under any other federal health care program regulated by a federal regulatory body, or for policies used for the coverage of beneficiaries under any contract covering officers or employees of the state that has been entered into by the department of administrative services, if both of the following apply:

(1) The contractual periodic prepayment or premium rate has been approved by the United States department of health and human services, the United States office of personnel management, the department of job and family services, or the department of administrative services.

(2) The contractual periodic prepayment or premium rate is filed with the superintendent prior to use and is accompanied by documentation of

approval from the United States department of health and human services, the United States office of personnel management, the department of job and family services, or the department of administrative services.

(C) The administrative expense portion of all contractual periodic prepayment or premium rate filings submitted to the superintendent for review must reflect the actual cost of administering the product. The superintendent may require that the administrative expense portion of the filings be itemized and supported.

(D)(1) Copayments must be reasonable and must not be a barrier to the necessary utilization of services by enrollees.

(2) A health insuring corporation, in order to ensure that copayments are reasonable and not a barrier to the necessary utilization of basic health care services by enrollees, may ~~not impose~~ do one of the following:

(a) Impose copayment charges on any single covered basic health care ~~services~~ service that does not exceed ~~thirty~~ forty per cent of the ~~total~~ average cost to the health insuring corporation of providing ~~any single covered health care~~ the service~~, except for physician office visits, emergency health services, and urgent care services.~~;

(b) Impose copayment charges that annually do not exceed twenty per cent of the total annual cost to the health insuring corporation of providing all covered basic health care services, including physician office visits, urgent care services, and emergency health services, when aggregated as to all persons covered under the filed product in question. In addition, annual copayment charges as to each enrollee shall not exceed twenty per cent of the total annual cost to the health insuring corporation of providing all covered basic health care services, including physician office visits, urgent care services, and emergency health services, as to such enrollee. The total annual cost of providing a health care service is the cost to the health insuring corporation of providing the health care service to its enrollees as reduced by any applicable provider discount. ~~An open panel plan may not impose copayments on out-of-network benefits that exceed fifty per cent of the total cost of providing any single covered health care service.~~

(3) To ensure that copayments are reasonable and not a barrier to the utilization of basic health care services, a health insuring corporation may not impose, in any contract year, on any subscriber or enrollee, copayments that exceed two hundred per cent of the ~~total~~ average annual premium rate to ~~the subscriber~~ subscribers or enrollees. ~~This limitation of two hundred per cent does not include any reasonable copayments that are not a barrier to the necessary utilization of health care services by enrollees and that are imposed on physician office visits, emergency health services, urgent care~~

~~services, supplemental health care services, or specialty health care services.~~

(E) A health insuring corporation shall not impose lifetime maximums on basic health care services. However, a health insuring corporation may establish a benefit limit for inpatient hospital services that are provided pursuant to a policy, contract, certificate, or agreement for supplemental health care services.

(F) A health insuring corporation may require that an enrollee pay an annual deductible that does not exceed one thousand dollars per enrollee or two thousand dollars per family. The superintendent may adopt rules defining different annual deductible amounts for plans with an employer-sponsored medical savings account, health reimbursement arrangement, or flexible spending account.

Sec. 1751.13. (A)(1)(a) A health insuring corporation shall, either directly or indirectly, enter into contracts for the provision of health care services with a sufficient number and types of providers and health care facilities to ensure that all covered health care services will be accessible to enrollees from a contracted provider or health care facility.

(b) A health insuring corporation shall not refuse to contract with a physician for the provision of health care services or refuse to recognize a physician as a specialist on the basis that the physician attended an educational program or a residency program approved or certified by the American osteopathic association. A health insuring corporation shall not refuse to contract with a health care facility for the provision of health care services on the basis that the health care facility is certified or accredited by the American osteopathic association or that the health care facility is an osteopathic hospital as defined in section 3702.51 of the Revised Code.

(c) Nothing in division (A)(1)(b) of this section shall be construed to require a health insuring corporation to make a benefit payment under a closed panel plan to a physician or health care facility with which the health insuring corporation does not have a contract, provided that none of the bases set forth in that division are used as a reason for failing to make a benefit payment.

(2) When a health insuring corporation is unable to provide a covered health care service from a contracted provider or health care facility, the health insuring corporation must provide that health care service from a noncontracted provider or health care facility consistent with the terms of the enrollee's policy, contract, certificate, or agreement. The health insuring corporation shall either ensure that the health care service be provided at no greater cost to the enrollee than if the enrollee had obtained the health care service from a contracted provider or health care facility, or make other

arrangements acceptable to the superintendent of insurance.

(3) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a health insuring corporation from entering into contracts with out-of-state providers or health care facilities that are licensed, certified, accredited, or otherwise authorized in that state.

(B)(1) A health insuring corporation shall, either directly or indirectly, enter into contracts with all providers and health care facilities through which health care services are provided to its enrollees.

(2) A health insuring corporation, upon written request, shall assist its contracted providers in finding stop-loss or reinsurance carriers.

(C) A health insuring corporation shall file an annual certificate with the superintendent certifying that all provider contracts and contracts with health care facilities through which health care services are being provided contain the following:

(1) A description of the method by which the provider or health care facility will be notified of the specific health care services for which the provider or health care facility will be responsible, including any limitations or conditions on such services;

(2) The specific hold harmless provision specifying protection of enrollees set forth as follows:

"[Provider/Health Care Facility] agrees that in no event, including but not limited to nonpayment by the health insuring corporation, insolvency of the health insuring corporation, or breach of this agreement, shall [Provider/Health Care Facility] bill, charge, collect a deposit from, seek remuneration or reimbursement from, or have any recourse against, a subscriber, enrollee, person to whom health care services have been provided, or person acting on behalf of the covered enrollee, for health care services provided pursuant to this agreement. This does not prohibit [Provider/Health Care Facility] from collecting co-insurance<u>, deductibles,</u> or copayments as specifically provided in the evidence of coverage, or fees for uncovered health care services delivered on a fee-for-service basis to persons referenced above, nor from any recourse against the health insuring corporation or its successor."

(3) Provisions requiring the provider or health care facility to continue to provide covered health care services to enrollees in the event of the health insuring corporation's insolvency or discontinuance of operations. The provisions shall require the provider or health care facility to continue to provide covered health care services to enrollees as needed to complete any medically necessary procedures commenced but unfinished at the time of the health insuring corporation's insolvency or discontinuance of operations.

The completion of a medically necessary procedure shall include the rendering of all covered health care services that constitute medically necessary follow-up care for that procedure. If an enrollee is receiving necessary inpatient care at a hospital, the provisions may limit the required provision of covered health care services relating to that inpatient care in accordance with division (D)(3) of section 1751.11 of the Revised Code, and may also limit such required provision of covered health care services to the period ending thirty days after the health insuring corporation's insolvency or discontinuance of operations.

The provisions required by division (C)(3) of this section shall not require any provider or health care facility to continue to provide any covered health care service after the occurrence of any of the following:

(a) The end of the thirty-day period following the entry of a liquidation order under Chapter 3903. of the Revised Code;

(b) The end of the enrollee's period of coverage for a contractual prepayment or premium;

(c) The enrollee obtains equivalent coverage with another health insuring corporation or insurer, or the enrollee's employer obtains such coverage for the enrollee;

(d) The enrollee or the enrollee's employer terminates coverage under the contract;

(e) A liquidator effects a transfer of the health insuring corporation's obligations under the contract under division (A)(8) of section 3903.21 of the Revised Code.

(4) A provision clearly stating the rights and responsibilities of the health insuring corporation, and of the contracted providers and health care facilities, with respect to administrative policies and programs, including, but not limited to, payments systems, utilization review, quality assurance, assessment, and improvement programs, credentialing, confidentiality requirements, and any applicable federal or state programs;

(5) A provision regarding the availability and confidentiality of those health records maintained by providers and health care facilities to monitor and evaluate the quality of care, to conduct evaluations and audits, and to determine on a concurrent or retrospective basis the necessity of and appropriateness of health care services provided to enrollees. The provision shall include terms requiring the provider or health care facility to make these health records available to appropriate state and federal authorities involved in assessing the quality of care or in investigating the grievances or complaints of enrollees, and requiring the provider or health care facility to comply with applicable state and federal laws related to the confidentiality

of medical or health records.

(6) A provision that states that contractual rights and responsibilities may not be assigned or delegated by the provider or health care facility without the prior written consent of the health insuring corporation;

(7) A provision requiring the provider or health care facility to maintain adequate professional liability and malpractice insurance. The provision shall also require the provider or health care facility to notify the health insuring corporation not more than ten days after the provider's or health care facility's receipt of notice of any reduction or cancellation of such coverage.

(8) A provision requiring the provider or health care facility to observe, protect, and promote the rights of enrollees as patients;

(9) A provision requiring the provider or health care facility to provide health care services without discrimination on the basis of a patient's participation in the health care plan, age, sex, ethnicity, religion, sexual preference, health status, or disability, and without regard to the source of payments made for health care services rendered to a patient. This requirement shall not apply to circumstances when the provider or health care facility appropriately does not render services due to limitations arising from the provider's or health care facility's lack of training, experience, or skill, or due to licensing restrictions.

(10) A provision containing the specifics of any obligation on the primary care provider to provide, or to arrange for the provision of, covered health care services twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week;

(11) A provision setting forth procedures for the resolution of disputes arising out of the contract;

(12) A provision stating that the hold harmless provision required by division (C)(2) of this section shall survive the termination of the contract with respect to services covered and provided under the contract during the time the contract was in effect, regardless of the reason for the termination, including the insolvency of the health insuring corporation;

(13) A provision requiring those terms that are used in the contract and that are defined by this chapter, be used in the contract in a manner consistent with those definitions.

This division does not apply to the coverage of beneficiaries enrolled in Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, pursuant to a medicare risk contract or medicare cost contract, or to the coverage of beneficiaries enrolled in the federal employee health benefits program pursuant to 5 U.S.C.A. 8905, or to the coverage of beneficiaries enrolled in Title XIX of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620

(1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, known as the medical assistance program or medicaid, provided by the department of job and family services under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code, or to the coverage of beneficiaries under any federal health care program regulated by a federal regulatory body, or to the coverage of beneficiaries under any contract covering officers or employees of the state that has been entered into by the department of administrative services.

(D)(1) No health insuring corporation contract with a provider or health care facility shall contain any of the following:

(a) A provision that directly or indirectly offers an inducement to the provider or health care facility to reduce or limit medically necessary health care services to a covered enrollee;

(b) A provision that penalizes a provider or health care facility that assists an enrollee to seek a reconsideration of the health insuring corporation's decision to deny or limit benefits to the enrollee;

(c) A provision that limits or otherwise restricts the provider's or health care facility's ethical and legal responsibility to fully advise enrollees about their medical condition and about medically appropriate treatment options;

(d) A provision that penalizes a provider or health care facility for principally advocating for medically necessary health care services;

(e) A provision that penalizes a provider or health care facility for providing information or testimony to a legislative or regulatory body or agency. This shall not be construed to prohibit a health insuring corporation from penalizing a provider or health care facility that provides information or testimony that is libelous or slanderous or that discloses trade secrets which the provider or health care facility has no privilege or permission to disclose.

(2) Nothing in this division shall be construed to prohibit a health insuring corporation from doing either of the following:

(a) Making a determination not to reimburse or pay for a particular medical treatment or other health care service;

(b) Enforcing reasonable peer review or utilization review protocols, or determining whether a particular provider or health care facility has complied with these protocols.

(E) Any contract between a health insuring corporation and an intermediary organization shall clearly specify that the health insuring corporation must approve or disapprove the participation of any provider or health care facility with which the intermediary organization contracts.

(F) If an intermediary organization that is not a health delivery network contracting solely with self-insured employers subcontracts with a provider

or health care facility, the subcontract with the provider or health care facility shall do all of the following:

(1) Contain the provisions required by divisions (C) and (G) of this section, as made applicable to an intermediary organization, without the inclusion of inducements or penalties described in division (D) of this section;

(2) Acknowledge that the health insuring corporation is a third-party beneficiary to the agreement;

(3) Acknowledge the health insuring corporation's role in approving the participation of the provider or health care facility, pursuant to division (E) of this section.

(G) Any provider contract or contract with a health care facility shall clearly specify the health insuring corporation's statutory responsibility to monitor and oversee the offering of covered health care services to its enrollees.

(H)(1) A health insuring corporation shall maintain its provider contracts and its contracts with health care facilities at one or more of its places of business in this state, and shall provide copies of these contracts to facilitate regulatory review upon written notice by the superintendent of insurance.

(2) Any contract with an intermediary organization that accepts compensation shall include provisions requiring the intermediary organization to provide the superintendent with regulatory access to all books, records, financial information, and documents related to the provision of health care services to subscribers and enrollees under the contract. The contract shall require the intermediary organization to maintain such books, records, financial information, and documents at its principal place of business in this state and to preserve them for at least three years in a manner that facilitates regulatory review.

(I)(1) A health insuring corporation shall notify its affected enrollees of the termination of a contract for the provision of health care services between the health insuring corporation and a primary care physician or hospital, by mail, within thirty days after the termination of the contract.

(a) Notice shall be given to subscribers of the termination of a contract with a primary care physician if the subscriber, or a dependent covered under the subscriber's health care coverage, has received health care services from the primary care physician within the previous twelve months or if the subscriber or dependent has selected the physician as the subscriber's or dependent's primary care physician within the previous twelve months.

(b) Notice shall be given to subscribers of the termination of a contract

with a hospital if the subscriber, or a dependent covered under the subscriber's health care coverage, has received health care services from that hospital within the previous twelve months.

(2) The health insuring corporation shall pay, in accordance with the terms of the contract, for all covered health care services rendered to an enrollee by a primary care physician or hospital between the date of the termination of the contract and five days after the notification of the contract termination is mailed to a subscriber at the subscriber's last known address.

(J) Divisions (A) and (B) of this section do not apply to any health insuring corporation that, on June 4, 1997, holds a certificate of authority or license to operate under Chapter 1740. of the Revised Code.

(K) Nothing in this section shall restrict the governing body of a hospital from exercising the authority granted it pursuant to section 3701.351 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1751.16. (A) Except as provided in division (F) of this section, every group contract issued by a health insuring corporation shall provide an option for conversion to an individual contract issued on a direct-payment basis to any subscriber covered by the group contract who terminates employment or membership in the group, unless:

(1) Termination of the conversion option or contract is based upon nonpayment of premium after reasonable notice in writing has been given by the health insuring corporation to the subscriber.

(2) The subscriber is, or is eligible to be, covered for benefits at least comparable to the group contract under any of the following:

(a) Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended;

(b) Any act of congress or law under this or any other state of the United States providing coverage at least comparable to the benefits under division (A)(2)(a) of this section;

(c) Any policy of insurance or health care plan providing coverage at least comparable to the benefits under division (A)(2)(a) of this section.

(B)(1) The direct-payment contract offered by the health insuring corporation pursuant to division (A) of this section shall provide the following:

(a) In the case of an individual who is not a federally eligible individual, benefits comparable to benefits in any of the individual contracts then being issued to individual subscribers by the health insuring corporation;

(b) In the case of a federally eligible individual, a basic and standard plan established by the board of directors of the Ohio health reinsurance program or plans substantially similar to the basic and standard plan in

benefit design and scope of covered services. For purposes of division (B)(1)(b) of this section, the superintendent of insurance shall determine whether a plan is substantially similar to the basic or standard plan in benefit design and scope of covered services. The contractual periodic prepayments charged for such plans may not exceed an amount that is two times the midpoint of the standard rate charged any other individual of a group to which the organization is currently accepting new business and for which similar copayments and deductibles are applied.

(2) The direct payment contract offered pursuant to division (A) of this section may include a coordination of benefits provision as approved by the superintendent.

(3) For purposes of division (B) of this section "federally eligible individual" means an eligible individual as defined in 45 C.F.R. 148.103.

(C) The option for conversion shall be available:

(1) Upon the death of the subscriber, to the surviving spouse with respect to such of the spouse and dependents as are then covered by the group contract;

(2) To a child solely with respect to the child upon the child's attaining the limiting age of coverage under the group contract while covered as a dependent under the contract;

(3) Upon the divorce, dissolution, or annulment of the marriage of the subscriber, to the divorced spouse, or, in the event of annulment, to the former spouse of the subscriber.

(D) No health insuring corporation shall use age as the basis for refusing to renew a converted contract.

(E) Written notice of the conversion option provided by this section shall be given to the subscriber by the health insuring corporation by mail. The notice shall be sent to the subscriber's address in the records of the employer upon receipt of notice from the employer of the event giving rise to the conversion option. If the subscriber has not received notice of the conversion privilege at least fifteen days prior to the expiration of the thirty-day conversion period, then the subscriber shall have an additional period within which to exercise the privilege. This additional period shall expire fifteen days after the subscriber receives notice, but in no event shall the period extend beyond sixty days after the expiration of the thirty-day conversion period.

(F) This section does not apply to any group contract offering only supplemental health care services or specialty health care services.

Sec. 1751.60. (A) Except as provided for in divisions (E) and (F) of this section, every provider or health care facility that contracts with a health

insuring corporation to provide health care services to the health insuring corporation's enrollees or subscribers shall seek compensation for covered services solely from the health insuring corporation and not, under any circumstances, from the enrollees or subscribers, except for approved copayments and deductibles.

(B) No subscriber or enrollee of a health insuring corporation is liable to any contracting provider or health care facility for the cost of any covered health care services, if the subscriber or enrollee has acted in accordance with the evidence of coverage.

(C) Except as provided for in divisions (E) and (F) of this section, every contract between a health insuring corporation and provider or health care facility shall contain a provision approved by the superintendent of insurance requiring the provider or health care facility to seek compensation solely from the health insuring corporation and not, under any circumstances, from the subscriber or enrollee, except for approved copayments and deductibles.

(D) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing a provider or health care facility from billing the enrollee or subscriber of a health insuring corporation for noncovered services.

(E) Upon application by a health insuring corporation and a provider or health care facility, the superintendent may waive the requirements of divisions (A) and (C) of this section when, in addition to the reserve requirements contained in section 1751.28 of the Revised Code, the health insuring corporation provides sufficient assurances to the superintendent that the provider or health care facility has been provided with financial guarantees. No waiver of the requirements of divisions (A) and (C) of this section is effective as to enrollees or subscribers for whom the health insuring corporation is compensated under a provider agreement or risk contract entered into pursuant to Chapter 5111. or 5115. of the Revised Code.

(F) The requirements of divisions (A) to (C) of this section apply only to health care services provided to an enrollee or subscriber prior to the effective date of a termination of a contract between the health insuring corporation and the provider or health care facility.

Sec. 2101.16. (A) The fees enumerated in this division shall be charged and collected, if possible, by the probate judge and shall be in full for all services rendered in the respective proceedings:

(1)	Account, in addition to advertising charges	$12.00
	Waivers and proof of notice of hearing on account, per page, minimum one dollar	$ 1.00

(2)	Account of distribution, in addition to advertising charges	$ 7.00
(3)	Adoption of child, petition for	$50.00
(4)	Alter or cancel contract for sale or purchase of real estate, petition to	$20.00
(5)	Application and order not otherwise provided for in this section or by rule adopted pursuant to division (E) of this section	$ 5.00
(6)	Appropriation suit, per day, hearing in	$20.00
(7)	Birth, application for registration of	$ 7.00
(8)	Birth record, application to correct	$ 5.00
(9)	Bond, application for new or additional	$ 5.00
(10)	Bond, application for release of surety or reduction of	$ 5.00
(11)	Bond, receipt for securities deposited in lieu of	$ 5.00
(12)	Certified copy of journal entry, record, or proceeding, per page, minimum fee one dollar	$ 1.00
(13)	Citation and issuing citation, application for	$ 5.00
(14)	Change of name, petition for	$20.00
(15)	Claim, application of administrator or executor for allowance of administrator's or executor's own	$10.00
(16)	Claim, application to compromise or settle	$10.00
(17)	Claim, authority to present	$10.00
(18)	Commissioner, appointment of	$ 5.00
(19)	Compensation for extraordinary services and attorney's fees for fiduciary, application for	$ 5.00
(20)	Competency, application to procure adjudication of ...	$20.00
(21)	Complete contract, application to	$10.00
(22)	Concealment of assets, citation for	$10.00
(23)	Construction of will, petition for	$20.00
(24)	Continue decedent's business, application to	$10.00
	Monthly reports of operation	$ 5.00
(25)	Declaratory judgment, petition for	$20.00
(26)	Deposit of will	$ 5.00
(27)	Designation of heir	$20.00
(28)	Distribution in kind, application, assent, and order for	$ 5.00
(29)	Distribution under section 2109.36 of the Revised Code, application for an order of	$ 7.00
(30)	Docketing and indexing proceedings, including the	

	filing and noting of all necessary documents, maximum fee, fifteen dollars	$15.00
(31)	Exceptions to any proceeding named in this section, contest of appointment or	$10.00
(32)	Election of surviving partner to purchase assets of partnership, proceedings relating to	$10.00
(33)	Election of surviving spouse under will	$ 5.00
(34)	Fiduciary, including an assignee or trustee of an insolvent debtor or any guardian or conservator accountable to the probate court, appointment of	$35.00
(35)	Foreign will, application to record	$10.00
	Record of foreign will, additional, per page	$ 1.00
(36)	Forms when supplied by the probate court, not to exceed	$10.00
(37)	Heirship, petition to determine	$20.00
(38)	Injunction proceedings	$20.00
(39)	Improve real estate, petition to	$20.00
(40)	Inventory with appraisement	$10.00
(41)	Inventory without appraisement	$ 7.00
(42)	Investment or expenditure of funds, application for ..	$10.00
(43)	Invest in real estate, application to	$10.00
(44)	Lease for oil, gas, coal, or other mineral, petition to	$20.00
(45)	Lease or lease and improve real estate, petition to ..	$20.00
(46)	Marriage license	$10.00
	Certified abstract of each marriage	$ 2.00
(47)	Minor or mentally ill person, etc., disposal of estate under ten thousand dollars of	$10.00
(48)	Mortgage or mortgage and repair or improve real estate, petition to	$20.00
(49)	Newly discovered assets, report of	$ 7.00
(50)	Nonresident executor or administrator to bar creditors' claims, proceedings by	$20.00
(51)	Power of attorney or revocation of power, bonding company	$10.00
(52)	Presumption of death, petition to establish	$20.00
(53)	Probating will	$15.00
	Proof of notice to beneficiaries	$ 5.00
(54)	Purchase personal property, application of surviving spouse to	$10.00

(55)	Purchase real estate at appraised value, petition of surviving spouse to	$20.00
(56)	Receipts in addition to advertising charges, application and order to record	$ 5.00
	Record of those receipts, additional, per page	$ 1.00
(57)	Record in excess of fifteen hundred words in any proceeding in the probate court, per page	$ 1.00
(58)	Release of estate by mortgagee or other lienholder ...	$ 5.00
(59)	Relieving an estate from administration under section 2113.03 of the Revised Code or granting an order for a summary release from administration under section 2113.031 of the Revised Code	$60.00
(60)	Removal of fiduciary, application for	$10.00
(61)	Requalification of executor or administrator	$10.00
(62)	Resignation of fiduciary	$ 5.00
(63)	Sale bill, public sale of personal property	$10.00
(64)	Sale of personal property and report, application for	$10.00
(65)	Sale of real estate, petition for	$25.00
(66)	Terminate guardianship, petition to	$10.00
(67)	Transfer of real estate, application, entry, and certificate for	$ 7.00
(68)	Unclaimed money, application to invest	$ 7.00
(69)	Vacate approval of account or order of distribution, motion to	$10.00
(70)	Writ of execution	$ 5.00
(71)	Writ of possession	$ 5.00
(72)	Wrongful death, application and settlement of claim for	$20.00
(73)	Year's allowance, petition to review	$ 7.00
(74)	Guardian's report, filing and review of	$ 5.00

(B)(1) In relation to an application for the appointment of a guardian or the review of a report of a guardian under section 2111.49 of the Revised Code, the probate court, pursuant to court order or in accordance with a court rule, may direct that the applicant or the estate pay any or all of the expenses of an investigation conducted pursuant to section 2111.041 or division (A)(2) of section 2111.49 of the Revised Code. If the investigation is conducted by a public employee or investigator who is paid by the county, the fees for the investigation shall be paid into the county treasury. If the court finds that an alleged incompetent or a ward is indigent, the court may

waive the costs, fees, and expenses of an investigation.

(2) In relation to the appointment or functioning of a guardian for a minor or the guardianship of a minor, the probate court may direct that the applicant or the estate pay any or all of the expenses of an investigation conducted pursuant to section 2111.042 of the Revised Code. If the investigation is conducted by a public employee or investigator who is paid by the county, the fees for the investigation shall be paid into the county treasury. If the court finds that the guardian or applicant is indigent, the court may waive the costs, fees, and expenses of an investigation.

(C) Thirty dollars of the thirty-five-dollar fee collected pursuant to division (A)(34) of this section and twenty dollars of the sixty-dollar fee collected pursuant to division (A)(59) of this section shall be deposited by the county treasurer in the indigent guardianship fund created pursuant to section 2111.51 of the Revised Code.

(D) The fees of witnesses, jurors, sheriffs, coroners, and constables for services rendered in the probate court or by order of the probate judge shall be the same as provided for like services in the court of common pleas.

(E) The probate court, by rule, may require an advance deposit for costs, not to exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars, at the time application is made for an appointment as executor or administrator or at the time a will is presented for probate.

(F) The probate court, by rule, shall establish a reasonable fee, not to exceed fifty dollars, for the filing of a petition for the release of information regarding an adopted person's name by birth and the identity of the adopted person's biological parents and biological siblings pursuant to section 3107.41 of the Revised Code, all proceedings relative to the petition, the entry of an order relative to the petition, and all services required to be performed in connection with the petition. The probate court may use a reasonable portion of a fee charged under authority of this division to reimburse any agency, as defined in section 3107.39 of the Revised Code, for any services it renders in performing a task described in section 3107.41 of the Revised Code relative to or in connection with the petition for which the fee was charged.

(G)(1) Thirty dollars of the fifty-dollar fee collected pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section shall be deposited into the "putative father registry fund," which is hereby created in the state treasury. The department of job and family services shall use the money in the fund to fund the department's costs of performing its duties related to the putative father registry established under section 3107.062 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the department determines that money in the putative father

registry fund is more than is needed for its duties related to the putative father registry, the department may use the surplus moneys in the fund as permitted in division (C) of section 2151.3529, division (B) of section 2151.3530, or section 5103.155 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2113.041. (A) The administrator of the estate recovery program established pursuant to section 5111.11 of the Revised Code may present an affidavit to a financial institution requesting that the financial institution release account proceeds to recover the cost of services correctly provided to a medicaid recipient. The affidavit shall include all of the following information:

(1) The name of the decedent;

(2) The name of any person who gave notice that the decedent was a medicaid recipient and that person's relationship to the decedent;

(3) The name of the financial institution;

(4) The account number;

(5) A description of the claim for estate recovery;

(6) The amount of funds to be recovered.

(B) A financial institution may release account proceeds to the administrator of the estate recovery program if all of the following apply:

(1) The decedent held an account at the financial institution that was in the decedent's name only.

(2) No estate has been, and it is reasonable to assume that no estate will be, opened for the decedent.

(3) The decedent has no outstanding debts known to the administrator of the estate recovery program.

(4) The financial institution has received no objections or has determined that no valid objections to release of proceeds have been received.

(C) If proceeds have been released pursuant to division (B) of this section and the department of job and family services receives notice of a valid claim to the proceeds that has a higher priority under section 2117.25 of the Revised Code than the claim of the estate recovery program, the department may refund the proceeds to the financial institution or pay them to the person or government entity with the claim.

Sec. 2117.06. (A) All creditors having claims against an estate, including claims arising out of contract, out of tort, on cognovit notes, or on judgments, whether due or not due, secured or unsecured, liquidated or unliquidated, shall present their claims in one of the following manners:

(1) To the executor or administrator in a writing;

(2) To the executor or administrator in a writing, and to the probate

court by filing a copy of the writing with it;

(3) In a writing that is sent by ordinary mail addressed to the decedent and that is actually received by the executor or administrator within the appropriate time specified in division (B) of this section. For purposes of this division, if an executor or administrator is not a natural person, the writing shall be considered as being actually received by the executor or administrator only if the person charged with the primary responsibility of administering the estate of the decedent actually receives the writing within the appropriate time specified in division (B) of this section.

(B) ~~All~~ Except as provided in section 2117.061 of the Revised Code, all claims shall be presented within one year after the death of the decedent, whether or not the estate is released from administration or an executor or administrator is appointed during that one-year period. Every claim presented shall set forth the claimant's address.

(C) ~~A~~ Except as provided in section 2117.061 of the Revised Code, a claim that is not presented within one year after the death of the decedent shall be forever barred as to all parties, including, but not limited to, devisees, legatees, and distributees. No payment shall be made on the claim and no action shall be maintained on the claim, except as otherwise provided in sections 2117.37 to 2117.42 of the Revised Code with reference to contingent claims.

(D) In the absence of any prior demand for allowance, the executor or administrator shall allow or reject all claims, except tax assessment claims, within thirty days after their presentation, provided that failure of the executor or administrator to allow or reject within that time shall not prevent the executor or administrator from doing so after that time and shall not prejudice the rights of any claimant. Upon the allowance of a claim, the executor or the administrator, on demand of the creditor, shall furnish the creditor with a written statement or memorandum of the fact and date of the allowance.

(E) If the executor or administrator has actual knowledge of a pending action commenced against the decedent prior to the decedent's death in a court of record in this state, the executor or administrator shall file a notice of the appointment of the executor or administrator in the pending action within ten days after acquiring that knowledge. If the administrator or executor is not a natural person, actual knowledge of a pending suit against the decedent shall be limited to the actual knowledge of the person charged with the primary responsibility of administering the estate of the decedent. Failure to file the notice within the ten-day period does not extend the claim period established by this section.

(F) This section applies to any person who is required to give written notice to the executor or administrator of a motion or application to revive an action pending against the decedent at the date of the death of the decedent.

(G) Nothing in this section or in section 2117.07 of the Revised Code shall be construed to reduce the time mentioned in section 2125.02, 2305.09, 2305.10, 2305.11, 2305.113, or 2305.12 of the Revised Code, provided that no portion of any recovery on a claim brought pursuant to any of those sections shall come from the assets of an estate unless the claim has been presented against the estate in accordance with Chapter 2117. of the Revised Code.

(H) Any person whose claim has been presented and has not been rejected after presentment is a creditor as that term is used in Chapters 2113. to 2125. of the Revised Code. Claims that are contingent need not be presented except as provided in sections 2117.37 to 2117.42 of the Revised Code, but, whether presented pursuant to those sections or this section, contingent claims may be presented in any of the manners described in division (A) of this section.

(I) If a creditor presents a claim against an estate in accordance with division (A)(2) of this section, the probate court shall not close the administration of the estate until that claim is allowed or rejected.

(J) The probate court shall not require an executor or administrator to make and return into the court a schedule of claims against the estate.

(K) If the executor or administrator makes a distribution of the assets of the estate prior to the expiration of the time for the filing of claims as set forth in this section, the executor or administrator shall provide notice on the account delivered to each distributee that the distributee may be liable to the estate up to the value of the distribution and may be required to return all or any part of the value of the distribution if a valid claim is subsequently made against the estate within the time permitted under this section.

Sec. 2117.061. (A) As used in this section, "person responsible for the estate" means the executor, administrator, commissioner, or person who filed pursuant to section 2113.03 of the Revised Code for release from administration of an estate.

(B) If the decedent was fifty-five years of age or older at the time of death, the person responsible for an estate shall determine whether the decedent was a recipient of medical assistance under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code. If the decedent was a recipient, the person responsible for the estate shall give written notice to that effect to the administrator of the estate recovery program instituted under section 5111.11 of the Revised Code not

later than thirty days after the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) The granting of letters testamentary;

(2) The administration of the estate;

(3) The filing of an application for release from administration or summary release from administration.

(C) The person responsible for an estate shall mark the appropriate box on the appropriate probate form to indicate compliance with the requirements of division (B) of this section.

(D) The estate recovery program administrator shall present a claim for estate recovery to the person responsible for the estate or the person's legal representative not later than ninety days after the date on which notice is received under division (B) of this section or one year after the decedent's death, whichever is later.

Sec. 2117.25. (A) Every executor or administrator shall proceed with diligence to pay the debts of the decedent and shall apply the assets in the following order:

(1) Costs and expenses of administration;

(2) An amount, not exceeding two thousand dollars, for funeral expenses that are included in the bill of a funeral director, funeral expenses other than those in the bill of a funeral director that are approved by the probate court, and an amount, not exceeding two thousand dollars, for burial and cemetery expenses, including that portion of the funeral director's bill allocated to cemetery expenses that have been paid to the cemetery by the funeral director.

For purposes of this division, burial and cemetery expenses shall be limited to the following:

(a) The purchase of a place of interment;

(b) Monuments or other markers;

(c) The outer burial container;

(d) The cost of opening and closing the place of interment;

(e) The urn.

(3) The allowance for support made to the surviving spouse, minor children, or both under section 2106.13 of the Revised Code;

(4) Debts entitled to a preference under the laws of the United States;

(5) Expenses of the last sickness of the decedent;

(6) If the total bill of a funeral director for funeral expenses exceeds two thousand dollars, then, in addition to the amount described in division (A)(2) of this section, an amount, not exceeding one thousand dollars, for funeral expenses that are included in the bill and that exceed two thousand dollars;

(7) Personal property taxes, claims made under the estate recovery

program instituted pursuant to section 5111.11 of the Revised Code, and obligations for which the decedent was personally liable to the state or any of its subdivisions;

(8) Debts for manual labor performed for the decedent within twelve months preceding the decedent's death, not exceeding three hundred dollars to any one person;

(9) Other debts for which claims have been presented and finally allowed.

(B) The part of the bill of a funeral director that exceeds the total of three thousand dollars as described in divisions (A)(2) and (6) of this section, and the part of a claim included in division (A)(8) of this section that exceeds three hundred dollars shall be included as a debt under division (A)(9) of this section, depending upon the time when the claim for the additional amount is presented.

(C) Any natural person or fiduciary who pays a claim of any creditor described in division (A) of this section shall be subrogated to the rights of that creditor proportionate to the amount of the payment and shall be entitled to reimbursement for that amount in accordance with the priority of payments set forth in that division.

(D)(1) Chapters 2113. to 2125. of the Revised Code, relating to the manner in which and the time within which claims shall be presented, shall apply to claims set forth in divisions (A)(2), (6), and (8) of this section. Claims for an expense of administration or for the allowance for support need not be presented. The executor or administrator shall pay debts included in divisions (A)(4) and (7) of this section, of which the executor or administrator has knowledge, regardless of presentation.

(2) The giving of written notice to an executor or administrator of a motion or application to revive an action pending against the decedent at the date of death shall be equivalent to the presentation of a claim to the executor or administrator for the purpose of determining the order of payment of any judgment rendered or decree entered in such an action.

(E) No payments shall be made to creditors of one class until all those of the preceding class are fully paid or provided for. If the assets are insufficient to pay all the claims of one class, the creditors of that class shall be paid ratably.

(F) If it appears at any time that the assets have been exhausted in paying prior or preferred charges, allowances, or claims, those payments shall be a bar to an action on any claim not entitled to that priority or preference.

Sec. 2133.01. Unless the context otherwise requires, as used in sections

2133.01 to 2133.15 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Adult" means an individual who is eighteen years of age or older.

(B) "Attending physician" means the physician to whom a declarant or other patient, or the family of a declarant or other patient, has assigned primary responsibility for the treatment or care of the declarant or other patient, or, if the responsibility has not been assigned, the physician who has accepted that responsibility.

(C) "Comfort care" means any of the following:

(1) Nutrition when administered to diminish the pain or discomfort of a declarant or other patient, but not to postpone the declarant's or other patient's death;

(2) Hydration when administered to diminish the pain or discomfort of a declarant or other patient, but not to postpone the declarant's or other patient's death;

(3) Any other medical or nursing procedure, treatment, intervention, or other measure that is taken to diminish the pain or discomfort of a declarant or other patient, but not to postpone the declarant's or other patient's death.

(D) "Consulting physician" means a physician who, in conjunction with the attending physician of a declarant or other patient, makes one or more determinations that are required to be made by the attending physician, or to be made by the attending physician and one other physician, by an applicable provision of this chapter, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty and in accordance with reasonable medical standards.

(E) "Declarant" means any adult who has executed a declaration in accordance with section 2133.02 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Declaration" means a written document executed in accordance with section 2133.02 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Durable power of attorney for health care" means a document created pursuant to sections 1337.11 to 1337.17 of the Revised Code.

(H) "Guardian" means a person appointed by a probate court pursuant to Chapter 2111. of the Revised Code to have the care and management of the person of an incompetent.

(I) "Health care facility" means any of the following:

(1) A hospital;

(2) A hospice care program or other institution that specializes in comfort care of patients in a terminal condition or in a permanently unconscious state;

(3) A nursing home or residential care facility, as defined in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code;

(4) A home health agency and any residential facility where a person is

receiving care under the direction of a home health agency;

(5) An intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded.

(J) "Health care personnel" means physicians, nurses, physician assistants, emergency medical technicians-basic, emergency medical technicians-intermediate, emergency medical technicians-paramedic, medical technicians, dietitians, other authorized persons acting under the direction of an attending physician, and administrators of health care facilities.

(K) "Home health agency" has the same meaning as in section ~~3701.88~~ 3701.881 of the Revised Code.

(L) "Hospice care program" has the same meaning as in section 3712.01 of the Revised Code.

(M) "Hospital" has the same meanings as in sections 2108.01, 3701.01, and 5122.01 of the Revised Code.

(N) "Hydration" means fluids that are artificially or technologically administered.

(O) "Incompetent" has the same meaning as in section 2111.01 of the Revised Code.

(P) "Intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded" has the same meaning as in section 5111.20 of the Revised Code.

(Q) "Life-sustaining treatment" means any medical procedure, treatment, intervention, or other measure that, when administered to a qualified patient or other patient, will serve principally to prolong the process of dying.

(R) "Nurse" means a person who is licensed to practice nursing as a registered nurse or to practice practical nursing as a licensed practical nurse pursuant to Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code.

(S) "Nursing home" has the same meaning as in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code.

(T) "Nutrition" means sustenance that is artificially or technologically administered.

(U) "Permanently unconscious state" means a state of permanent unconsciousness in a declarant or other patient that, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty as determined in accordance with reasonable medical standards by the declarant's or other patient's attending physician and one other physician who has examined the declarant or other patient, is characterized by both of the following:

(1) Irreversible unawareness of one's being and environment.

(2) Total loss of cerebral cortical functioning, resulting in the declarant or other patient having no capacity to experience pain or suffering.

(V) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of the Revised Code and additionally includes political subdivisions and governmental agencies, boards, commissions, departments, institutions, offices, and other instrumentalities.

(W) "Physician" means a person who is authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

(X) "Political subdivision" and "state" have the same meanings as in section 2744.01 of the Revised Code.

(Y) "Professional disciplinary action" means action taken by the board or other entity that regulates the professional conduct of health care personnel, including the state medical board and the board of nursing.

(Z) "Qualified patient" means an adult who has executed a declaration and has been determined to be in a terminal condition or in a permanently unconscious state.

(AA) "Terminal condition" means an irreversible, incurable, and untreatable condition caused by disease, illness, or injury from which, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty as determined in accordance with reasonable medical standards by a declarant's or other patient's attending physician and one other physician who has examined the declarant or other patient, both of the following apply:

(1) There can be no recovery.

(2) Death is likely to occur within a relatively short time if life-sustaining treatment is not administered.

(BB) "Tort action" means a civil action for damages for injury, death, or loss to person or property, other than a civil action for damages for breach of a contract or another agreement between persons.

Sec. 2151.352. ~~A~~ Except as otherwise provided in this section, a child, ~~or~~ the child's parents~~,~~ or custodian, or any other person in loco parentis of ~~such~~ the child is entitled to representation by legal counsel at all stages of the proceedings under this chapter or Chapter 2152. of the Revised Code ~~and if~~. If, as an indigent person, ~~any such person~~ a party is unable to employ counsel, the party is entitled to have counsel provided for the person pursuant to Chapter 120. of the Revised Code. If a party appears without counsel, the court shall ascertain whether the party knows of the party's right to counsel and of the party's right to be provided with counsel if the party is an indigent person. The court may continue the case to enable a party to obtain counsel or to be represented by the county public defender or the joint county public defender and shall provide counsel upon request pursuant to Chapter 120. of the Revised Code. Counsel must be provided for

a child not represented by the child's parent, guardian, or custodian. If the interests of two or more ~~such~~ parties conflict, separate counsel shall be provided for each of them.

This section does not confer the right to court-appointed counsel in civil actions arising under division (A)(2), (D), or (F) of section 2151.23 or division (C) of section 3111.13 of the Revised Code.

Section 2935.14 of the Revised Code applies to any child taken into custody. The parents, custodian, or guardian of ~~such~~ a child taken into custody, and any attorney at law representing them or the child, shall be entitled to visit ~~such~~ the child at any reasonable time, be present at any hearing involving the child, and be given reasonable notice of ~~such~~ the hearing.

Any report or part ~~thereof~~ of a report concerning ~~such~~ the child, which is used in the hearing and is pertinent ~~thereto~~ to the hearing, shall for good cause shown be made available to any attorney at law representing ~~such~~ the child and to any attorney at law representing the parents, custodian, or guardian of ~~such~~ the child, upon written request prior to any hearing involving ~~such~~ the child.

Sec. 2151.3529. (A) The director of job and family services shall promulgate forms designed to gather pertinent medical information concerning a deserted child and the child's parents. The forms shall clearly and unambiguously state on each page that the information requested is to facilitate medical care for the child, that the forms may be fully or partially completed or left blank, that completing the forms or parts of the forms is completely voluntary, and that no adverse legal consequence will result from failure to complete any part of the forms.

(B) The director shall promulgate written materials to be given to the parents of a child delivered pursuant to section 2151.3516 of the Revised Code. The materials shall describe services available to assist parents and newborns and shall include information directly relevant to situations that might cause parents to desert a child and information on the procedures for a person to follow in order to reunite with a child the person delivered under section 2151.3516 of the Revised Code, including notice that the person will be required to submit to a DNA test, at that person's expense, to prove that the person is the parent of the child.

(C) If the department of job and family services determines that money in the putative father registry fund created under section 2101.16 of the Revised Code is more than is needed for its duties related to the putative father registry, the department may use surplus moneys in the fund for costs related to the development and publication of forms and materials

promulgated pursuant to divisions (A) and (B) of this section.

Sec. 2151.3530. (A) The director of job and family services shall distribute the medical information forms and written materials promulgated under section 2151.3529 of the Revised Code to entities permitted to receive a deserted child, to public children services agencies, and to other public or private agencies that, in the discretion of the director, are best able to disseminate the forms and materials to the persons who are most in need of the forms and materials.

(B) If the department of job and family services determines that money in the putative father registry fund created under section 2101.16 of the Revised Code is more than is needed to perform its duties related to the putative father registry, the department may use surplus moneys in the fund for costs related to the distribution of forms and materials pursuant to this section.

Sec. 2151.83. (A) A public children services agency or private child placing agency, on the request of a young adult, shall enter into a jointly prepared written agreement with the young adult that obligates the agency to ensure that independent living services are provided to the young adult and sets forth the responsibilities of the young adult regarding the services. The agreement shall be developed based on the young adult's strengths, needs, and circumstances ~~and the availability of funds provided pursuant to section 2151.84 of the Revised Code~~. The agreement shall be designed to promote the young adult's successful transition to independent adult living and emotional and economic self-sufficiency.

(B) If the young adult appears to be eligible for services from one or more of the following entities, the agency must contact the appropriate entity to determine eligibility:

(1) An entity, other than the agency, that is represented on a county family and children first council established pursuant to section 121.37 of the Revised Code. If the entity is a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services, an alcohol and drug addiction services board, or a community mental health board, the agency shall contact the provider of alcohol, drug addiction, or mental health services that has been designated by the board to determine the young adult's eligibility for services.

(2) The rehabilitation services commission;

(3) A metropolitan housing authority established pursuant to section 3735.27 of the Revised Code.

If an entity described in this division determines that the young adult qualifies for services from the entity, that entity, the young adult, and the agency to which the young adult made the request for independent living

services shall enter into a written addendum to the jointly prepared agreement entered into under division (A) of this section. The addendum shall indicate how services under the agreement and addendum are to be coordinated and allocate the service responsibilities among the entities and agency that signed the addendum.

Sec. 2151.84. The department of job and family services shall establish model agreements that may be used by public children services agencies and private child placing agencies required to provide services under an agreement with a young adult pursuant to section 2151.83 of the Revised Code. The model agreements shall include provisions describing the specific independent living services to be provided ~~to the extent funds are provided pursuant to this section~~, the duration of the services and the agreement, the duties and responsibilities of each party under the agreement, and grievance procedures regarding disputes that arise regarding the agreement or services provided under it.

~~To facilitate the provision of independent living services, the department shall provide funds to meet the requirement of state matching funds needed to qualify for federal funds under the "Foster Care Independence Act of 1999," 113 Stat. 1822 (1999), 42 U.S.C. 677, as amended. The department shall seek controlling board approval of any fund transfers necessary to meet this requirement.~~

Sec. 2152.19. (A) If a child is adjudicated a delinquent child, the court may make any of the following orders of disposition, in addition to any other disposition authorized or required by this chapter:

(1) Any order that is authorized by section 2151.353 of the Revised Code for the care and protection of an abused, neglected, or dependent child;

(2) Commit the child to the temporary custody of any school, camp, institution, or other facility operated for the care of delinquent children by the county, by a district organized under section 2152.41 or 2151.65 of the Revised Code, or by a private agency or organization, within or without the state, that is authorized and qualified to provide the care, treatment, or placement required, including, but not limited to, a school, camp, or facility operated under section 2151.65 of the Revised Code;

(3) Place the child in a detention facility or district detention facility operated under section 2152.41 of the Revised Code, for up to ninety days;

(4) Place the child on community control under any sanctions, services, and conditions that the court prescribes. As a condition of community control in every case and in addition to any other condition that it imposes upon the child, the court shall require the child to abide by the law during

the period of community control. As referred to in this division, community control includes, but is not limited to, the following sanctions and conditions:

(a) A period of basic probation supervision in which the child is required to maintain contact with a person appointed to supervise the child in accordance with sanctions imposed by the court;

(b) A period of intensive probation supervision in which the child is required to maintain frequent contact with a person appointed by the court to supervise the child while the child is seeking or maintaining employment and participating in training, education, and treatment programs as the order of disposition;

(c) A period of day reporting in which the child is required each day to report to and leave a center or another approved reporting location at specified times in order to participate in work, education or training, treatment, and other approved programs at the center or outside the center;

(d) A period of community service of up to five hundred hours for an act that would be a felony or a misdemeanor of the first degree if committed by an adult, up to two hundred hours for an act that would be a misdemeanor of the second, third, or fourth degree if committed by an adult, or up to thirty hours for an act that would be a minor misdemeanor if committed by an adult;

(e) A requirement that the child obtain a high school diploma, a certificate of high school equivalence, vocational training, or employment;

(f) A period of drug and alcohol use monitoring;

(g) A requirement of alcohol or drug assessment or counseling, or a period in an alcohol or drug treatment program with a level of security for the child as determined necessary by the court;

(h) A period in which the court orders the child to observe a curfew that may involve daytime or evening hours;

(i) A requirement that the child serve monitored time;

(j) A period of house arrest with or without electronic monitoring;

(k) A period of electronic monitoring without house arrest or electronically monitored house arrest that does not exceed the maximum sentence of imprisonment that could be imposed upon an adult who commits the same act.

A period of electronically monitored house arrest imposed under this division shall not extend beyond the child's twenty-first birthday. If a court imposes a period of electronically monitored house arrest upon a child under this division, it shall require the child: to wear, otherwise have attached to the child's person, or otherwise be subject to monitoring by a certified

electronic monitoring device or to participate in the operation of and monitoring by a certified electronic monitoring system; to remain in the child's home or other specified premises for the entire period of electronically monitored house arrest except when the court permits the child to leave those premises to go to school or to other specified premises; to be monitored by a central system that can determine the child's location at designated times; to report periodically to a person designated by the court; and to enter into a written contract with the court agreeing to comply with all requirements imposed by the court, agreeing to pay any fee imposed by the court for the costs of the electronically monitored house arrest, and agreeing to waive the right to receive credit for any time served on electronically monitored house arrest toward the period of any other dispositional order imposed upon the child if the child violates any of the requirements of the dispositional order of electronically monitored house arrest. The court also may impose other reasonable requirements upon the child.

Unless ordered by the court, a child shall not receive credit for any time served on electronically monitored house arrest toward any other dispositional order imposed upon the child for the act for which was imposed the dispositional order of electronically monitored house arrest.

(l) A suspension of the driver's license, probationary driver's license, or temporary instruction permit issued to the child or a suspension of the registration of all motor vehicles registered in the name of the child. A child whose license or permit is so suspended is ineligible for issuance of a license or permit during the period of suspension. At the end of the period of suspension, the child shall not be reissued a license or permit until the child has paid any applicable reinstatement fee and complied with all requirements governing license reinstatement.

(5) Commit the child to the custody of the court;

(6) Require the child to not be absent without legitimate excuse from the public school the child is supposed to attend for five or more consecutive days, seven or more school days in one school month, or twelve or more school days in a school year;

(7)(a) If a child is adjudicated a delinquent child for being a chronic truant or an habitual truant who previously has been adjudicated an unruly child for being a habitual truant, do either or both of the following:

(i) Require the child to participate in a truancy prevention mediation program;

(ii) Make any order of disposition as authorized by this section, except that the court shall not commit the child to a facility described in division

(A)(2) or (3) of this section unless the court determines that the child violated a lawful court order made pursuant to division (C)(1)(e) of section 2151.354 of the Revised Code or division (A)(6) of this section.

(b) If a child is adjudicated a delinquent child for being a chronic truant or a habitual truant who previously has been adjudicated an unruly child for being a habitual truant and the court determines that the parent, guardian, or other person having care of the child has failed to cause the child's attendance at school in violation of section 3321.38 of the Revised Code, do either or both of the following:

(i) Require the parent, guardian, or other person having care of the child to participate in a truancy prevention mediation program;

(ii) Require the parent, guardian, or other person having care of the child to participate in any community service program, preferably a community service program that requires the involvement of the parent, guardian, or other person having care of the child in the school attended by the child.

(8) Make any further disposition that the court finds proper, except that the child shall not be placed in any of the following:

(a) A state correctional institution, a county, multicounty, or municipal jail or workhouse, or another place in which an adult convicted of a crime, under arrest, or charged with a crime is held;

(b) A community corrections facility, if the child would be covered by the definition of public safety beds for purposes of sections 5139.41 to ~~5139.45~~ 5139.43 of the Revised Code if the court exercised its authority to commit the child to the legal custody of the department of youth services for institutionalization or institutionalization in a secure facility pursuant to this chapter.

(B) If a child is adjudicated a delinquent child, in addition to any order of disposition made under division (A) of this section, the court, in the following situations, shall suspend the child's temporary instruction permit, restricted license, probationary driver's license, or nonresident operating privilege, or suspend the child's ability to obtain such a permit:

(1) The child is adjudicated a delinquent child for violating section 2923.122 of the Revised Code, with the suspension and denial being in accordance with division (E)(1)(a), (c), (d), or (e) of section 2923.122 of the Revised Code.

(2) The child is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing an act that if committed by an adult would be a drug abuse offense or for violating division (B) of section 2917.11 of the Revised Code, with the suspension continuing until the child attends and satisfactorily completes a drug abuse

or alcohol abuse education, intervention, or treatment program specified by the court. During the time the child is attending the program, the court shall retain any temporary instruction permit, probationary driver's license, or driver's license issued to the child, and the court shall return the permit or license when the child satisfactorily completes the program.

(C) The court may establish a victim-offender mediation program in which victims and their offenders meet to discuss the offense and suggest possible restitution. If the court obtains the assent of the victim of the delinquent act committed by the child, the court may require the child to participate in the program.

(D)(1) If a child is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult and if the child caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or created a risk of physical harm to the victim of the act, the court, prior to issuing an order of disposition under this section, shall order the preparation of a victim impact statement by the probation department of the county in which the victim of the act resides, by the court's own probation department, or by a victim assistance program that is operated by the state, a county, a municipal corporation, or another governmental entity. The court shall consider the victim impact statement in determining the order of disposition to issue for the child.

(2) Each victim impact statement shall identify the victim of the act for which the child was adjudicated a delinquent child, itemize any economic loss suffered by the victim as a result of the act, identify any physical injury suffered by the victim as a result of the act and the seriousness and permanence of the injury, identify any change in the victim's personal welfare or familial relationships as a result of the act and any psychological impact experienced by the victim or the victim's family as a result of the act, and contain any other information related to the impact of the act upon the victim that the court requires.

(3) A victim impact statement shall be kept confidential and is not a public record. However, the court may furnish copies of the statement to the department of youth services if the delinquent child is committed to the department or to both the adjudicated delinquent child or the adjudicated delinquent child's counsel and the prosecuting attorney. The copy of a victim impact statement furnished by the court to the department pursuant to this section shall be kept confidential and is not a public record. If an officer is preparing pursuant to section 2947.06 or 2951.03 of the Revised Code or Criminal Rule 32.2 a presentence investigation report pertaining to a person, the court shall make available to the officer, for use in preparing the report, a copy of any victim impact statement regarding that person. The copies of a

victim impact statement that are made available to the adjudicated delinquent child or the adjudicated delinquent child's counsel and the prosecuting attorney pursuant to this division shall be returned to the court by the person to whom they were made available immediately following the imposition of an order of disposition for the child under this chapter.

The copy of a victim impact statement that is made available pursuant to this division to an officer preparing a criminal presentence investigation report shall be returned to the court by the officer immediately following its use in preparing the report.

(4) The department of youth services shall work with local probation departments and victim assistance programs to develop a standard victim impact statement.

(E) If a child is adjudicated a delinquent child for being a chronic truant or an habitual truant who previously has been adjudicated an unruly child for being an habitual truant and the court determines that the parent, guardian, or other person having care of the child has failed to cause the child's attendance at school in violation of section 3321.38 of the Revised Code, in addition to any order of disposition it makes under this section, the court shall warn the parent, guardian, or other person having care of the child that any subsequent adjudication of the child as an unruly or delinquent child for being an habitual or chronic truant may result in a criminal charge against the parent, guardian, or other person having care of the child for a violation of division (C) of section 2919.21 or section 2919.24 of the Revised Code.

(F)(1) During the period of a delinquent child's community control granted under this section, authorized probation officers who are engaged within the scope of their supervisory duties or responsibilities may search, with or without a warrant, the person of the delinquent child, the place of residence of the delinquent child, and a motor vehicle, another item of tangible or intangible personal property, or other real property in which the delinquent child has a right, title, or interest or for which the delinquent child has the express or implied permission of a person with a right, title, or interest to use, occupy, or possess if the probation officers have reasonable grounds to believe that the delinquent child is not abiding by the law or otherwise is not complying with the conditions of the delinquent child's community control. The court that places a delinquent child on community control under this section shall provide the delinquent child with a written notice that informs the delinquent child that authorized probation officers who are engaged within the scope of their supervisory duties or responsibilities may conduct those types of searches during the period of

community control if they have reasonable grounds to believe that the delinquent child is not abiding by the law or otherwise is not complying with the conditions of the delinquent child's community control. The court also shall provide the written notice described in division (E)(2) of this section to each parent, guardian, or custodian of the delinquent child who is described in that division.

(2) The court that places a child on community control under this section shall provide the child's parent, guardian, or other custodian with a written notice that informs them that authorized probation officers may conduct searches pursuant to division (E)(1) of this section. The notice shall specifically state that a permissible search might extend to a motor vehicle, another item of tangible or intangible personal property, or a place of residence or other real property in which a notified parent, guardian, or custodian has a right, title, or interest and that the parent, guardian, or custodian expressly or impliedly permits the child to use, occupy, or possess.

(G) If a juvenile court commits a delinquent child to the custody of any person, organization, or entity pursuant to this section and if the delinquent act for which the child is so committed is a sexually oriented offense, the court in the order of disposition shall do one of the following:

(1) Require that the child be provided treatment as described in division (A)(2) of section 5139.13 of the Revised Code;

(2) Inform the person, organization, or entity that it is the preferred course of action in this state that the child be provided treatment as described in division (A)(2) of section 5139.13 of the Revised Code and encourage the person, organization, or entity to provide that treatment.

Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms shall be as follows:

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one judge, elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957;

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955;

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 9, 1957;

In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, Jackson, Knox, Logan, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Morrow, Paulding, Vinton, and Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957;

In Carroll, Champaign, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, Preble,

Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953;

In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955;

In Henry and Putnam counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin May 9, 1957;

In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to begin May 14, 1953;

In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin July 6, 1956;

In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 1, 1979;

(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993;

In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 2, 1979;

In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991;

In Erie county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1970, term to begin January 2, 1971;

In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;

In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, term to begin January 6, 1977;

In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;

In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 1, 1979;

In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to

begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in 1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;

In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976, term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in 1998, term to begin February 9, 1999;

In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966, term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;

In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, term to begin on January 1, 1971;

In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002, term to begin January 2, 2003;

In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;

In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;

In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in 1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;

In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;

In Warren county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 1, 1987;

In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 1, 1987;

In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, term beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected in 1990, term to begin January 1, 1991;

In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively;

In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 1987, and the

fourth to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995.

In Clermont county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 1982, term to begin January 2, 1983, and the fourth to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;

In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957;

In Delaware county, two judges, one to be elected in 1990, term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;

In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, term to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be elected in 1978, terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 1979, respectively, and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to begin January 6, 2001;

In Licking county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 1, 1965, and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin January 1, 1991;

In Lorain county, eight judges, two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively, one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 3, 1959, one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 1969, two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, and January 5, 1989, respectively, and two to be elected in 1998, terms to begin January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, respectively;

In Butler county, ten judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2, 1969; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 1987; two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, and January 2, 1989, respectively; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 4, 1993; and two to be elected in 2002, terms to begin January 2, 2003, and January 3, 2003, respectively;

In Richland county, ~~three~~ four judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, term to begin February 9, 1961, ~~and~~ the third to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be elected in 2004, term to begin January 3, 2005;

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1960, term to begin

January 2, 1961;

In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2, 1969;

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 3, 1995;

(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning from January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8, 1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 1, 1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and January 5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin on January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms to begin on successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to January 12, 1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on January 18, 1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning January 6, 1977, to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, terms to begin January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, respectively; and two to be elected in 1986, terms to begin January 13, 1987, and January 14, 1987, respectively;

In Franklin county, twenty-one judges; two to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be elected in 1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be elected in 1982, term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 9, 1987; two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, respectively; and one to be elected in 1996, term to begin January 2, 1997;

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected in 1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and from February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five to be elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to January 5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to

begin January 1, 1965; one to be elected in 1974, term to begin January 15, 1975; one to be elected in 1980, term to begin January 16, 1981; two to be elected at large in the general election in 1982, terms to begin April 1, 1983; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991; and two to be elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 1997, and January 4, 1997, respectively;

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 1, 1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 1969; two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, and January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, term to begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term to begin January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin January 2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 2, 1993;

In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991;

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and January 3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, July 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 3, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993.

In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, terms to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 1992, terms to begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, respectively;

In Summit county, eleven judges; four to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 3, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected in 1958, terms to begin January 1,

1959, January 2, 1959, and May 17, 1959, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin January 4, 1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 5, 1969; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously elected at the same election, if the office of one of those judges so elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to the second general election preceding the expiration of that judge's term, the office that that judge had filled shall be abolished as of the date of the next general election, and a new office of judge of the court of common pleas shall be created. The judge who is to fill that new office shall be elected for a six-year term at the next general election, and the term of that judge shall commence on the first day of the year following that general election, on which day no other judge's term begins, so that the number of judges that the county shall elect shall not be reduced.

Judges of the probate division of the court of common pleas are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be elected pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised Code, except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Morrow, Noble, and Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of the probate division.

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1997, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is senior in point of service shall serve on the children services board and the county advisory board and shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments.

(B) In Hamilton county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the court of common

pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters.

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. On or after the first day of July and before the first day of August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of the judges of the division as administrative judge of that division. If a majority of the judges of the division of domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an administrative judge for the division before the first day of August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as administrative judge of that division. The term of the administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day of August of the year in which the administrative judge is elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the administrative judge's successor is elected in the following year.

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by the judges in the discharge of their various duties.

The administrative judge of the division of domestic relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling and conciliation services that may be made available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division.

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the sum of money

each year as will meet all the administrative expenses of the division of domestic relations, including reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the division counselors and other employees designated to conduct the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the division of domestic relations.

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to by the administrative judge of the division of domestic relations.

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved.

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successor to that judge whose term begins on January 3, 2003, shall each be elected and designated for one term only as the drug court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The successors to the judge whose term begins on January 3, 2003, shall be elected and designated as judges of the general division of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county and shall not have the authority granted by division (B)(3) of this section. The drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the drug court judge under division (B)(3) of this section. After the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court judge has full authority over the case, including the authority to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence.

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and any companion cases, the judge

determines meet the criteria described under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria described in divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that involves a violation of a term of probation to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case.

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under division (B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that both of the following apply:

(a) One of the following applies:

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor.

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment.

(b) All of the following apply:

(i) The case involves a probationable offense or a case in which a mandatory prison term is not required to be imposed.

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior.

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness.

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is drug or alcohol driven.

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to participate in a fifteen-month treatment process.

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor approves of the referral.

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in accordance with the Rules of

Superintendence for Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge.

(C) In Lorain county, the judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas.

(D) In Lucas county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them.

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of the work of the division and the employment and supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations division.

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in

point of service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division in the discharge of their various duties.

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and conciliation services that may be made available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division.

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed by the judges of the other of those divisions.

(E) In Mahoning county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal

separation, and annulment cases and counseling and conciliation services that may be made available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division.

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and conciliation services that may be made available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division.

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas.

(F) In Montgomery county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases.

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of the

work of the division and shall have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of service, under this section and sections 2301.12, 2301.18, and 2301.19 of the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties.

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code.

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the division.

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other of those divisions.

(G) In Richland county~~, the~~:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise

the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. That judge shall have ~~all of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and~~ assigned to that judge and hear all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases ~~shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas~~ that come before the court. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned to that judge and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those matters. The judge of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned to that judge and hear all proceedings under the uniform interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code.

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. The judge of the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the

discharge of the judge's various duties.

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who request the services.

(H) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special reason, shall be assigned to the judges.

The judge of the division of domestic relations, second most senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary referees required for the judge's respective court.

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division of the work of the division and the employment and supervision of all other personnel of the division, including, but not limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in every other position in which the statutes permit or require a juvenile judge to serve.

(I) In Summit county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Summit

county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings under the uniform interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code.

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the division, including any necessary referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any counseling and conciliation services that are available upon request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the division.

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any of those matters. The judge of the

juvenile division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code.

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the division.

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas.

(K) In Butler county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge senior in point of service shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations division.

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services.

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's various duties.

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services.

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the domestic relations and juvenile divisions.

(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, and successors, shall have the same

qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special reason.

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments and has the following powers concerning division personnel:

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision;

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations.

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation and annulment matters.

(M) In Lake county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations division.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services.

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as

other judges of the court of common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's various duties.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services.

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the domestic relations and juvenile divisions.

(N) In Erie county, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1971, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge.

(O) In Greene county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division

of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas.

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that the division considers necessary and makes available to persons who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the general division of the court of common pleas.

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's various duties.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who request the services.

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of the general division shall be performed by the judge of the division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile division.

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations division.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services.

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations division.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to

other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services.

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations division.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services.

(S) In Licking county, the judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1991, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the

employment and supervision of the personnel of the division.

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services.

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division.

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and conciliation

services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services.

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division.

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services.

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings

involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child support for that child when the request for that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases.

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division.

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code,

to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child support for that child when the request for that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the personnel of the domestic relations division also include the handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases.

(W)(1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division and the judges of the general division.

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the children services board and the county advisory board.

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the judges of the general division or probate division of the court of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of domestic relations of that court.

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the same

qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division.

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services.

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various duties.

(Z)(1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and

receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division (Z)(2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in addition to the powers previously specified in this division, and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court otherwise specified in division (Z)(1) of this section.

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common pleas of Marion county.

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being references to both "the judge of the probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references

to the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common pleas of Marion county.

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned and hear all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and all proceedings under the uniform interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge shall be assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, visitation, child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children, and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those matters.

(BB) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require.

Sec. 2301.58. (A) The director of the community-based correctional facility or district community-based correctional facility may establish a commissary for the facility. The commissary may be established either in-house or by another arrangement. If a commissary is established, all persons incarcerated in the facility shall receive commissary privileges. A person's purchases from the commissary shall be deducted from the person's account record in the facility's business office. The commissary shall provide for the distribution to indigent persons incarcerated in the facility necessary hygiene articles and writing materials.

(B) If a commissary is established, the director of the community-based correctional facility or district community-based correctional facility shall establish a commissary fund for the facility. The management of funds in the commissary fund shall be strictly controlled in accordance with procedures adopted by the auditor of state. Commissary fund revenue over

and above operating costs and reserve shall be considered profits. All profits from the commissary fund shall be used to purchase supplies and equipment for the benefit of persons incarcerated in the facility and to pay salary and benefits for employees of the facility, or for any other persons, who work in or are employed for the sole purpose of providing service to the commissary. The director of the community-based correctional facility or district community-based correctional facility shall adopt rules and regulations for the operation of any commissary fund the director establishes.

Sec. 2305.234. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Chiropractic claim," "medical claim," and "optometric claim" have the same meanings as in section 2305.113 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Dental claim" has the same meaning as in section 2305.113 of the Revised Code, except that it does not include any claim arising out of a dental operation or any derivative claim for relief that arises out of a dental operation.

(3) "Governmental health care program" has the same meaning as in section 4731.65 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Health care professional" means any of the following who provide medical, dental, or other health-related diagnosis, care, or treatment:

(a) Physicians authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery;

(b) Registered nurses, advanced practice nurses, and licensed practical nurses licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code;

(c) Physician assistants authorized to practice under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code;

(d) Dentists and dental hygienists licensed under Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code;

(e) Physical therapists licensed under Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code;

(f) Chiropractors licensed under Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code;

(g) Optometrists licensed under Chapter 4725. of the Revised Code;

(h) Podiatrists authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice podiatry;

(i) Dietitians licensed under Chapter 4759. of the Revised Code;

(j) Pharmacists licensed under Chapter 4729. of the Revised Code;

(k) Emergency medical technicians-basic, emergency medical technicians-intermediate, and emergency medical technicians-paramedic, certified under Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code.

(5) "Health care worker" means a person other than a health care

professional who provides medical, dental, or other health-related care or treatment under the direction of a health care professional with the authority to direct that individual's activities, including medical technicians, medical assistants, dental assistants, orderlies, aides, and individuals acting in similar capacities.

(6) "Indigent and uninsured person" means a person who meets all of the following requirements:

(a) The person's income is not greater than one hundred fifty per cent of the current poverty line as defined by the United States office of management and budget and revised in accordance with section 673(2) of the "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981," 95 Stat. 511, 42 U.S.C. 9902, as amended.

(b) The person is not eligible to receive medical assistance under Chapter 5111., disability ~~assistance~~ medical assistance under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code, or assistance under any other governmental health care program.

(c) Either of the following applies:

(i) The person is not a policyholder, certificate holder, insured, contract holder, subscriber, enrollee, member, beneficiary, or other covered individual under a health insurance or health care policy, contract, or plan.

(ii) The person is a policyholder, certificate holder, insured, contract holder, subscriber, enrollee, member, beneficiary, or other covered individual under a health insurance or health care policy, contract, or plan, but the insurer, policy, contract, or plan denies coverage or is the subject of insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings in any jurisdiction.

(7) "Operation" means any procedure that involves cutting or otherwise infiltrating human tissue by mechanical means, including surgery, laser surgery, ionizing radiation, therapeutic ultrasound, or the removal of intraocular foreign bodies. "Operation" does not include the administration of medication by injection, unless the injection is administered in conjunction with a procedure infiltrating human tissue by mechanical means other than the administration of medicine by injection.

(8) "Nonprofit shelter or health care facility" means a charitable nonprofit corporation organized and operated pursuant to Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, or any charitable organization not organized and not operated for profit, that provides shelter, health care services, or shelter and health care services to indigent and uninsured persons, except that "shelter or health care facility" does not include a hospital as defined in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code, a facility licensed under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code, or a medical facility that is operated for profit.

(9) "Tort action" means a civil action for damages for injury, death, or loss to person or property other than a civil action for damages for a breach of contract or another agreement between persons or government entities.

(10) "Volunteer" means an individual who provides any medical, dental, or other health-care related diagnosis, care, or treatment without the expectation of receiving and without receipt of any compensation or other form of remuneration from an indigent and uninsured person, another person on behalf of an indigent and uninsured person, any shelter or health care facility, or any other person or government entity.

(B)(1) Subject to divisions (E) and (F)(3) of this section, a health care professional who is a volunteer and complies with division (B)(2) of this section is not liable in damages to any person or government entity in a tort or other civil action, including an action on a medical, dental, chiropractic, optometric, or other health-related claim, for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an action or omission of the volunteer in the provision at a nonprofit shelter or health care facility to an indigent and uninsured person of medical, dental, or other health-related diagnosis, care, or treatment, including the provision of samples of medicine and other medical products, unless the action or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

(2) To qualify for the immunity described in division (B)(1) of this section, a health care professional shall do all of the following prior to providing diagnosis, care, or treatment:

(a) Determine, in good faith, that the indigent and uninsured person is mentally capable of giving informed consent to the provision of the diagnosis, care, or treatment and is not subject to duress or under undue influence;

(b) Inform the person of the provisions of this section;

(c) Obtain the informed consent of the person and a written waiver, signed by the person or by another individual on behalf of and in the presence of the person, that states that the person is mentally competent to give informed consent and, without being subject to duress or under undue influence, gives informed consent to the provision of the diagnosis, care, or treatment subject to the provisions of this section.

(3) A physician or podiatrist who is not covered by medical malpractice insurance, but complies with division (B)(2) of this section, is not required to comply with division (A) of section 4731.143 of the Revised Code.

(C) Subject to divisions (E) and (F)(3) of this section, health care workers who are volunteers are not liable in damages to any person or government entity in a tort or other civil action, including an action upon a

medical, dental, chiropractic, optometric, or other health-related claim, for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an action or omission of the health care worker in the provision at a nonprofit shelter or health care facility to an indigent and uninsured person of medical, dental, or other health-related diagnosis, care, or treatment, unless the action or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

(D) Subject to divisions (E) and (F)(3) of this section and section 3701.071 of the Revised Code, a nonprofit shelter or health care facility associated with a health care professional described in division (B)(1) of this section or a health care worker described in division (C) of this section is not liable in damages to any person or government entity in a tort or other civil action, including an action on a medical, dental, chiropractic, optometric, or other health-related claim, for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an action or omission of the health care professional or worker in providing for the shelter or facility medical, dental, or other health-related diagnosis, care, or treatment to an indigent and uninsured person, unless the action or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

(E)(1) Except as provided in division (E)(2) of this section, the immunities provided by divisions (B), (C), and (D) of this section are not available to an individual or to a nonprofit shelter or health care facility if, at the time of an alleged injury, death, or loss to person or property, the individuals involved are providing one of the following:

(a) Any medical, dental, or other health-related diagnosis, care, or treatment pursuant to a community service work order entered by a court under division (F) of section 2951.02 of the Revised Code as a condition of probation or other suspension of a term of imprisonment or imposed by a court as a community control sanction pursuant to sections 2929.15 and 2929.17 of the Revised Code.

(b) Performance of an operation.

(c) Delivery of a baby.

(2) Division (E)(1) of this section does not apply to an individual who provides, or a nonprofit shelter or health care facility at which the individual provides, diagnosis, care, or treatment that is necessary to preserve the life of a person in a medical emergency.

(F)(1) This section does not create a new cause of action or substantive legal right against a health care professional, health care worker, or nonprofit shelter or health care facility.

(2) This section does not affect any immunities from civil liability or defenses established by another section of the Revised Code or available at

common law to which an individual or a nonprofit shelter or health care facility may be entitled in connection with the provision of emergency or other diagnosis, care, or treatment.

(3) This section does not grant an immunity from tort or other civil liability to an individual or a nonprofit shelter or health care facility for actions that are outside the scope of authority of health care professionals or health care workers.

(4) This section does not affect any legal responsibility of a health care professional or health care worker to comply with any applicable law of this state or rule of an agency of this state.

(5) This section does not affect any legal responsibility of a nonprofit shelter or health care facility to comply with any applicable law of this state, rule of an agency of this state, or local code, ordinance, or regulation that pertains to or regulates building, housing, air pollution, water pollution, sanitation, health, fire, zoning, or safety.

Sec. 2329.07. If neither execution on a judgment rendered in a court of record or certified to the clerk of the court of common pleas in the county in which the judgment was rendered is issued, nor a certificate of judgment for obtaining a lien upon lands and tenements is issued and filed, as provided in sections 2329.02 and 2329.04 of the Revised Code, within five years from the date of the judgment or within five years from the date of the issuance of the last execution thereon or the issuance and filing of the last such certificate, whichever is later, then, unless the judgment is in favor of the state, the judgment shall be dormant and shall not operate as a lien upon the estate of the judgment debtor.

If the judgment is in favor of the state, the judgment shall not become dormant and shall not cease to operate as a lien against the estate of the judgment debtor ~~unless neither such~~ provided that either execution on the judgment is issued ~~nor such~~ or a certificate of judgment is issued and filed, as provided in sections 2329.02 and 2329.04 of the Revised Code, within ten years from the date of the judgment ~~or within ten years from the date of the issuance of the last execution thereon or the issuance and filing of the last such certificate, whichever is later~~.

If, in any county other than that in which a judgment was rendered, the judgment has become a lien by reason of the filing, in the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas of that county, of a certificate of the judgment as provided in sections 2329.02 and 2329.04 of the Revised Code, and if no execution is issued for the enforcement of the judgment within that county, or no further certificate of the judgment is filed in that county, within five years ~~or, if the judgment is in favor of the state, within ten years~~ from the

date of issuance of the last execution for the enforcement of the judgment within that county or the date of filing of the last certificate in that county, whichever is the later, then the judgment shall cease to operate as a lien upon lands and tenements of the judgment debtor within that county, unless the judgment is in favor of the state, in which case the judgment shall not become dormant.

~~This section applies to judgments in favor of the state.~~

Sec. 2329.66. (A) Every person who is domiciled in this state may hold property exempt from execution, garnishment, attachment, or sale to satisfy a judgment or order, as follows:

(1)(a) In the case of a judgment or order regarding money owed for health care services rendered or health care supplies provided to the person or a dependent of the person, one parcel or item of real or personal property that the person or a dependent of the person uses as a residence. Division (A)(1)(a) of this section does not preclude, affect, or invalidate the creation under this chapter of a judgment lien upon the exempted property but only delays the enforcement of the lien until the property is sold or otherwise transferred by the owner or in accordance with other applicable laws to a person or entity other than the surviving spouse or surviving minor children of the judgment debtor. Every person who is domiciled in this state may hold exempt from a judgment lien created pursuant to division (A)(1)(a) of this section the person's interest, not to exceed five thousand dollars, in the exempted property.

(b) In the case of all other judgments and orders, the person's interest, not to exceed five thousand dollars, in one parcel or item of real or personal property that the person or a dependent of the person uses as a residence.

(2) The person's interest, not to exceed one thousand dollars, in one motor vehicle;

(3) The person's interest, not to exceed two hundred dollars in any particular item, in wearing apparel, beds, and bedding, and the person's interest, not to exceed three hundred dollars in each item, in one cooking unit and one refrigerator or other food preservation unit;

(4)(a) The person's interest, not to exceed four hundred dollars, in cash on hand, money due and payable, money to become due within ninety days, tax refunds, and money on deposit with a bank, savings and loan association, credit union, public utility, landlord, or other person. Division (A)(4)(a) of this section applies only in bankruptcy proceedings. This exemption may include the portion of personal earnings that is not exempt under division (A)(13) of this section.

(b) Subject to division (A)(4)(d) of this section, the person's interest, not

to exceed two hundred dollars in any particular item, in household furnishings, household goods, appliances, books, animals, crops, musical instruments, firearms, and hunting and fishing equipment, that are held primarily for the personal, family, or household use of the person;

(c) Subject to division (A)(4)(d) of this section, the person's interest in one or more items of jewelry, not to exceed four hundred dollars in one item of jewelry and not to exceed two hundred dollars in every other item of jewelry;

(d) Divisions (A)(4)(b) and (c) of this section do not include items of personal property listed in division (A)(3) of this section.

If the person does not claim an exemption under division (A)(1) of this section, the total exemption claimed under division (A)(4)(b) of this section shall be added to the total exemption claimed under division (A)(4)(c) of this section, and the total shall not exceed two thousand dollars. If the person claims an exemption under division (A)(1) of this section, the total exemption claimed under division (A)(4)(b) of this section shall be added to the total exemption claimed under division (A)(4)(c) of this section, and the total shall not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars.

(5) The person's interest, not to exceed an aggregate of seven hundred fifty dollars, in all implements, professional books, or tools of the person's profession, trade, or business, including agriculture;

(6)(a) The person's interest in a beneficiary fund set apart, appropriated, or paid by a benevolent association or society, as exempted by section 2329.63 of the Revised Code;

(b) The person's interest in contracts of life or endowment insurance or annuities, as exempted by section 3911.10 of the Revised Code;

(c) The person's interest in a policy of group insurance or the proceeds of a policy of group insurance, as exempted by section 3917.05 of the Revised Code;

(d) The person's interest in money, benefits, charity, relief, or aid to be paid, provided, or rendered by a fraternal benefit society, as exempted by section 3921.18 of the Revised Code;

(e) The person's interest in the portion of benefits under policies of sickness and accident insurance and in lump sum payments for dismemberment and other losses insured under those policies, as exempted by section 3923.19 of the Revised Code.

(7) The person's professionally prescribed or medically necessary health aids;

(8) The person's interest in a burial lot, including, but not limited to, exemptions under section 517.09 or 1721.07 of the Revised Code;

(9) The person's interest in the following:

(a) Moneys paid or payable for living maintenance or rights, as exempted by section 3304.19 of the Revised Code;

(b) Workers' compensation, as exempted by section 4123.67 of the Revised Code;

(c) Unemployment compensation benefits, as exempted by section 4141.32 of the Revised Code;

(d) Cash assistance payments under the Ohio works first program, as exempted by section 5107.75 of the Revised Code;

(e) Benefits and services under the prevention, retention, and contingency program, as exempted by section 5108.08 of the Revised Code;

(f) Disability financial assistance payments, as exempted by section ~~5115.07~~ 5115.06 of the Revised Code.

(10)(a) Except in cases in which the person was convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of section 2921.41 of the Revised Code and in which an order for the withholding of restitution from payments was issued under division (C)(2)(b) of that section or in cases in which an order for withholding was issued under section 2907.15 of the Revised Code, and only to the extent provided in the order, and except as provided in sections 3105.171, 3105.63, 3119.80, 3119.81, 3121.02, 3121.03, and 3123.06 of the Revised Code, the person's right to a pension, benefit, annuity, retirement allowance, or accumulated contributions, the person's right to a participant account in any deferred compensation program offered by the Ohio public employees deferred compensation board, a government unit, or a municipal corporation, or the person's other accrued or accruing rights, as exempted by section 145.56, 146.13, 148.09, 742.47, 3307.41, 3309.66, or 5505.22 of the Revised Code, and the person's right to benefits from the Ohio public safety officers death benefit fund;

(b) Except as provided in sections 3119.80, 3119.81, 3121.02, 3121.03, and 3123.06 of the Revised Code, the person's right to receive a payment under any pension, annuity, or similar plan or contract, not including a payment from a stock bonus or profit-sharing plan or a payment included in division (A)(6)(b) or (10)(a) of this section, on account of illness, disability, death, age, or length of service, to the extent reasonably necessary for the support of the person and any of the person's dependents, except if all the following apply:

(i) The plan or contract was established by or under the auspices of an insider that employed the person at the time the person's rights under the plan or contract arose.

(ii) The payment is on account of age or length of service.

(iii) The plan or contract is not qualified under the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1, as amended.

(c) Except for any portion of the assets that were deposited for the purpose of evading the payment of any debt and except as provided in sections 3119.80, 3119.81, 3121.02, 3121.03, and 3123.06 of the Revised Code, the person's right in the assets held in, or to receive any payment under, any individual retirement account, individual retirement annuity, "Roth IRA," or education individual retirement account that provides benefits by reason of illness, disability, death, or age, to the extent that the assets, payments, or benefits described in division (A)(10)(c) of this section are attributable to any of the following:

(i) Contributions of the person that were less than or equal to the applicable limits on deductible contributions to an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity in the year that the contributions were made, whether or not the person was eligible to deduct the contributions on the person's federal tax return for the year in which the contributions were made;

(ii) Contributions of the person that were less than or equal to the applicable limits on contributions to a Roth IRA or education individual retirement account in the year that the contributions were made;

(iii) Contributions of the person that are within the applicable limits on rollover contributions under subsections 219, 402(c), 403(a)(4), 403(b)(8), 408(b), 408(d)(3), 408A(c)(3)(B), 408A(d)(3), and 530(d)(5) of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 1, as amended.

(d) Except for any portion of the assets that were deposited for the purpose of evading the payment of any debt and except as provided in sections 3119.80, 3119.81, 3121.02, 3121.03, and 3123.06 of the Revised Code, the person's right in the assets held in, or to receive any payment under, any Keogh or "H.R. 10" plan that provides benefits by reason of illness, disability, death, or age, to the extent reasonably necessary for the support of the person and any of the person's dependents.

(11) The person's right to receive spousal support, child support, an allowance, or other maintenance to the extent reasonably necessary for the support of the person and any of the person's dependents;

(12) The person's right to receive, or moneys received during the preceding twelve calendar months from, any of the following:

(a) An award of reparations under sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code, to the extent exempted by division (D) of section 2743.66 of the Revised Code;

(b) A payment on account of the wrongful death of an individual of

whom the person was a dependent on the date of the individual's death, to the extent reasonably necessary for the support of the person and any of the person's dependents;

(c) Except in cases in which the person who receives the payment is an inmate, as defined in section 2969.21 of the Revised Code, and in which the payment resulted from a civil action or appeal against a government entity or employee, as defined in section 2969.21 of the Revised Code, a payment, not to exceed five thousand dollars, on account of personal bodily injury, not including pain and suffering or compensation for actual pecuniary loss, of the person or an individual for whom the person is a dependent;

(d) A payment in compensation for loss of future earnings of the person or an individual of whom the person is or was a dependent, to the extent reasonably necessary for the support of the debtor and any of the debtor's dependents.

(13) Except as provided in sections 3119.80, 3119.81, 3121.02, 3121.03, and 3123.06 of the Revised Code, personal earnings of the person owed to the person for services in an amount equal to the greater of the following amounts:

(a) If paid weekly, thirty times the current federal minimum hourly wage; if paid biweekly, sixty times the current federal minimum hourly wage; if paid semimonthly, sixty-five times the current federal minimum hourly wage; or if paid monthly, one hundred thirty times the current federal minimum hourly wage that is in effect at the time the earnings are payable, as prescribed by the "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938," 52 Stat. 1060, 29 U.S.C. 206(a)(1), as amended;

(b) Seventy-five per cent of the disposable earnings owed to the person.

(14) The person's right in specific partnership property, as exempted by division (B)(3) of section 1775.24 of the Revised Code;

(15) A seal and official register of a notary public, as exempted by section 147.04 of the Revised Code;

(16) The person's interest in a tuition credit or a payment under section 3334.09 of the Revised Code pursuant to a tuition credit contract, as exempted by section 3334.15 of the Revised Code;

(17) Any other property that is specifically exempted from execution, attachment, garnishment, or sale by federal statutes other than the "Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978," 92 Stat. 2549, 11 U.S.C.A. 101, as amended;

(18) The person's interest, not to exceed four hundred dollars, in any property, except that division (A)(18) of this section applies only in bankruptcy proceedings.

(B) As used in this section:

(1) "Disposable earnings" means net earnings after the garnishee has made deductions required by law, excluding the deductions ordered pursuant to section 3119.80, 3119.81, 3121.02, 3121.03, or 3123.06 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Insider" means:

(a) If the person who claims an exemption is an individual, a relative of the individual, a relative of a general partner of the individual, a partnership in which the individual is a general partner, a general partner of the individual, or a corporation of which the individual is a director, officer, or in control;

(b) If the person who claims an exemption is a corporation, a director or officer of the corporation; a person in control of the corporation; a partnership in which the corporation is a general partner; a general partner of the corporation; or a relative of a general partner, director, officer, or person in control of the corporation;

(c) If the person who claims an exemption is a partnership, a general partner in the partnership; a general partner of the partnership; a person in control of the partnership; a partnership in which the partnership is a general partner; or a relative in, a general partner of, or a person in control of the partnership;

(d) An entity or person to which or whom any of the following applies:

(i) The entity directly or indirectly owns, controls, or holds with power to vote, twenty per cent or more of the outstanding voting securities of the person who claims an exemption, unless the entity holds the securities in a fiduciary or agency capacity without sole discretionary power to vote the securities or holds the securities solely to secure to debt and the entity has not in fact exercised the power to vote.

(ii) The entity is a corporation, twenty per cent or more of whose outstanding voting securities are directly or indirectly owned, controlled, or held with power to vote, by the person who claims an exemption or by an entity to which division (B)(2)(d)(i) of this section applies.

(iii) A person whose business is operated under a lease or operating agreement by the person who claims an exemption, or a person substantially all of whose business is operated under an operating agreement with the person who claims an exemption.

(iv) The entity operates the business or all or substantially all of the property of the person who claims an exemption under a lease or operating agreement.

(e) An insider, as otherwise defined in this section, of a person or entity

to which division (B)(2)(d)(i), (ii), (iii), or (iv) of this section applies, as if the person or entity were a person who claims an exemption;

(f) A managing agent of the person who claims an exemption.

(3) "Participant account" has the same meaning as in section 148.01 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Government unit" has the same meaning as in section 148.06 of the Revised Code.

(C) For purposes of this section, "interest" shall be determined as follows:

(1) In bankruptcy proceedings, as of the date a petition is filed with the bankruptcy court commencing a case under Title 11 of the United States Code;

(2) In all cases other than bankruptcy proceedings, as of the date of an appraisal, if necessary under section 2329.68 of the Revised Code, or the issuance of a writ of execution.

An interest, as determined under division (C)(1) or (2) of this section, shall not include the amount of any lien otherwise valid pursuant to section 2329.661 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2335.39. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Court" means any court of record.

(2) "Eligible party" means a party to an action or appeal involving the state, other than the following:

(a) The state;

(b) An individual whose net worth exceeded one million dollars at the time the action or appeal was filed;

(c) A sole owner of an unincorporated business that had, or a partnership, corporation, association, or organization that had, a net worth exceeding five million dollars at the time the action or appeal was filed, except that an organization that is described in subsection 501(c)(3) and is tax exempt under subsection 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code shall not be excluded as an eligible party under this division because of its net worth;

(d) A sole owner of an unincorporated business that employed, or a partnership, corporation, association, or organization that employed, more than five hundred persons at the time the action or appeal was filed.

(3) "Fees" means reasonable attorney's fees, in an amount not to exceed seventy-five dollars per hour or a higher hourly fee approved by the court.

(4) "Internal Revenue Code" means the "Internal Revenue Code of 1954," 68A Stat. 3, 26 U.S.C. 1, as amended.

(5) "Prevailing eligible party" means an eligible party that prevails in an action or appeal involving the state.

(6) "State" has the same meaning as in section 2743.01 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) Except as provided in divisions (B)(2) and (F) of this section, in a civil action, or appeal of a judgment in a civil action, to which the state is a party, or in an appeal of an adjudication order of an agency pursuant to section 119.12 of the Revised Code, the prevailing eligible party is entitled, upon filing a motion in accordance with this division, to compensation for fees incurred by that party in connection with the action or appeal. Compensation, when payable to a prevailing eligible party under this section, is in addition to any other costs and expenses that may be awarded to that party by the court pursuant to law or rule.

A prevailing eligible party that desires an award of compensation for fees shall file a motion requesting the award with the court within thirty days after the court enters final judgment in the action or appeal. The motion shall do all of the following:

(a) Identify the party;

(b) Indicate that the party is the prevailing eligible party and is entitled to receive an award of compensation for fees;

(c) Include a statement that the state's position in initiating the matter in controversy was not substantially justified;

(d) Indicate the amount sought as an award;

(e) Itemize all fees sought in the requested award. The itemization shall include a statement from any attorney who represented the prevailing eligible party, that indicates the fees charged, the actual time expended, and the rate at which the fees were calculated.

(2) Upon the filing of a motion under this section, the court shall review the request for the award of compensation for fees and determine whether the position of the state in initiating the matter in controversy was substantially justified, whether special circumstances make an award unjust, and whether the prevailing eligible party engaged in conduct during the course of the action or appeal that unduly and unreasonably protracted the final resolution of the matter in controversy. The court shall issue an order, in writing, on the motion of the prevailing eligible party, which order shall include a statement indicating whether an award has been granted, the findings and conclusions underlying it, the reasons or bases for the findings and conclusions, and, if an award has been granted, its amount. The order shall be included in the record of the action or appeal, and the clerk of the court shall mail a certified copy of it to the state and the prevailing eligible party.

With respect to a motion under this section, the state has the burden of

proving that its position in initiating the matter in controversy was substantially justified, that special circumstances make an award unjust, or that the prevailing eligible party engaged in conduct during the course of the action or appeal that unduly and unreasonably protracted the final resolution of the matter in controversy.

A court considering a motion under this section may deny an award entirely, or reduce the amount of an award that otherwise would be payable, to a prevailing eligible party only as follows:

(a) If the court determines that the state has sustained its burden of proof that its position in initiating the matter in controversy was substantially justified or that special circumstances make an award unjust, the motion shall be denied;

(b) If the court determines that the state has sustained its burden of proof that the prevailing eligible party engaged in conduct during the course of the action or appeal that unduly and unreasonably protracted the final resolution of the matter in controversy, the court may reduce the amount of an award, or deny an award, to that party to the extent of that conduct.

An order of a court considering a motion under this section is appealable as in other cases, by a prevailing eligible party that is denied an award or receives a reduced award. If the case is an appeal of the adjudication order of an agency pursuant to section 119.12 of the Revised Code, the agency may appeal an order granting an award. The order of the court may be modified by the appellate court only if it finds that the grant or the failure to grant an award, or the calculation of the amount of an award, involved an abuse of discretion.

(C) Compensation for fees awarded to a prevailing eligible party under this section may be paid by the specific branch of the state government or the state department, board, office, commission, agency, institution, or other instrumentality over which the party prevailed in the action or appeal from any funds available to it for payment of such compensation. If compensation is not paid from such funds or such funds are not available, upon the filing of the court's order in favor of the prevailing eligible party with the clerk of the court of claims, the order shall be treated as if it were a judgment under Chapter 2743. of the Revised Code and be payable in accordance with the procedures specified in section 2743.19 of the Revised Code, except that interest shall not be paid in relation to the award.

(D) If compensation for fees is awarded under this section to a prevailing eligible party that is appealing an agency adjudication order pursuant to section 119.12 of the Revised Code, it shall include the fees incurred in the appeal and, if requested in the motion, the fees incurred by

the party in the adjudication hearing conducted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. A motion containing such a request shall itemize, in the manner described in division (B)(1)(e) of section 119.092 of the Revised Code, the fees, as defined in that section, that are sought in an award.

(E) Each court that orders during any fiscal year compensation for fees to be paid to a prevailing eligible party pursuant to this section shall prepare a report for that year. The report shall be completed no later than the first day of October of the fiscal year following the fiscal year covered by the report, and copies of it shall be filed with the general assembly. It shall contain the following information:

(1) The total amount and total number of awards of compensation for fees required to be paid to prevailing eligible parties;

(2) The amount and nature of each individual award ordered;

(3) Any other information that may aid the general assembly in evaluating the scope and impact of awards of compensation for fees.

(F) The provisions of this section do not apply in ~~appropriation~~ any of the following:

(1) Appropriation proceedings under Chapter 163. of the Revised Code; ~~in civil~~

(2) Civil actions or appeals of civil actions that involve torts; ~~or in an~~

(3) An appeal pursuant to section 119.12 of the Revised Code that involves ~~an~~ any of the following:

(a) An adjudication order entered after a hearing described in division (F) of section 119.092 of the Revised Code~~, or that involves a~~;

(b) A prevailing eligible party represented in the appeal by an attorney who was paid pursuant to an appropriation by the federal or state government or a local government;

(c) An administrative appeal decision made under section 5101.35 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2505.13. If a supersedeas bond has been executed and filed and the surety is one other than a surety company, the clerk of the court with which the bond has been filed, upon request, shall issue a certificate that sets forth the fact that the bond has been filed and that states the style and number of the appeal, the amount of the bond, and the sureties on it. Such a certificate may be filed in the office of the county recorder of any county in which the sureties may own land, and, when filed, the bond shall be a lien upon the land of the sureties in such county. The lien shall be extinguished upon the satisfaction, reversal, or vacation of the final order, judgment, or decree involved, or by an order of the court that entered the final order, judgment, or decree, that releases the lien or releases certain land from the operation of

the lien.

The clerk, upon request, shall issue a notice of discharge of such a lien, which may be filed in the office of any recorder in whose office the certificate of lien was filed. Such notice shall state that the final order, judgment, or decree involved is satisfied, reversed, or vacated, or that an order has been entered that releases the lien or certain land from the operation of the lien. Such recorder shall properly keep and file such certificates and notices as are filed with ~~him~~ the recorder and shall index them in the book or record provided for in section 2937.27 of the Revised Code.

The fee for issuing such a certificate or notice shall be as provided by law, and shall be taxed as part of the costs of the appeal. A county recorder shall receive a base fee of fifty cents for filing and indexing such a certificate, which fee shall cover the filing and the entering on the index of ~~such a~~ the notice and a housing trust fund fee of fifty cents pursuant to section 317.36 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2715.041. (A) Upon the filing of a motion for an order of attachment pursuant to section 2715.03 of the Revised Code, the plaintiff shall file with the clerk of the court a praecipe instructing the clerk to issue to the defendant against whom the motion was filed a notice of the proceeding. Upon receipt of the praecipe, the clerk shall issue the notice which shall be in substantially the following form:

"(Name and Address of Court)
Case No.....

(Case Caption)

NOTICE

You are hereby notified that (name and address of plaintiff), the plaintiff in this proceeding, has applied to this court for the attachment of property in your possession. The basis for this application is indicated in the documents that are enclosed with this notice.

The law of Ohio and the United States provides that certain benefit payments cannot be taken from you to pay a debt. Typical among the benefits that cannot be attached or executed on by a creditor are:

(1) Workers' compensation benefits;

(2) Unemployment compensation payments;

(3) Cash assistance payments under the Ohio works first program;

(4) Benefits and services under the prevention, retention, and contingency program;

(5) Disability financial assistance administered by the Ohio department of job and family services;

(6) Social security benefits;
(7) Supplemental security income (S.S.I.);
(8) Veteran's benefits;
(9) Black lung benefits;
(10) Certain pensions.

Additionally, your wages never can be taken to pay a debt until a judgment has been obtained against you. There may be other benefits not included in this list that apply in your case.

If you dispute the plaintiff's claim and believe that you are entitled to retain possession of the property because it is exempt or for any other reason, you may request a hearing before this court by disputing the claim in the request for hearing form appearing below, or in a substantially similar form, and delivering the request for the hearing to this court, at the office of the clerk of this court, not later than the end of the fifth business day after you receive this notice. You may state your reasons for disputing the claim in the space provided on the form, but you are not required to do so. If you do state your reasons for disputing the claim in the space provided on the form, you are not prohibited from stating any other reasons at the hearing, and if you do not state your reasons, it will not be held against you by the court and you can state your reasons at the hearing.

If you request a hearing, it will be conducted in ..... courtroom ....., (address of court), at .....m. on ....., ...

You may avoid having a hearing but retain possession of the property until the entry of final judgment in the action by filing with the court, at the office of the clerk of this court, not later than the end of the fifth business day after you receive this notice, a bond executed by an acceptable surety in the amount of $.....

If you do not request a hearing or file a bond on or before the end of the fifth business day after you receive this notice, the court, without further notice to you, may order a law enforcement officer or bailiff to take possession of the property. Notice of the dates, times, places, and purposes of any subsequent hearings and of the date, time, and place of the trial of the action will be sent to you.

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Clerk of Court
Date:....."

(B) Along with the notice required by division (A) of this section, the clerk of the court also shall deliver to the defendant, in accordance with division (C) of this section, a request for hearing form together with a postage-paid, self-addressed envelope or a request for hearing form on a

postage-paid, self-addressed postcard. The request for hearing shall be in substantially the following form:

"(Name and Address of Court)

Case Number ..... Date .....

REQUEST FOR HEARING

I dispute the claim for the attachment of property in the above case and request that a hearing in this matter be held at the time and place set forth in the notice that I previously received.

I dispute the claim for the following reasons:

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(Optional)

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(Name of Defendant)

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(Signature)

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(Date)

WARNING: IF YOU DO NOT DELIVER THIS REQUEST FOR HEARING OR A REQUEST IN A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR FORM TO THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THIS COURT WITHIN FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF IT, YOU WAIVE YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING AT THIS TIME AND YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO GIVE UP THE PROPERTY SOUGHT WITHOUT A HEARING."

(C) The notice required by division (A) of this section shall be served on the defendant in duplicate not less than seven business days prior to the date on which the hearing is scheduled, together with a copy of the complaint and summons, if not previously served, and a copy of the motion for the attachment of property and the affidavit attached to the motion, in the same manner as provided in the Rules of Civil Procedure for the service of process. Service may be effected by publication as provided in the Rules of Civil Procedure except that the number of weeks for publication may be reduced by the court to the extent appropriate.

Sec. 2715.045. (A) Upon the filing of a motion for attachment, a court may issue an order of attachment without issuing notice to the defendant against whom the motion was filed and without conducting a hearing if the court finds that there is probable cause to support the motion and that the plaintiff that filed the motion for attachment will suffer irreparable injury if

the order is delayed until the defendant against whom the motion has been filed has been given the opportunity for a hearing. The court's findings shall be based upon the motion and affidavit filed pursuant to section 2715.03 of the Revised Code and any other relevant evidence that it may wish to consider.

(B) A finding by the court that the plaintiff will suffer irreparable injury may be made only if the court finds the existence of either of the following circumstances:

(1) There is present danger that the property will be immediately disposed of, concealed, or placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court.

(2) The value of the property will be impaired substantially if the issuance of an order of attachment is delayed.

(C)(1) Upon the issuance by a court of an order of attachment without notice and hearing pursuant to this section, the plaintiff shall file the order with the clerk of the court, together with a praecipe instructing the clerk to issue to the defendant against whom the order was issued a copy of the motion, affidavit, and order of attachment, and a notice that an order of attachment was issued and that the defendant has a right to a hearing on the matter. The clerk then immediately shall serve upon the defendant, in the manner provided by the Rules of Civil Procedure for service of process, a copy of the complaint and summons, if not previously served, a copy of the motion, affidavit, and order of attachment, and the following notice:

"(Name and Address of the Court)

(Case Caption) Case No. .....

NOTICE

You are hereby notified that this court has issued an order in the above case in favor of (name and address of plaintiff), the plaintiff in this proceeding, directing that property now in your possession, be taken from you. This order was issued on the basis of the plaintiff's claim against you as indicated in the documents that are enclosed with this notice.

The law of Ohio and the United States provides that certain benefit payments cannot be taken from you to pay a debt. Typical among the benefits that cannot be attached or executed on by a creditor are:

(1) Workers' compensation benefits;

(2) Unemployment compensation payments;

(3) Cash assistance payments under the Ohio works first program;

(4) Benefits and services under the prevention, retention, and contingency program;

(5) Disability <u>financial</u> assistance administered by the Ohio department of job and family services;

(6) Social security benefits;
(7) Supplemental security income (S.S.I.);
(8) Veteran's benefits;
(9) Black lung benefits;
(10) Certain pensions.

Additionally, your wages never can be taken to pay a debt until a judgment has been obtained against you. There may be other benefits not included in this list that apply in your case.

If you dispute the plaintiff's claim and believe that you are entitled to possession of the property because it is exempt or for any other reason, you may request a hearing before this court by disputing the claim in the request for hearing form, appearing below, or in a substantially similar form, and delivering the request for hearing to this court at the above address, at the office of the clerk of this court, no later than the end of the fifth business day after you receive this notice. You may state your reasons for disputing the claim in the space provided on the form; however, you are not required to do so. If you do state your reasons for disputing the claim, you are not prohibited from stating any other reasons at the hearing, and if you do not state your reasons, it will not be held against you by the court and you can state your reasons at the hearing. If you request a hearing, it will be held within three business days after delivery of your request for hearing and notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing will be sent to you.

You may avoid a hearing but recover and retain possession of the property until the entry of final judgment in the action by filing with the court, at the office of the clerk of this court, not later than the end of the fifth business day after you receive this notice, a bond executed by an acceptable surety in the amount of $.....

If you do not request a hearing or file a bond before the end of the fifth business day after you receive this notice, possession of the property will be withheld from you during the pendency of the action. Notice of the dates, times, places, and purposes of any subsequent hearings and of the date, time, and place of the trial of the action will be sent to you.

.....
Clerk of the Court
.....
Date"

(2) Along with the notice required by division (C)(1) of this section, the clerk of the court also shall deliver to the defendant a request for hearing form together with a postage-paid, self-addressed envelope or a request for hearing form on a postage-paid, self-addressed postcard. The request for

hearing shall be in substantially the following form:

"(Name and Address of Court)

Case Number ..... Date .....

REQUEST FOR HEARING

I dispute the claim for possession of property in the above case and request that a hearing in this matter be held within three business days after delivery of this request to the court.

I dispute the claim for the following reasons:

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(Optional)

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(Name of Defendant)

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(Signature)

.....

(Date)

WARNING: IF YOU DO NOT DELIVER THIS REQUEST FOR HEARING OR A REQUEST IN A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR FORM TO THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THIS COURT WITHIN FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF IT, YOU WAIVE YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING AND POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY WILL BE WITHHELD FROM YOU DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE ACTION."

(D) The defendant may receive a hearing in accordance with section 2715.043 of the Revised Code by delivering a written request for hearing to the court within five business days after receipt of the notice provided pursuant to division (C) of this section. The request may set forth the defendant's reasons for disputing the plaintiff's claim for possession of property. However, neither the defendant's inclusion of nor failure to include such reasons upon the request constitutes a waiver of any defense of the defendant or affects the defendant's right to produce evidence at any hearing or at the trial of the action. If the request is made by the defendant, the court shall schedule a hearing within three business days after the request is made, send notice to the parties of the date, time, and place of the hearing, and hold the hearing accordingly.

(E) If, after hearing, the court finds that there is not probable cause to support the motion, it shall order that the property be redelivered to the defendant without the condition of bond.

Sec. 2716.13. (A) Upon the filing of a proceeding in garnishment of property, other than personal earnings, under section 2716.11 of the Revised Code, the court shall cause the matter to be set for hearing within twelve days after that filing.

(B) Upon the scheduling of a hearing relative to a proceeding in garnishment of property, other than personal earnings, under division (A) of this section, the clerk of the court immediately shall issue to the garnishee three copies of the order of garnishment of property, other than personal earnings, and of a written notice that the garnishee answer as provided in section 2716.21 of the Revised Code and the garnishee's fee required by section 2716.12 of the Revised Code. The copies of the order and of the notice shall be served upon the garnishee in the same manner as a summons is served. The copies of the order and of the notice shall not be served later than seven days prior to the date on which the hearing is scheduled. The order shall bind the property, other than personal earnings, of the judgment debtor in the possession of the garnishee at the time of service.

The order of garnishment of property, other than personal earnings, and notice to answer shall be in substantially the following form:

"ORDER AND NOTICE OF GARNISHMENT
OF PROPERTY OTHER THAN PERSONAL EARNINGS
AND ANSWER OF GARNISHEE

Docket No. .....
Case No. .....
In the ..... Court
....., Ohio

The State of Ohio
County of ....., ss
....., Judgment Creditor
vs.
....., Judgment Debtor

SECTION A. COURT ORDER AND NOTICE OF GARNISHMENT

To: ....., Garnishee

The judgment creditor in the above case has filed an affidavit, satisfactory to the undersigned, in this Court stating that you have money, property, or credits, other than personal earnings, in your hands or under your control that belong to the judgment debtor, and that some of the money, property, or credits may not be exempt from garnishment under the laws of the State of Ohio or the laws of the United States.

You are therefore ordered to complete the "ANSWER OF GARNISHEE" in section (B) of this form. Return one completed and signed

copy of this form to the clerk of this court together with the amount determined in accordance with the "ANSWER OF GARNISHEE" by the following date on which a hearing is tentatively scheduled relative to this order of garnishment: ..... Deliver one completed and signed copy of this form to the judgment debtor prior to that date. Keep the other completed and signed copy of this form for your files.

The total probable amount now due on this judgment is $..... The total probable amount now due includes the unpaid portion of the judgment in favor of the judgment creditor, which is $.....; interest on that judgment and, if applicable, prejudgment interest relative to that judgment at the rate of .....% per annum payable until that judgment is satisfied in full; and court costs in the amount of $.....

You also are ordered to hold safely anything of value that belongs to the judgment debtor and that has to be paid to the court, as determined under the "ANSWER OF GARNISHEE" in section (B) of this form, but that is of such a nature that it cannot be so delivered, until further order of the court.

Witness my hand and the seal of this court this ..... day of ....., ...

.....
Judge

SECTION B. ANSWER OF GARNISHEE

Now comes ..... the garnishee, who says:

1. That the garnishee has money, property, or credits, other than personal earnings, of the judgment debtor under the garnishee's control and in the garnishee's possession.

.....	.....	.....
yes	no	if yes, amount

2. That property is described as:

3. If the answer to line 1 is "yes" and the amount is less than the probable amount now due on the judgment, as indicated in section (A) of this form, sign and return this form and pay the amount of line 1 to the clerk of this court.

4. If the answer to line 1 is "yes" and the amount is greater than that probable amount now due on the judgment, as indicated in section (A) of this form, sign and return this form and pay that probable amount now due to the clerk of this court.

5. If the answer to line 1 is "yes" but the money, property, or credits are of such a nature that they cannot be delivered to the clerk of the court, indicate that by placing an "X" in this space: ..... Do not dispose of that money, property, or credits or give them to anyone else until further order of

the court.

6. If the answer to line 1 is "no," sign and return this form to the clerk of this court.

I certify that the statements above are true.

.....
(Print Name of Garnishee)
.....
(Print Name and Title of
Person Who Completed Form)

Signed.....
(Signature of Person Completing Form)

Dated this ..... day of ....., ..."

Section A of the form described in this division shall be completed before service. Section B of the form shall be completed by the garnishee, and the garnishee shall file one completed and signed copy of the form with the clerk of the court as the garnishee's answer. The garnishee may keep one completed and signed copy of the form and shall deliver the other completed and signed copy of the form to the judgment debtor.

If several affidavits seeking orders of garnishment of property, other than personal earnings, are filed against the same judgment debtor in accordance with section 2716.11 of the Revised Code, the court involved shall issue the requested orders in the same order in which the clerk received the associated affidavits.

(C)(1) At the time of the filing of a proceeding in garnishment of property, other than personal earnings, under section 2716.11 of the Revised Code, the judgment creditor also shall file with the clerk of the court a praecipe instructing the clerk to issue to the judgment debtor a notice to the judgment debtor form and a request for hearing form. Upon receipt of the praecipe and the scheduling of a hearing relative to an action in garnishment of property, other than personal earnings, under division (A) of this section, the clerk of the court immediately shall serve upon the judgment debtor, in accordance with division (D) of this section, two copies of the notice to the judgment debtor form and of the request for hearing form. The copies of the notice to the judgment debtor form and of the request for hearing form shall not be served later than seven days prior to the date on which the hearing is scheduled.

(a) The notice to the judgment debtor that must be served upon the judgment debtor shall be in substantially the following form:

"(Name and Address of the Court)

(Case Caption) ..... Case No. .....

NOTICE TO THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR

You are hereby notified that this court has issued an order in the above case in favor of (name and address of judgment creditor), the judgment creditor in this proceeding, directing that some of your money, property, or credits, other than personal earnings, now in the possession of (name and address of garnishee), the garnishee in this proceeding, be used to satisfy your debt to the judgment creditor. This order was issued on the basis of the judgment creditor's judgment against you that was obtained in (name of court) in (case number) on (date). Upon your receipt of this notice, you are prohibited from removing or attempting to remove the money, property, or credits until expressly permitted by the court. Any violation of this prohibition subjects you to punishment for contempt of court.

The law of Ohio and the United States provides that certain benefit payments cannot be taken from you to pay a debt. Typical among the benefits that cannot be attached or executed upon by a creditor are the following:

(1) Workers' compensation benefits;

(2) Unemployment compensation payments;

(3) Cash assistance payments under the Ohio works first program;

(4) Benefits and services under the prevention, retention, and contingency program;

(5) Disability <u>financial</u> assistance administered by the Ohio department of job and family services;

(6) Social security benefits;

(7) Supplemental security income (S.S.I.);

(8) Veteran's benefits;

(9) Black lung benefits;

(10) Certain pensions.

There may be other benefits not included in the above list that apply in your case.

If you dispute the judgment creditor's right to garnish your property and believe that the judgment creditor should not be given your money, property, or credits, other than personal earnings, now in the possession of the garnishee because they are exempt or if you feel that this order is improper for any other reason, you may request a hearing before this court by disputing the claim in the request for hearing form, appearing below, or in a substantially similar form, and delivering the request for hearing to this court at the above address, at the office of the clerk of this court no later than the end of the fifth business day after you receive this notice. You may state your reasons for disputing the judgment creditor's right to garnish your

property in the space provided on the form; however, you are not required to do so. If you do state your reasons for disputing the judgment creditor's right, you are not prohibited from stating any other reason at the hearing. If you do not state your reasons, it will not be held against you by the court, and you can state your reasons at the hearing. NO OBJECTIONS TO THE JUDGMENT ITSELF WILL BE HEARD OR CONSIDERED AT THE HEARING. If you request a hearing, the hearing will be limited to a consideration of the amount of your money, property, or credits, other than personal earnings, in the possession or control of the garnishee, if any, that can be used to satisfy all or part of the judgment you owe to the judgment creditor.

If you request a hearing by delivering your request for hearing no later than the end of the fifth business day after you receive this notice, it will be conducted in ..... courtroom ....., (address of court), at ..... m. on ....., ... You may request the court to conduct the hearing before this date by indicating your request in the space provided on the form; the court then will send you notice of any change in the date, time, or place of the hearing. If you do not request a hearing by delivering your request for a hearing no later than the end of the fifth business day after you receive this notice, some of your money, property, or credits, other than personal earnings, will be paid to the judgment creditor.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact the office of the clerk of this court. If you want legal representation, you should contact your lawyer immediately. If you need the name of a lawyer, contact the local bar association.

.....
Clerk of the Court

.....
Date"

(b) The request for hearing form that must be served upon the judgment debtor shall have attached to it a postage-paid, self-addressed envelope or shall be on a postage-paid self-addressed postcard, and shall be in substantially the following form:

"(Name and Address of Court)

Case Number ..... Date .....

REQUEST FOR HEARING

I dispute the judgment creditor's right to garnish my money, property, or credits, other than personal earnings, in the above case and request that a hearing in this matter be held

.....

(Insert "on" or "earlier than")
the date and time set forth in the document entitled "NOTICE TO THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR" that I received with this request form.

I dispute the judgment creditor's right to garnish my property for the following reasons:

.....
(Optional)
.....
.....

I UNDERSTAND THAT NO OBJECTIONS TO THE JUDGMENT ITSELF WILL BE HEARD OR CONSIDERED AT THE HEARING.

.....
(Name of Judgment Debtor)
.....
(Signature)
.....
(Date)

WARNING: IF YOU DO NOT DELIVER THIS REQUEST FOR HEARING OR A REQUEST IN A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR FORM TO THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THIS COURT WITHIN FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF IT, YOU WAIVE YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING AND SOME OF YOUR MONEY, PROPERTY, OR CREDITS, OTHER THAN PERSONAL EARNINGS, NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF (GARNISHEE'S NAME) WILL BE PAID TO (JUDGMENT CREDITOR'S NAME) TO SATISFY SOME OF YOUR DEBT TO (JUDGMENT CREDITOR'S NAME)."

(2) The judgment debtor may receive a hearing in accordance with this division by delivering a written request for hearing to the court within five business days after receipt of the notice provided pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section. The request may set forth the judgment debtor's reasons for disputing the judgment creditor's right to garnish the money, property, or credits, other than personal earnings; however, neither the judgment debtor's inclusion of nor failure to include those reasons upon the request constitutes a waiver of any defense of the judgment debtor or affects the judgment debtor's right to produce evidence at the hearing. If the request is made by the judgment debtor within the prescribed time, the hearing shall be limited to a consideration of the amount of money, property, or credits, other than personal earnings, of the judgment debtor in the hands of the garnishee, if any, that can be used to satisfy all or part of the debt owed by the judgment debtor to the judgment creditor. If a request for a hearing is not received by

the court within the prescribed time, the hearing scheduled pursuant to division (A) of this section shall be canceled unless the court grants the judgment debtor a continuance in accordance with division (C)(3) of this section.

(3) If the judgment debtor does not request a hearing in the action within the prescribed time pursuant to division (C)(2) of this section, the court nevertheless may grant a continuance of the scheduled hearing if the judgment debtor, prior to the time at which the hearing was scheduled, as indicated on the notice to the judgment debtor required by division (C)(1) of this section, establishes a reasonable justification for failure to request the hearing within the prescribed time. If the court grants a continuance of the hearing, it shall cause the matter to be set for hearing as soon as practicable thereafter. The continued hearing shall be conducted in accordance with division (C)(2) of this section.

(4) The court may conduct the hearing on the matter prior to the time at which the hearing was scheduled, as indicated on the notice to the judgment debtor required by division (C)(1) of this section, upon the request of the judgment debtor. The parties shall be sent notice, by the clerk of the court, by regular mail, of any change in the date, time, or place of the hearing.

(5) If the scheduled hearing is canceled and no continuance is granted, the court shall issue an order to the garnishee to pay all or some of the money, property, or credits, other than personal earnings, of the judgment debtor in the possession of the garnishee at the time of service of the notice and order into court if they have not already been paid to the court. This order shall be based on the answer of the garnishee filed pursuant to this section. If the scheduled hearing is conducted or if it is continued and conducted, the court shall determine at the hearing the amount of the money, property, or credits, other than personal earnings, of the judgment debtor in the possession of the garnishee at the time of service of the notice and order, if any, that can be used to satisfy all or part of the debt owed by the judgment debtor to the judgment creditor, and issue an order, accordingly, to the garnishee to pay that amount into court if it has not already been paid to the court.

(D) The notice to the judgment debtor form and the request for hearing form described in division (C) of this section shall be sent by the clerk by ordinary or regular mail service unless the judgment creditor requests that service be made in accordance with the Rules of Civil Procedure, in which case the forms shall be served in accordance with the Rules of Civil Procedure. Any court of common pleas that issues an order of garnishment of property, other than personal earnings, under this section has jurisdiction

to serve process pursuant to this section upon a garnishee who does not reside within the jurisdiction of the court. Any county court or municipal court that issues an order of garnishment of property, other than personal earnings, under this section has jurisdiction to serve process pursuant to this section upon a garnishee who does not reside within the jurisdiction of the court.

Sec. 2743.02. (A)(1) The state hereby waives its immunity from liability, except as provided for the office of the state fire marshal in division (G)(1) of section 9.60 and division (B) of section 3737.221 of the Revised Code and subject to division (H) of this section, and consents to be sued, and have its liability determined, in the court of claims created in this chapter in accordance with the same rules of law applicable to suits between private parties, except that the determination of liability is subject to the limitations set forth in this chapter and, in the case of state universities or colleges, in section 3345.40 of the Revised Code, and except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section. To the extent that the state has previously consented to be sued, this chapter has no applicability.

Except in the case of a civil action filed by the state, filing a civil action in the court of claims results in a complete waiver of any cause of action, based on the same act or omission, which the filing party has against any officer or employee, as defined in section 109.36 of the Revised Code. The waiver shall be void if the court determines that the act or omission was manifestly outside the scope of the officer's or employee's office or employment or that the officer or employee acted with malicious purpose, in bad faith, or in a wanton or reckless manner.

(2) If a claimant proves in the court of claims that an officer or employee, as defined in section 109.36 of the Revised Code, would have personal liability for the officer's or employee's acts or omissions but for the fact that the officer or employee has personal immunity under section 9.86 of the Revised Code, the state shall be held liable in the court of claims in any action that is timely filed pursuant to section 2743.16 of the Revised Code and that is based upon the acts or omissions.

(B) The state hereby waives the immunity from liability of all hospitals owned or operated by one or more political subdivisions and consents for them to be sued, and to have their liability determined, in the court of common pleas, in accordance with the same rules of law applicable to suits between private parties, subject to the limitations set forth in this chapter. This division is also applicable to hospitals owned or operated by political subdivisions which have been determined by the supreme court to be subject to suit prior to July 28, 1975.

(C) Any hospital, as defined in section 2305.113 of the Revised Code, may purchase liability insurance covering its operations and activities and its agents, employees, nurses, interns, residents, staff, and members of the governing board and committees, and, whether or not such insurance is purchased, may, to such extent as its governing board considers appropriate, indemnify or agree to indemnify and hold harmless any such person against expense, including attorney's fees, damage, loss, or other liability arising out of, or claimed to have arisen out of, the death, disease, or injury of any person as a result of the negligence, malpractice, or other action or inaction of the indemnified person while acting within the scope of the indemnified person's duties or engaged in activities at the request or direction, or for the benefit, of the hospital. Any hospital electing to indemnify such persons, or to agree to so indemnify, shall reserve such funds as are necessary, in the exercise of sound and prudent actuarial judgment, to cover the potential expense, fees, damage, loss, or other liability. The superintendent of insurance may recommend, or, if such hospital requests the superintendent to do so, the superintendent shall recommend, a specific amount for any period that, in the superintendent's opinion, represents such a judgment. This authority is in addition to any authorization otherwise provided or permitted by law.

(D) Recoveries against the state shall be reduced by the aggregate of insurance proceeds, disability award, or other collateral recovery received by the claimant. This division does not apply to civil actions in the court of claims against a state university or college under the circumstances described in section 3345.40 of the Revised Code. The collateral benefits provisions of division (B)(2) of that section apply under those circumstances.

(E) The only defendant in original actions in the court of claims is the state. The state may file a third-party complaint or counterclaim in any civil action, except a civil action for two thousand five hundred dollars or less, that is filed in the court of claims.

(F) A civil action against an officer or employee, as defined in section 109.36 of the Revised Code, that alleges that the officer's or employee's conduct was manifestly outside the scope of the officer's or employee's employment or official responsibilities, or that the officer or employee acted with malicious purpose, in bad faith, or in a wanton or reckless manner shall first be filed against the state in the court of claims, which has exclusive, original jurisdiction to determine, initially, whether the officer or employee is entitled to personal immunity under section 9.86 of the Revised Code and whether the courts of common pleas have jurisdiction over the civil action.

The filing of a claim against an officer or employee under this division tolls the running of the applicable statute of limitations until the court of claims determines whether the officer or employee is entitled to personal immunity under section 9.86 of the Revised Code.

(G) Whenever a claim lies against an officer or employee who is a member of the Ohio national guard, and the officer or employee was, at the time of the act or omission complained of, subject to the "Federal Tort Claims Act," 60 Stat. 842 (1946), 28 U.S.C. 2671, et seq., then the Federal Tort Claims Act is the exclusive remedy of the claimant and the state has no liability under this section.

(H) If an inmate of a state correctional institution has a claim against the state for the loss of or damage to property and the amount claimed does not exceed three hundred dollars, before commencing an action against the state in the court of claims, the inmate shall file a claim for the loss or damage under the rules adopted by the director of rehabilitation and correction pursuant to this division. The inmate shall file the claim within the time allowed for commencement of a civil action under section 2743.16 of the Revised Code. If the state admits or compromises the claim, the director shall make payment from a fund designated by the director for that purpose. If the state denies the claim or does not compromise the claim at least sixty days prior to expiration of the time allowed for commencement of a civil action based upon the loss or damage under section 2743.16 of the Revised Code, the inmate may commence an action in the court of claims under this chapter to recover damages for the loss or damage.

The director of rehabilitation and correction shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this division.

Sec. 2743.191. (A)(1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the reparations fund, which shall be used only for the following purposes:

(a) The payment of awards of reparations that are granted by the attorney general;

(b) The compensation of any personnel needed by the attorney general to administer sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code;

(c) The compensation of witnesses as provided in division ~~(B)~~(J) of section 2743.65 of the Revised Code;

(d) Other administrative costs of hearing and determining claims for an award of reparations by the attorney general;

(e) The costs of administering sections 2907.28 and 2969.01 to 2969.06 of the Revised Code;

(f) The costs of investigation and decision-making as certified by the attorney general;

(g) The provision of state financial assistance to victim assistance programs in accordance with sections 109.91 and 109.92 of the Revised Code;

(h) The costs of paying the expenses of sex offense-related examinations and antibiotics pursuant to section 2907.28 of the Revised Code;

(i) The cost of printing and distributing the pamphlet prepared by the attorney general pursuant to section 109.42 of the Revised Code;

(j) Subject to division (D) of section 2743.71 of the Revised Code, the costs associated with the printing and providing of information cards or other printed materials to law enforcement agencies and prosecuting authorities and with publicizing the availability of awards of reparations pursuant to section 2743.71 of the Revised Code;

(k) The payment of costs of administering a DNA specimen collection procedure pursuant to section 2152.74 of the Revised Code in relation to any act identified in division (E)(1) to (5) of that section and pursuant to section 2901.07 of the Revised Code in relation to any act identified in division (E)(1) to (5) of that section, of performing DNA analysis of those DNA specimens, and of entering the resulting DNA records regarding those analyses into the DNA database pursuant to section 109.573 of the Revised Code.

(2) All costs paid pursuant to section 2743.70 of the Revised Code, the portions of license reinstatement fees mandated by division (L)(2)(b) of section 4511.191 of the Revised Code to be credited to the fund, the portions of the proceeds of the sale of a forfeited vehicle specified in division (D)(2) of section 4503.234 of the Revised Code, payments collected by the department of rehabilitation and correction from prisoners who voluntarily participate in an approved work and training program pursuant to division (C)(8)(b)(ii) of section 5145.16 of the Revised Code, and all moneys collected by the state pursuant to its right of subrogation provided in section 2743.72 of the Revised Code shall be deposited in the fund.

(B) In making an award of reparations, the attorney general shall render the award against the state. The award shall be accomplished only through the following procedure, and the following procedure may be enforced by writ of mandamus directed to the appropriate official:

(1) The attorney general shall provide for payment of the claimant or providers in the amount of the award <u>only if the amount of the award is fifty dollars or more</u>.

(2) The expense shall be charged against all available unencumbered moneys in the fund.

(3) If sufficient unencumbered moneys do not exist in the fund, the attorney general shall make application for payment of the award out of the emergency purposes account or any other appropriation for emergencies or contingencies, and payment out of this account or other appropriation shall be authorized if there are sufficient moneys greater than the sum total of then pending emergency purposes account requests or requests for releases from the other appropriations.

(4) If sufficient moneys do not exist in the account or any other appropriation for emergencies or contingencies to pay the award, the attorney general shall request the general assembly to make an appropriation sufficient to pay the award, and no payment shall be made until the appropriation has been made. The attorney general shall make this appropriation request during the current biennium and during each succeeding biennium until a sufficient appropriation is made. If, prior to the time that an appropriation is made by the general assembly pursuant to this division, the fund has sufficient unencumbered funds to pay the award or part of the award, the available funds shall be used to pay the award or part of the award, and the appropriation request shall be amended to request only sufficient funds to pay that part of the award that is unpaid.

(C) The attorney general shall not make payment on a decision or order granting an award until all appeals have been determined and all rights to appeal exhausted, except as otherwise provided in this section. If any party to a claim for an award of reparations appeals from only a portion of an award, and a remaining portion provides for the payment of money by the state, that part of the award calling for the payment of money by the state and not a subject of the appeal shall be processed for payment as described in this section.

(D) The attorney general shall prepare itemized bills for the costs of printing and distributing the pamphlet the attorney general prepares pursuant to section 109.42 of the Revised Code. The itemized bills shall set forth the name and address of the persons owed the amounts set forth in them.

(E) As used in this section, "DNA analysis" and "DNA specimen" have the same meanings as in section 109.573 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2743.51. As used in sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Claimant" means both of the following categories of persons:

(1) Any of the following persons who claim an award of reparations under sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code:

(a) A victim who was one of the following at the time of the criminally injurious conduct:

(i) A resident of the United States;

(ii) A resident of a foreign country the laws of which permit residents of this state to recover compensation as victims of offenses committed in that country.

(b) A dependent of a deceased victim who is described in division (A)(1)(a) of this section;

(c) A third person, other than a collateral source, who legally assumes or voluntarily pays the obligations of a victim, or of a dependent of a victim, who is described in division (A)(1)(a) of this section, which obligations are incurred as a result of the criminally injurious conduct that is the subject of the claim and may include, but are not limited to, medical or burial expenses;

(d) A person who is authorized to act on behalf of any person who is described in division (A)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section;

(e) The estate of a deceased victim who is described in division (A)(1)(a) of this section.

(2) Any of the following persons who claim an award of reparations under sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code:

(a) A victim who had a permanent place of residence within this state at the time of the criminally injurious conduct and who, at the time of the criminally injurious conduct, complied with any one of the following:

(i) Had a permanent place of employment in this state;

(ii) Was a member of the regular armed forces of the United States or of the United States coast guard or was a full-time member of the Ohio organized militia or of the United States army reserve, naval reserve, or air force reserve;

(iii) Was retired and receiving social security or any other retirement income;

(iv) Was sixty years of age or older;

(v) Was temporarily in another state for the purpose of receiving medical treatment;

(vi) Was temporarily in another state for the purpose of performing employment-related duties required by an employer located within this state as an express condition of employment or employee benefits;

(vii) Was temporarily in another state for the purpose of receiving occupational, vocational, or other job-related training or instruction required by an employer located within this state as an express condition of employment or employee benefits;

(viii) Was a full-time student at an academic institution, college, or university located in another state;

(ix) Had not departed the geographical boundaries of this state for a period exceeding thirty days or with the intention of becoming a citizen of another state or establishing a permanent place of residence in another state.

(b) A dependent of a deceased victim who is described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section;

(c) A third person, other than a collateral source, who legally assumes or voluntarily pays the obligations of a victim, or of a dependent of a victim, who is described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section, which obligations are incurred as a result of the criminally injurious conduct that is the subject of the claim and may include, but are not limited to, medical or burial expenses;

(d) A person who is authorized to act on behalf of any person who is described in division (A)(2)(a), (b), or (c) of this section;

(e) The estate of a deceased victim who is described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section.

(B) "Collateral source" means a source of benefits or advantages for economic loss otherwise reparable that the victim or claimant has received, or that is readily available to the victim or claimant, from any of the following sources:

(1) The offender;

(2) The government of the United States or any of its agencies, a state or any of its political subdivisions, or an instrumentality of two or more states, unless the law providing for the benefits or advantages makes them excess or secondary to benefits under sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code;

(3) Social security, medicare, and medicaid;

(4) State-required, temporary, nonoccupational disability insurance;

(5) Workers' compensation;

(6) Wage continuation programs of any employer;

(7) Proceeds of a contract of insurance payable to the victim for loss that the victim sustained because of the criminally injurious conduct;

(8) A contract providing prepaid hospital and other health care services, or benefits for disability;

(9) That portion of the proceeds of all contracts of insurance payable to the claimant on account of the death of the victim that exceeds fifty thousand dollars;

(10) Any compensation recovered or recoverable under the laws of another state, district, territory, or foreign country because the victim was the victim of an offense committed in that state, district, territory, or country.

"Collateral source" does not include any money, or the monetary value of any property, that is subject to sections 2969.01 to 2969.06 of the Revised Code or that is received as a benefit from the Ohio public safety officers death benefit fund created by section 742.62 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Criminally injurious conduct" means one of the following:

(1) For the purposes of any person described in division (A)(1) of this section, any conduct that occurs or is attempted in this state; poses a substantial threat of personal injury or death; and is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or death, or would be so punishable but for the fact that the person engaging in the conduct lacked capacity to commit the crime under the laws of this state. Criminally injurious conduct does not include conduct arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle, except when any of the following applies:

(a) The person engaging in the conduct intended to cause personal injury or death;

(b) The person engaging in the conduct was using the vehicle to flee immediately after committing a felony or an act that would constitute a felony but for the fact that the person engaging in the conduct lacked the capacity to commit the felony under the laws of this state;

(c) The person engaging in the conduct was using the vehicle in a manner that constitutes an OMVI violation;

(d) The conduct occurred on or after July 25, 1990, and the person engaging in the conduct was using the vehicle in a manner that constitutes a violation of section 2903.08 of the Revised Code.

(2) For the purposes of any person described in division (A)(2) of this section, any conduct that occurs or is attempted in another state, district, territory, or foreign country; poses a substantial threat of personal injury or death; and is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or death, or would be so punishable but for the fact that the person engaging in the conduct lacked capacity to commit the crime under the laws of the state, district, territory, or foreign country in which the conduct occurred or was attempted. Criminally injurious conduct does not include conduct arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle, except when any of the following applies:

(a) The person engaging in the conduct intended to cause personal injury or death;

(b) The person engaging in the conduct was using the vehicle to flee immediately after committing a felony or an act that would constitute a felony but for the fact that the person engaging in the conduct lacked the capacity to commit the felony under the laws of the state, district, territory,

or foreign country in which the conduct occurred or was attempted;

(c) The person engaging in the conduct was using the vehicle in a manner that constitutes an OMVI violation;

(d) The conduct occurred on or after July 25, 1990, the person engaging in the conduct was using the vehicle in a manner that constitutes a violation of any law of the state, district, territory, or foreign country in which the conduct occurred, and that law is substantially similar to a violation of section 2903.08 of the Revised Code.

(3) For the purposes of any person described in division (A)(1) or (2) of this section, terrorism that occurs within or outside the territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

(D) "Dependent" means an individual wholly or partially dependent upon the victim for care and support, and includes a child of the victim born after the victim's death.

(E) "Economic loss" means economic detriment consisting only of allowable expense, work loss, funeral expense, unemployment benefits loss, replacement services loss, cost of crime scene cleanup, and cost of evidence replacement. If criminally injurious conduct causes death, economic loss includes a dependent's economic loss and a dependent's replacement services loss. Noneconomic detriment is not economic loss; however, economic loss may be caused by pain and suffering or physical impairment.

(F)(1) "Allowable expense" means reasonable charges incurred for reasonably needed products, services, and accommodations, including those for medical care, rehabilitation, rehabilitative occupational training, and other remedial treatment and care and including replacement costs for eyeglasses and other corrective lenses. It does not include that portion of a charge for a room in a hospital, clinic, convalescent home, nursing home, or any other institution engaged in providing nursing care and related services in excess of a reasonable and customary charge for semiprivate accommodations, unless accommodations other than semiprivate accommodations are medically required.

(2) An immediate family member of a victim of criminally injurious conduct that consists of a homicide, a sexual assault, domestic violence, or a severe and permanent incapacitating injury resulting in paraplegia or a similar life-altering condition, who requires psychiatric care or counseling as a result of the criminally injurious conduct, may be reimbursed for that care or counseling as an allowable expense through the victim's application. The cumulative allowable expense for care or counseling of that nature shall not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars for each immediate family member of a victim of that type ~~shall not exceed two~~ and seven thousand

five hundred dollars in the aggregate for all immediate family members of a victim of that type.

(3) A family member of a victim who died as a proximate result of criminally injurious conduct may be reimbursed as an allowable expense through the victim's application for wages lost and travel expenses incurred in order to attend criminal justice proceedings arising from the criminally injurious conduct. The cumulative allowable expense for wages lost and travel expenses incurred by a family member to attend criminal justice proceedings shall not exceed five hundred dollars for each family member of the victim and two thousand dollars in the aggregate for all family members of the victim.

(4) "Allowable expense" includes attorney's fees not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars, at a rate not exceeding one hundred fifty dollars per hour, incurred to successfully obtain a restraining order, custody order, or other order to physically separate a victim from an offender, if the attorney has not received payment under section 2743.65 of the Revised Code for assisting a claimant with an application for an award of reparations under sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Work loss" means loss of income from work that the injured person would have performed if the person had not been injured and expenses reasonably incurred by the person to obtain services in lieu of those the person would have performed for income, reduced by any income from substitute work actually performed by the person, or by income the person would have earned in available appropriate substitute work that the person was capable of performing but unreasonably failed to undertake.

(H) "Replacement services loss" means expenses reasonably incurred in obtaining ordinary and necessary services in lieu of those the injured person would have performed, not for income, but for the benefit of the person's self or family, if the person had not been injured.

(I) "Dependent's economic loss" means loss after a victim's death of contributions of things of economic value to the victim's dependents, not including services they would have received from the victim if the victim had not suffered the fatal injury, less expenses of the dependents avoided by reason of the victim's death. If a minor child of a victim is adopted after the victim's death, the minor child continues after the adoption to incur a dependent's economic loss as a result of the victim's death. If the surviving spouse of a victim remarries, the surviving spouse continues after the remarriage to incur a dependent's economic loss as a result of the victim's death.

(J) "Dependent's replacement services loss" means loss reasonably

incurred by dependents after a victim's death in obtaining ordinary and necessary services in lieu of those the victim would have performed for their benefit if the victim had not suffered the fatal injury, less expenses of the dependents avoided by reason of the victim's death and not subtracted in calculating the dependent's economic loss. If a minor child of a victim is adopted after the victim's death, the minor child continues after the adoption to incur a dependent's replacement services loss as a result of the victim's death. If the surviving spouse of a victim remarries, the surviving spouse continues after the remarriage to incur a dependent's replacement services loss as a result of the victim's death.

(K) "Noneconomic detriment" means pain, suffering, inconvenience, physical impairment, or other nonpecuniary damage.

(L) "Victim" means a person who suffers personal injury or death as a result of any of the following:

(1) Criminally injurious conduct;

(2) The good faith effort of any person to prevent criminally injurious conduct;

(3) The good faith effort of any person to apprehend a person suspected of engaging in criminally injurious conduct.

(M) "Contributory misconduct" means any conduct of the claimant or of the victim through whom the claimant claims an award of reparations that is unlawful or intentionally tortious and that, without regard to the conduct's proximity in time or space to the criminally injurious conduct, has a causal relationship to the criminally injurious conduct that is the basis of the claim.

(N)(1) "Funeral expense" means any reasonable charges that are not in excess of ~~five~~ seven thousand five hundred dollars per funeral and that are incurred for expenses directly related to a victim's funeral, cremation, or burial and any wages lost or travel expenses incurred by a family member of a victim in order to attend the victim's funeral, cremation, or burial.

(2) An award for funeral expenses shall be applied first to expenses directly related to the victim's funeral, cremation, or burial. An award for wages lost or travel expenses incurred by a family member of the victim shall not exceed five hundred dollars for each family member and shall not exceed in the aggregate the difference between seven thousand five hundred dollars and expenses that are reimbursed by the program and that are directly related to the victim's funeral, cremation, or burial.

(O) "Unemployment benefits loss" means a loss of unemployment benefits pursuant to Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code when the loss arises solely from the inability of a victim to meet the able to work, available for suitable work, or the actively seeking suitable work requirements of division

(A)(4)(a) of section 4141.29 of the Revised Code.

(P) "OMVI violation" means any of the following:

(1) A violation of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code, of any municipal ordinance prohibiting the operation of a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or alcohol and a drug of abuse, or of any municipal ordinance prohibiting the operation of a vehicle with a prohibited concentration of alcohol in the blood, breath, or urine;

(2) A violation of division (A)(1) of section 2903.06 of the Revised Code;

(3) A violation of division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of section 2903.06 of the Revised Code or of a municipal ordinance substantially similar to any of those divisions, if the offender was under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or alcohol and a drug of abuse, at the time of the commission of the offense;

(4) For purposes of any person described in division (A)(2) of this section, a violation of any law of the state, district, territory, or foreign country in which the criminally injurious conduct occurred, if that law is substantially similar to a violation described in division (P)(1) or (2) of this section or if that law is substantially similar to a violation described in division (P)(3) of this section and the offender was under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or alcohol and a drug of abuse, at the time of the commission of the offense.

(Q) "Pendency of the claim" for an original reparations application or supplemental reparations application means the period of time from the date the criminally injurious conduct upon which the application is based occurred until the date a final decision, order, or judgment concerning that original reparations application or supplemental reparations application is issued.

(R) "Terrorism" means any activity to which all of the following apply:

(1) The activity involves a violent act or an act that is dangerous to human life.

(2) The act described in division (R)(1) of this section is committed within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States and is a violation of the criminal laws of the United States, this state, or any other state or the act described in division (R)(1) of this section is committed outside the territorial jurisdiction of the United States and would be a violation of the criminal laws of the United States, this state, or any other state if committed within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

(3) The activity appears to be intended to do any of the following:

(a) Intimidate or coerce a civilian population;

(b) Influence the policy of any government by intimidation or coercion;

(c) Affect the conduct of any government by assassination or kidnapping.

(4) The activity occurs primarily outside the territorial jurisdiction of the United States or transcends the national boundaries of the United States in terms of the means by which the activity is accomplished, the person or persons that the activity appears intended to intimidate or coerce, or the area or locale in which the perpetrator or perpetrators of the activity operate or seek asylum.

(S) "Transcends the national boundaries of the United States" means occurring outside the territorial jurisdiction of the United States in addition to occurring within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

(T) "Cost of crime scene cleanup" means reasonable and necessary costs of cleaning the scene and repairing, for the purpose of personal security, property damaged at the scene where the criminally injurious conduct occurred, not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars in the aggregate per claim.

(U) "Cost of evidence replacement" means costs for replacement of property confiscated for evidentiary purposes related to the criminally injurious conduct, not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars in the aggregate per claim.

(V) "Provider" means any person who provides a victim or claimant with a product, service, or accommodations that are an allowable expense or a funeral expense.

(W) "Immediate family member" means an individual who resided in the same permanent household as a victim at the time of the criminally injurious conduct and who is related to ~~a~~ the victim ~~within the first degree~~ by affinity or consanguinity.

(X) "Family member" means an individual who is related to a victim by affinity or consanguinity.

Sec. 2743.60. (A) The attorney general, a court of claims panel of commissioners, or a judge of the court of claims shall not make or order an award of reparations to any claimant who, if the victim of the criminally injurious conduct was an adult, did not file an application for an award of reparations within two years after the date of the occurrence of the criminally injurious conduct that caused the injury or death for which the victim is seeking an award of reparations or who, if the victim of that criminally injurious conduct was a minor, did not file an application for an award of reparations within the period provided by division ~~(C)~~(B)(1) of section 2743.56 of the Revised Code. An award of reparations shall not be

made to a claimant if the criminally injurious conduct upon which the claimant bases a claim was not reported to a law enforcement officer or agency within seventy-two hours after the occurrence of the conduct, unless it is determined that good cause existed for the failure to report the conduct within the seventy-two-hour period.

(B)(1) The attorney general, a panel of commissioners, or a judge of the court of claims shall not make or order an award of reparations to a claimant if any of the following apply:

(a) The claimant is the offender or an accomplice of the offender who committed the criminally injurious conduct, or the award would unjustly benefit the offender or accomplice.

(b) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, both of the following apply:

(i) The victim was a passenger in a motor vehicle and knew or reasonably should have known that the driver was under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or both.

(ii) The claimant is seeking compensation for injuries proximately caused by the driver described in division (B)(1)(b)(i) of this section being under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or both.

(c) Both of the following apply:

(i) The victim was under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or both and was a passenger in a motor vehicle and, if sober, should have reasonably known that the driver was under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or both.

(ii) The claimant is seeking compensation for injuries proximately caused by the driver described in division (B)(1)(b)(i) of this section being under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or both.

(2) Division (B)(1)(b) of this section does not apply if on the date of the occurrence of the criminally injurious conduct, the victim was under sixteen years of age or was at least sixteen years of age but less than eighteen years of age and was riding with a parent, guardian, or care-provider.

(C) The attorney general, a panel of commissioners, or a judge of the court of claims, upon a finding that the claimant or victim has not fully cooperated with appropriate law enforcement agencies, may deny a claim or reconsider and reduce an award of reparations.

(D) The attorney general, a panel of commissioners, or a judge of the court of claims shall reduce an award of reparations or deny a claim for an award of reparations that is otherwise payable to a claimant to the extent that the economic loss upon which the claim is based is recouped from other persons, including collateral sources. If an award is reduced or a claim is

denied because of the expected recoupment of all or part of the economic loss of the claimant from a collateral source, the amount of the award or the denial of the claim shall be conditioned upon the claimant's economic loss being recouped by the collateral source. If the award or denial is conditioned upon the recoupment of the claimant's economic loss from a collateral source and it is determined that the claimant did not unreasonably fail to present a timely claim to the collateral source and will not receive all or part of the expected recoupment, the claim may be reopened and an award may be made in an amount equal to the amount of expected recoupment that it is determined the claimant will not receive from the collateral source.

If the claimant recoups all or part of the economic loss upon which the claim is based from any other person or entity, including a collateral source, the attorney general may recover pursuant to section 2743.72 of the Revised Code the part of the award that represents the economic loss for which the claimant received the recoupment from the other person or entity.

(E) ~~The~~(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (E)(2) of this section, the attorney general, a panel of commissioners, or a judge of the court of claims shall not make an award to a claimant if any of the following applies:

~~(1)~~(a) The victim was convicted of a felony within ten years prior to the criminally injurious conduct that gave rise to the claim or is convicted of a felony during the pendency of the claim.

~~(2)~~(b) The claimant was convicted of a felony within ten years prior to the criminally injurious conduct that gave rise to the claim or is convicted of a felony during the pendency of the claim.

~~(3)~~(c) It is proved by a preponderance of the evidence that the victim or the claimant engaged, within ten years prior to the criminally injurious conduct that gave rise to the claim or during the pendency of the claim, in an offense of violence, a violation of section 2925.03 of the Revised Code, or any substantially similar offense that also would constitute a felony under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States.

~~(4)~~(d) The claimant was convicted of a violation of section 2919.22 or 2919.25 of the Revised Code, or of any state law or municipal ordinance substantially similar to either section, within ten years prior to the criminally injurious conduct that gave rise to the claim or during the pendency of the claim.

(e) It is proved by a preponderance of the evidence that the victim at the time of the criminally injurious conduct that gave rise to the claim engaged in conduct that was a felony violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code or engaged in any substantially similar conduct that would constitute a

felony under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States.

(2) The attorney general, a panel of commissioners, or a judge of the court of claims may make an award to a minor dependent of a deceased victim for dependent's economic loss or for counseling pursuant to division (F)(2) of section 2743.51 of the Revised Code if the minor dependent is not ineligible under division (E)(1) of this section due to the minor dependent's criminal history and if the victim was not killed while engaging in illegal conduct that contributed to the criminally injurious conduct that gave rise to the claim. For purposes of this section, the use of illegal drugs by the deceased victim shall not be deemed to have contributed to the criminally injurious conduct that gave rise to the claim.

(F) In determining whether to make an award of reparations pursuant to this section, the attorney general or panel of commissioners shall consider whether there was contributory misconduct by the victim or the claimant. The attorney general, a panel of commissioners, or a judge of the court of claims shall reduce an award of reparations or deny a claim for an award of reparations to the extent it is determined to be reasonable because of the contributory misconduct of the claimant or the victim.

When the attorney general decides whether a claim should be denied because of an allegation of contributory misconduct, the burden of proof on the issue of that alleged contributory misconduct shall be upon the claimant, if either of the following apply:

(1) The victim was convicted of a felony more than ten years prior to the criminally injurious conduct that is the subject of the claim or has a record of felony arrests under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States.

(2) There is good cause to believe that the victim engaged in an ongoing course of criminal conduct within five years or less of the criminally injurious conduct that is the subject of the claim.

~~For purposes of this section, if it is proven by a preponderance of the evidence that the victim engaged in conduct at the time of the criminally injurious conduct that was a felony violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code, the conduct shall be presumed to have contributed to the criminally injurious conduct and shall result in a complete denial of the claim.~~

(G) The attorney general, a panel of commissioners, or a judge of the court of claims shall not make an award of reparations to a claimant if the criminally injurious conduct that caused the injury or death that is the subject of the claim occurred to a victim who was an adult and while the victim, after being convicted of or pleading guilty to an offense, was serving

a sentence of imprisonment in any detention facility, as defined in section 2921.01 of the Revised Code.

(H) If a claimant unreasonably fails to present a claim timely to a source of benefits or advantages that would have been a collateral source and that would have reimbursed the claimant for all or a portion of a particular expense, the attorney general, a panel of commissioners, or a judge of the court of claims may reduce an award of reparations or deny a claim for an award of reparations to the extent that it is reasonable to do so.

(I) Reparations payable to a victim and to all other claimants sustaining economic loss because of injury to or the death of that victim shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars in the aggregate. If the attorney general, a panel of commissioners, or a judge of the court of claims reduces an award under division (F) of this section, the maximum aggregate amount of reparations payable under this division shall be reduced proportionately to the reduction under division (F) of this section.

Sec. 2743.65. (A) The attorney general shall determine, and the state shall pay, in accordance with this section attorney's fees, commensurate with services rendered, to the attorney representing a claimant under sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code. The attorney shall submit on an application form an itemized fee bill at the rate of sixty dollars per hour upon receipt of the final decision on the claim. Attorney's fees paid pursuant to this section are subject to the following maximum amounts:

(1) A maximum of seven hundred twenty dollars for claims resolved without the filing of an appeal to the panel of commissioners;

(2) A maximum of one thousand twenty dollars for claims in which an appeal to the panel of commissioners is filed plus, at the request of an attorney whose main office is not in Franklin county, Delaware county, Licking county, Fairfield county, Pickaway county, Madison county, or Union county, an amount for the attorney's travel time to attend the oral hearing before the panel of commissioners at the rate of thirty dollars per hour;

(3) A maximum of one thousand three hundred twenty dollars for claims in which an appeal to a judge of the court of claims is filed plus, at the request of an attorney whose main office is not in Franklin county, Delaware county, Licking county, Fairfield county, Pickaway county, Madison county, or Union county, an amount for the attorney's travel time to attend the oral hearing before the judge at the rate of thirty dollars per hour;

(4) A maximum of seven hundred twenty dollars for a supplemental reparations application;

(5) A maximum of two hundred dollars if the claim is denied on the

basis of a claimant's or victim's conviction of a felony offense prior to the filing of the claim. If the claimant or victim is convicted of a felony offense during the pendency of the claim, the two hundred dollars maximum does not apply. If the attorney had knowledge of the claimant's or victim's felony conviction prior to the filing of the application for the claim, the attorney general may determine that the filing of the claim was frivolous and may deny attorney's fees.

(B) The attorney general may determine that an attorney be reimbursed for fees incurred in the creation of a guardianship if the guardianship is required in order for an individual to receive an award of reparations, and those fees shall be reimbursed at a rate of sixty dollars per hour.

(C)(1) The attorney general shall forward an application form for attorney's fees to a claimant's attorney before or when the final decision on a claim is rendered. The application form for attorney's fees shall do all of the following:

(a) Inform the attorney of the requirements of this section;

(b) Require a verification statement comporting with the law prohibiting falsification;

(c) Require an itemized fee statement;

(d) Require a verification statement that the claimant was served a copy of the completed application form;

(e) Include notice that the claimant may oppose the application by notifying the attorney general in writing within ten days.

(2) The attorney general shall forward a copy of this section to the attorney with the application form for attorney's fees. The attorney shall file the application form with the attorney general. The attorney general's decision with respect to an award of attorney's fees is final ten days after the attorney general renders the decision and mails a copy of the decision to the attorney at the address provided by the attorney. The attorney may request reconsideration of the decision on grounds that it is insufficient or calculated incorrectly. The attorney general's decision on the request for reconsideration is final.

(D) The attorney general shall review all application forms for attorney's fees that are submitted by a claimant's attorney and shall issue an order approving the amount of fees to be paid to the attorney within sixty days after receipt of the application form.

(E) No attorney's fees shall be paid for the following:

(1) Estate work or representation of a claimant against a collateral source;

(2) Duplication of investigative work required to be performed by the

attorney general;

(3) Performance of unnecessary criminal investigation of the offense;

(4) Presenting or appealing an issue that has been repeatedly ruled upon by the highest appellate authority, unless a unique set of facts or unique issue of law exists that distinguishes it;

(5) A fee request that is unreasonable, is not commensurate with services rendered, violates the Ohio code of professional responsibility, or is based upon services that are determined to be frivolous.

(F)(1) The attorney general may reduce or deny the payment of attorney's fees to an attorney who has filed a frivolous claim. Subject to division (A)(5) of this section, the denial of a claim on the basis of a felony conviction, felony conduct, or contributory misconduct does not constitute a frivolous claim.

(2) As used in this section, "frivolous claim" means a claim in which there is clearly no legal grounds under the existing laws of this state to support the filing of a claim on behalf of the claimant or victim.

(G) The attorney general may determine that a lesser number of hours should have been required in a given case. Additional reimbursement may be made where the attorney demonstrates to the attorney general that the nature of the particular claim required the expenditure of an amount in excess of that allowed.

(H) No attorney shall receive payment under this section for assisting a claimant with an application for an award of reparations under sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code if that attorney's fees have been allowed as an expense in accordance with division (F)(4) of section 2743.51 of the Revised Code.

(I) A contract or other agreement between an attorney and any person that provides for the payment of attorney's fees or other payments in excess of the attorney's fees allowed under this section for representing a claimant under sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code shall be void and unenforceable.

~~(H)~~(J) Each witness who appears in a hearing on a claim for an award of reparations shall receive compensation in an amount equal to that received by witnesses in civil cases as provided in section 2335.06 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2915.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Bookmaking" means the business of receiving or paying off bets.

(B) "Bet" means the hazarding of anything of value upon the result of an event, undertaking, or contingency, but does not include a bona fide business risk.

(C) "Scheme of chance" means a slot machine, lottery, numbers game, pool conducted for profit, or other scheme in which a participant gives a valuable consideration for a chance to win a prize, but does not include bingo, a skill-based amusement machine, or a pool not conducted for profit.

(D) "Game of chance" means poker, craps, roulette, or other game in which a player gives anything of value in the hope of gain, the outcome of which is determined largely by chance, but does not include bingo.

(E) "Game of chance conducted for profit" means any game of chance designed to produce income for the person who conducts or operates the game of chance, but does not include bingo.

(F) "Gambling device" means any of the following:

(1) A book, totalizer, or other equipment for recording bets;

(2) A ticket, token, or other device representing a chance, share, or interest in a scheme of chance or evidencing a bet;

(3) A deck of cards, dice, gaming table, roulette wheel, slot machine, or other apparatus designed for use in connection with a game of chance;

(4) Any equipment, device, apparatus, or paraphernalia specially designed for gambling purposes;

(5) Bingo supplies sold or otherwise provided, or used, in violation of this chapter.

(G) "Gambling offense" means any of the following:

(1) A violation of section 2915.02, 2915.03, 2915.04, 2915.05, 2915.07, 2915.08, 2915.081, 2915.082, 2915.09, 2915.091, 2915.092, 2915.10, or 2915.11 of the Revised Code;

(2) A violation of an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this or any other state or the United States substantially equivalent to any section listed in division (G)(1) of this section or a violation of section 2915.06 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996;

(3) An offense under an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this or any other state or the United States, of which gambling is an element;

(4) A conspiracy or attempt to commit, or complicity in committing, any offense under division (G)(1), (2), or (3) of this section.

(H) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, "charitable organization" means any tax exempt religious, educational, veteran's, fraternal, sporting, service, nonprofit medical, volunteer rescue service, volunteer firefighter's, senior citizen's, historic railroad educational, youth athletic, amateur athletic, or youth athletic park organization. An organization is tax exempt if the organization is, and has received from the internal revenue service a determination letter that currently is in effect

stating that the organization is, exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10), or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code, or if the organization is a sporting organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and is described in subsection 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code. To qualify as a charitable organization, an organization, except a volunteer rescue service or volunteer fire fighter's organization, shall have been in continuous existence as such in this state for a period of two years immediately preceding either the making of an application for a bingo license under section 2915.08 of the Revised Code or the conducting of any ~~scheme of chance or~~ game of chance as provided in division ~~(C)~~(D) of section 2915.02 of the Revised Code. A charitable organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that is created by a veteran's organization ~~or,~~ a fraternal organization, or a sporting organization does not have to have been in continuous existence as such in this state for a period of two years immediately preceding either the making of an application for a bingo license under section 2915.08 of the Revised Code or the conducting of any ~~scheme of chance or~~ game of chance as provided in division (D) of section 2915.02 of the Revised Code.

(I) "Religious organization" means any church, body of communicants, or group that is not organized or operated for profit and that gathers in common membership for regular worship and religious observances.

(J) "Educational organization" means any organization within this state that is not organized for profit, the ~~exclusive~~ primary purpose of which is to educate and develop the capabilities of individuals through instruction~~, and that operates or contributes to~~ by means of operating or contributing to the support of a school, academy, college, or university.

(K) "Veteran's organization" means any individual post or state headquarters of a national veteran's association or an auxiliary unit of any individual post of a national veteran's association, which post, state headquarters, or auxiliary unit has been in continuous existence in this state for at least two years and incorporated as a nonprofit corporation ~~for at least two years~~ and either has received a letter from the state headquarters of the national veteran's association indicating that the individual post or auxiliary unit is in good standing with the national veteran's association or has received a letter from the national veteran's association indicating that the state headquarters is in good standing with the national veteran's association. As used in this division, "national veteran's association" means any veteran's association that has been in continuous existence as such for a period of at

least five years and either is incorporated by an act of the United States congress or has a national dues-paying membership of at least five thousand persons.

(L) "Volunteer firefighter's organization" means any organization of volunteer firefighters, as defined in section 146.01 of the Revised Code, that is organized and operated exclusively to provide financial support for a volunteer fire department or a volunteer fire company and that is recognized or ratified by a county, municipal corporation, or township.

(M) "Fraternal organization" means any society, order, state headquarters, or association within this state, except a college or high school fraternity, that is not organized for profit, that is a branch, lodge, or chapter of a national or state organization, that exists exclusively for the common business or sodality of its members, and that has been in continuous existence in this state for a period of five years.

(N) "Volunteer rescue service organization" means any organization of volunteers organized to function as an emergency medical service organization, as defined in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.

(O) "Service organization" means any organization, not organized for profit, that is organized and operated exclusively to provide, or to contribute to the support of organizations or institutions organized and operated exclusively to provide, medical and therapeutic services for persons who are crippled, born with birth defects, or have any other mental or physical defect or those organized and operated exclusively to protect, or to contribute to the support of organizations or institutions organized and operated exclusively to protect, animals from inhumane treatment.

(P) "Nonprofit medical organization" means any organization that has been incorporated as a nonprofit corporation for at least five years and that has continuously operated and will be operated exclusively to provide, or to contribute to the support of organizations or institutions organized and operated exclusively to provide, hospital, medical, research, or therapeutic services for the public.

(Q) "Senior citizen's organization" means any private organization, not organized for profit, that is organized and operated exclusively to provide recreational or social services for persons who are fifty-five years of age or older and that is described and qualified under subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(R) "Charitable bingo game" means any bingo game described in division (S)(1) or (2) of this section that is conducted by a charitable organization that has obtained a license pursuant to section 2915.08 of the Revised Code and the proceeds of which are used for a charitable purpose.

(S) "Bingo" means either of the following:

(1) A game with all of the following characteristics:

(a) The participants use bingo cards or sheets, including paper formats and electronic representation or image formats, that are divided into twenty-five spaces arranged in five horizontal and five vertical rows of spaces, with each space, except the central space, being designated by a combination of a letter and a number and with the central space being designated as a free space.

(b) The participants cover the spaces on the bingo cards or sheets that correspond to combinations of letters and numbers that are announced by a bingo game operator.

(c) A bingo game operator announces combinations of letters and numbers that appear on objects that a bingo game operator selects by chance, either manually or mechanically, from a receptacle that contains seventy-five objects at the beginning of each game, each object marked by a different combination of a letter and a number that corresponds to one of the seventy-five possible combinations of a letter and a number that can appear on the bingo cards or sheets.

(d) The winner of the bingo game includes any participant who properly announces during the interval between the announcements of letters and numbers as described in division (S)(1)(c) of this section, that a predetermined and preannounced pattern of spaces has been covered on a bingo card or sheet being used by the participant.

(2) Instant bingo, punch boards, and raffles.

(T) "Conduct" means to back, promote, organize, manage, carry on, sponsor, or prepare for the operation of bingo or a game of chance.

(U) "Bingo game operator" means any person, except security personnel, who performs work or labor at the site of bingo, including, but not limited to, collecting money from participants, handing out bingo cards or sheets or objects to cover spaces on bingo cards or sheets, selecting from a receptacle the objects that contain the combination of letters and numbers that appear on bingo cards or sheets, calling out the combinations of letters and numbers, distributing prizes, selling or redeeming instant bingo tickets or cards, supervising the operation of a punch board, selling raffle tickets, selecting raffle tickets from a receptacle and announcing the winning numbers in a raffle, and preparing, selling, and serving food or beverages.

(V) "Participant" means any person who plays bingo.

(W) "Bingo session" means a period that includes both of the following:

(1) Not to exceed five continuous hours for the conduct of one or more games described in division (S)(1) of this section, instant bingo, and seal

cards;

(2) A period for the conduct of instant bingo and seal cards for not more than two hours before and not more than two hours after the period described in division (W)(1) of this section.

(X) "Gross receipts" means all money or assets, including admission fees, that a person receives from bingo without the deduction of any amounts for prizes paid out or for the expenses of conducting bingo. "Gross receipts" does not include any money directly taken in from the sale of food or beverages by a charitable organization conducting bingo, or by a bona fide auxiliary unit or society of a charitable organization conducting bingo, provided all of the following apply:

(1) The auxiliary unit or society has been in existence as a bona fide auxiliary unit or society of the charitable organization for at least two years prior to conducting bingo.

(2) The person who purchases the food or beverage receives nothing of value except the food or beverage and items customarily received with the purchase of that food or beverage.

(3) The food and beverages are sold at customary and reasonable prices.

(Y) "Security personnel" includes any person who either is a sheriff, deputy sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal, township constable, or member of an organized police department of a municipal corporation or has successfully completed a peace officer's training course pursuant to sections 109.71 to 109.79 of the Revised Code and who is hired to provide security for the premises on which bingo is conducted.

(Z) "Charitable purpose" means that the net profit of bingo, other than instant bingo, is used by, or is given, donated, or otherwise transferred to, any of the following:

(1) Any organization that is described in subsection 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2), or 509(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is either a governmental unit or an organization that is tax exempt under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(2) A veteran's organization that is a post, chapter, or organization of veterans, or an auxiliary unit or society of, or a trust or foundation for, any such post, chapter, or organization organized in the United States or any of its possessions, at least seventy-five per cent of the members of which are veterans and substantially all of the other members of which are individuals who are spouses, widows, or widowers of veterans, or such individuals, provided that no part of the net earnings of such post, chapter, or organization inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and further provided that the net profit is used by the post, chapter, or

organization for the charitable purposes set forth in division (B)(12) of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code, is used for awarding scholarships to or for attendance at an institution mentioned in division (B)(12) of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code, is donated to a governmental agency, or is used for nonprofit youth activities, the purchase of United States or Ohio flags that are donated to schools, youth groups, or other bona fide nonprofit organizations, promotion of patriotism, or disaster relief;

(3) A fraternal organization that has been in continuous existence in this state for fifteen years and that uses the net profit exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, if contributions for such use would qualify as a deductible charitable contribution under subsection 170 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(4) A volunteer firefighter's organization that uses the net profit for the purposes set forth in division (L) of this section.

(AA) "Internal Revenue Code" means the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1, as now or hereafter amended.

(BB) "Youth athletic organization" means any organization, not organized for profit, that is organized and operated exclusively to provide financial support to, or to operate, athletic activities for persons who are twenty-one years of age or younger by means of sponsoring, organizing, operating, or contributing to the support of an athletic team, club, league, or association.

(CC) "Youth athletic park organization" means any organization, not organized for profit, that satisfies both of the following:

(1) It owns, operates, and maintains playing fields that satisfy both of the following:

(a) The playing fields are used at least one hundred days per year for athletic activities by one or more organizations, not organized for profit, each of which is organized and operated exclusively to provide financial support to, or to operate, athletic activities for persons who are eighteen years of age or younger by means of sponsoring, organizing, operating, or contributing to the support of an athletic team, club, league, or association.

(b) The playing fields are not used for any profit-making activity at any time during the year.

(2) It uses the proceeds of bingo it conducts exclusively for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of its playing fields of the type described in division (CC)(1) of this section.

(DD) "Amateur athletic organization" means any organization, not organized for profit, that is organized and operated exclusively to provide

financial support to, or to operate, athletic activities for persons who are training for amateur athletic competition that is sanctioned by a national governing body as defined in the "Amateur Sports Act of 1978," 90 Stat. 3045, 36 U.S.C.A. 373.

(EE) "Bingo supplies" means bingo cards or sheets; instant bingo tickets or cards; electronic bingo aids; raffle tickets; punch boards; seal cards; instant bingo ticket dispensers; and devices for selecting or displaying the combination of bingo letters and numbers or raffle tickets. Items that are "bingo supplies" are not gambling devices if sold or otherwise provided, and used, in accordance with this chapter. For purposes of this chapter, "bingo supplies" are not to be considered equipment used to conduct a bingo game.

(FF) "Instant bingo" means a form of bingo that uses folded or banded tickets or paper cards with perforated break-open tabs, a face of which is covered or otherwise hidden from view to conceal a number, letter, or symbol, or set of numbers, letters, or symbols, some of which have been designated in advance as prize winners. "Instant bingo" includes seal cards. "Instant bingo" does not include any device that is activated by the insertion of a coin, currency, token, or an equivalent, and that contains as one of its components a video display monitor that is capable of displaying numbers, letters, symbols, or characters in winning or losing combinations.

(GG) "Seal card" means a form of instant bingo that uses instant bingo tickets in conjunction with a board or placard that contains one or more seals that, when removed or opened, reveal predesignated winning numbers, letters, or symbols.

(HH) "Raffle" means a form of bingo in which the one or more prizes are won by one or more persons who have purchased a raffle ticket. The one or more winners of the raffle are determined by drawing a ticket stub or other detachable section from a receptacle containing ticket stubs or detachable sections corresponding to all tickets sold for the raffle.

(II) "Punch board" means a board containing a number of holes or receptacles of uniform size in which are placed, mechanically and randomly, serially numbered slips of paper that may be punched or drawn from the hole or receptacle when used in conjunction with instant bingo. A player may punch or draw the numbered slips of paper from the holes or receptacles and obtain the prize established for the game if the number drawn corresponds to a winning number or, if the punch board includes the use of a seal card, a potential winning number.

(JJ) "Gross profit" means gross receipts minus the amount actually expended for the payment of prize awards.

(KK) "Net profit" means gross profit minus expenses.

(LL) "Expenses" means the reasonable amount of gross profit actually expended for all of the following:

(1) The purchase or lease of bingo supplies;

(2) The annual license fee required under section 2915.08 of the Revised Code;

(3) Bank fees and service charges for a bingo session or game account described in section 2915.10 of the Revised Code;

(4) Audits and accounting services;

(5) Safes;

(6) Cash registers;

(7) Hiring security personnel;

(8) Advertising bingo;

(9) Renting premises in which to conduct a bingo session;

(10) Tables and chairs;

(11) Expenses for maintaining and operating a charitable organization's facilities, including, but not limited to, a post home, club house, lounge, tavern, or canteen and any grounds attached to the post home, club house, lounge, tavern, or canteen;

(12) Any other product or service directly related to the conduct of bingo that is authorized in rules adopted by the attorney general under division (B)(1) of section 2915.08 of the Revised Code.

(MM) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of the Revised Code and includes any firm or any other legal entity, however organized.

(NN) "Revoke" means to void permanently all rights and privileges of the holder of a license issued under section 2915.08, 2915.081, or 2915.082 of the Revised Code or a charitable gaming license issued by another jurisdiction.

(OO) "Suspend" means to interrupt temporarily all rights and privileges of the holder of a license issued under section 2915.08, 2915.081, or 2915.082 of the Revised Code or a charitable gaming license issued by another jurisdiction.

(PP) "Distributor" means any person who purchases or obtains bingo supplies and who sells, offers for sale, or otherwise provides or offers to provide the bingo supplies to another person for use in this state.

(QQ) "Manufacturer" means any person who assembles completed bingo supplies from raw materials, other items, or subparts or who modifies, converts, adds to, or removes parts from bingo supplies to further their promotion or sale.

(RR) "Gross annual revenues" means the annual gross receipts derived from the conduct of bingo described in division (S)(1) of this section plus

the annual net profit derived from the conduct of bingo described in division (S)(2) of this section.

(SS) "Instant bingo ticket dispenser" means a mechanical device that dispenses an instant bingo ticket or card as the sole item of value dispensed and that has the following characteristics:

(1) It is activated upon the insertion of United States currency.

(2) It performs no gaming functions.

(3) It does not contain a video display monitor or generate noise.

(4) It is not capable of displaying any numbers, letters, symbols, or characters in winning or losing combinations.

(5) It does not simulate or display rolling or spinning reels.

(6) It is incapable of determining whether a dispensed bingo ticket or card is a winning or nonwinning ticket or card and requires a winning ticket or card to be paid by a bingo game operator.

(7) It may provide accounting and security features to aid in accounting for the instant bingo tickets or cards it dispenses.

(8) It is not part of an electronic network and is not interactive.

(TT)(1) "Electronic bingo aid" means an electronic device used by a participant to monitor bingo cards or sheets purchased at the time and place of a bingo session and that does all of the following:

(a) It provides a means for a participant to input numbers and letters announced by a bingo caller.

(b) It compares the numbers and letters entered by the participant to the bingo faces previously stored in the memory of the device.

(c) It identifies a winning bingo pattern.

(2) "Electronic bingo aid" does not include any device into which a coin, currency, token, or an equivalent is inserted to activate play.

(UU) "Deal of instant bingo tickets" means a single game of instant bingo tickets all with the same serial number.

(VV)(1) "Slot" machine means either of the following:

~~(1)~~(a) Any mechanical, electronic, video, or digital device that is capable of accepting anything of value, directly or indirectly, from or on behalf of a player who gives the thing of value in the hope of gain, the outcome of which is determined largely or wholly by chance;

~~(2)~~(b) Any mechanical, electronic, video, or digital device that is capable of accepting anything of value, directly or indirectly, from or on behalf of a player to conduct or dispense bingo or a scheme or game of chance.

(2) "Slot machine" does not include a skill-based amusement machine.

(WW) "Net profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo" means

gross profit minus the ordinary, necessary, and reasonable expense expended for the purchase of instant bingo supplies.

(XX) "Charitable instant bingo organization" means an organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is a charitable organization as defined in this section. A "charitable instant bingo organization" does not include a charitable organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that is created by a veteran's organization ~~or,~~ a fraternal organization, or a sporting organization in regards to bingo conducted or assisted by a veteran's organization ~~or,~~ a fraternal organization, or a sporting organization pursuant to section 2915.13 of the Revised Code.

(YY) "Game flare" means the board or placard that accompanies each deal of instant bingo tickets and that has printed on or affixed to it the following information for the game:

(1) The name of the game;

(2) The manufacturer's name or distinctive logo;

(3) The form number;

(4) The ticket count;

(5) The prize structure, including the number of winning instant bingo tickets by denomination and the respective winning symbol or number combinations for the winning instant bingo tickets;

(6) The cost per play;

(7) The serial number of the game.

(ZZ) "Historic railroad educational organization" means an organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, that owns in fee simple the tracks and the right of way of a historic railroad that the organization restores or maintains and on which the organization provides excursions as part of a program to promote tourism and educate visitors regarding the role of railroad transportation in Ohio history, and that received as donations from a charitable organization that holds a license to conduct bingo under this chapter an amount equal to at least fifty per cent of that licensed charitable organization's net proceeds from the conduct of bingo during each of the five years preceding June 30, 2003. "Historic railroad" means all or a portion of the tracks and right of way of a railroad that was owned and operated by a for profit common carrier in this state at any time prior to January 1, 1950.

(AAA)(1) "Skill-based amusement machine" means a skill-based

amusement device, such as a mechanical, electronic, video, or digital device, or machine, whether or not the skill-based amusement machine requires payment for use through a coin or bill validator or other payment of consideration or value to participate in the machine's offering or to activate the machine, provided that all of the following apply:

(a) The machine involves a task, game, play, contest, competition, or tournament in which the player actively participates in the task, game, play, contest, competition, or tournament.

(b) The outcome of an individual's play and participation is not determined largely or wholly by chance.

(c) The outcome of play during a game is not controlled by a person not actively participating in the game.

(2) All of the following apply to any machine that is operated as described in division (AAA)(1) of this section:

(a) As used in this section, "task," "game," and "play" mean one event from the initial activation of the machine until the results of play are determined without payment of additional consideration. An individual utilizing a machine that involves a single task, game, play, contest, competition, or tournament may be awarded prizes based on the results of play.

(b) Advance play for a single task, game, play, contest, competition, or tournament participation may be purchased. The cost of the contest, competition, or tournament participation may be greater than a single non-contest, competition, or tournament play.

(c) To the extent that the machine is used in a contest, competition, or tournament, that contest, competition, or tournament has a defined starting and ending date and is open to participants in competition for scoring and ranking results toward the awarding of prizes that are stated prior to the start of the contest, competition, or tournament.

(BBB) "Pool not conducted for profit" means a scheme in which a participant gives a valuable consideration for a chance to win a prize and the total amount of consideration wagered is distributed to a participant or participants.

(CCC) "Sporting organization" means a hunting, fishing, or trapping organization, other than a college or high school fraternity or sorority, that is not organized for profit, that is affiliated with a state or national sporting organization, including but not limited to, the Ohio League of sportsmen, and that has been in continuous existence in this state for a period of three years.

Sec. 2915.02. (A) No person shall do any of the following:

(1) Engage in bookmaking, or knowingly engage in conduct that facilitates bookmaking;

(2) Establish, promote, or operate or knowingly engage in conduct that facilitates any game of chance conducted for profit or any scheme of chance;

(3) Knowingly procure, transmit, exchange, or engage in conduct that facilitates the procurement, transmission, or exchange of information for use in establishing odds or determining winners in connection with bookmaking or with any game of chance conducted for profit or any scheme of chance;

(4) Engage in betting or in playing any scheme or game of chance as a substantial source of income or livelihood;

(5) With purpose to violate division (A)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section, acquire, possess, control, or operate any gambling device.

(B) For purposes of division (A)(1) of this section, a person facilitates bookmaking if the person in any way knowingly aids an illegal bookmaking operation, including, without limitation, placing a bet with a person engaged in or facilitating illegal bookmaking. For purposes of division (A)(2) of this section, a person facilitates a game of chance conducted for profit or a scheme of chance if the person in any way knowingly aids in the conduct or operation of any such game or scheme, including, without limitation, playing any such game or scheme.

(C) This section does not prohibit conduct in connection with gambling expressly permitted by law.

(D) This section does not apply to any of the following:

(1) Games of chance, if all of the following apply:

(a) The games of chance are not craps for money or roulette for money.

(b) The games of chance are conducted by a charitable organization that is, and has received from the internal revenue service a determination letter that is currently in effect, stating that the organization is, exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(c) The games of chance are conducted at festivals of the charitable organization that are conducted either for a period of four consecutive days or less and not more than twice a year or for a period of five consecutive days not more than once a year, and are conducted on premises owned by the charitable organization for a period of no less than one year immediately preceding the conducting of the games of chance, on premises leased from a governmental unit, or on premises that are leased from a veteran's or fraternal organization and that have been owned by the lessor veteran's or fraternal organization for a period of no less than one year immediately

preceding the conducting of the games of chance.

A charitable organization shall not lease premises from a veteran's or fraternal organization to conduct a festival described in division (D)(1)(c) of this section if the veteran's or fraternal organization already has leased the premises four times during the preceding year to charitable organizations for that purpose. If a charitable organization leases premises from a veteran's or fraternal organization to conduct a festival described in division (D)(1)(c) of this section, the charitable organization shall not pay a rental rate for the premises per day of the festival that exceeds the rental rate per bingo session that a charitable organization may pay under division (B)(1) of section 2915.09 of the Revised Code when it leases premises from another charitable organization to conduct bingo games.

(d) All of the money or assets received from the games of chance after deduction only of prizes paid out during the conduct of the games of chance are used by, or given, donated, or otherwise transferred to, any organization that is described in subsection 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2), or 509(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is either a governmental unit or an organization that is tax exempt under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(e) The games of chance are not conducted during, or within ten hours of, a bingo game conducted for amusement purposes only pursuant to section 2915.12 of the Revised Code.

No person shall receive any commission, wage, salary, reward, tip, donation, gratuity, or other form of compensation, directly or indirectly, for operating or assisting in the operation of any game of chance.

(2) Any tag fishing tournament operated under a permit issued under section 1533.92 of the Revised Code, as "tag fishing tournament" is defined in section 1531.01 of the Revised Code;

(3) Bingo conducted by a charitable organization that holds a license issued under section 2915.08 of the Revised Code.

(E) Division (D) of this section shall not be construed to authorize the sale, lease, or other temporary or permanent transfer of the right to conduct games of chance, as granted by that division, by any charitable organization that is granted that right.

(F) Whoever violates this section is guilty of gambling, a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of any gambling offense, gambling is a felony of the fifth degree.

Sec. 2915.08. (A)(1) Annually before the first day of January, a charitable organization that desires to conduct bingo, instant bingo at a bingo session, or instant bingo other than at a bingo session shall make out,

upon a form to be furnished by the attorney general for that purpose, an application for a license to conduct bingo, instant bingo at a bingo session, or instant bingo other than at a bingo session and deliver that application to the attorney general together with a license fee as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, for a license for the conduct of bingo, two hundred dollars;

(b) For a license for the conduct of instant bingo at a bingo session or instant bingo other than at a bingo session for a ~~charitiable~~ charitable organization that previously has not been licensed under this chapter to conduct instant bingo at a bingo session or instant bingo other than at a bingo session, a license fee of five hundred dollars, and for any other charitable organization, a license fee that is based upon the ~~total of all money or assets~~ gross profits received by ~~any person or~~ the charitable organization from the operation of instant bingo at a bingo session or instant bingo other than at a bingo session, during the one-year period ending on the thirty-first day of October of the year immediately preceding the year for which the license is sought, and that is one of the following:

(i) Five hundred dollars, if the total is fifty thousand dollars or less;

(ii) One thousand two hundred fifty dollars plus one-fourth per cent of the gross profit, if the total is more than fifty thousand dollars but less than ~~three~~ two hundred fifty thousand one dollars;

(iii) Two thousand two hundred fifty dollars plus one-half per cent of the gross profit, if the total is more than ~~three~~ two hundred fifty thousand dollars but less than ~~six~~ five hundred thousand one dollars;

(iv) Three thousand five hundred dollars plus one per cent of the gross profit, if the total is more than ~~six~~ five hundred thousand dollars but less than one million one dollars;

(v) Five thousand dollars plus one per cent of the gross profit, if the total is one million one dollars or more;

(c) A reduced license fee established by the attorney general pursuant to division (G) of this section.

(d) For a license to conduct bingo for a charitable organization that prior to ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ the effective date of this amendment has not been licensed under this chapter to conduct bingo, instant bingo at a bingo session, or instant bingo other than at a bingo session, a license fee established by rule by the attorney general in accordance with division (H) of this section.

(2) The application shall be in the form prescribed by the attorney general, shall be signed and sworn to by the applicant, and shall contain all of the following:

(a) The name and post-office address of the applicant;

(b) A statement that the applicant is a charitable organization and that it has been in continuous existence as a charitable organization in this state for two years immediately preceding the making of the application or for five years in the case of a fraternal organization or a nonprofit medical organization;

(c) The location at which the organization will conduct bingo, which location shall be within the county in which the principal place of business of the applicant is located, the days of the week and the times on each of those days when bingo will be conducted, whether the organization owns, leases, or subleases the premises, and a copy of the rental agreement if it leases or subleases the premises;

(d) A statement of the applicant's previous history, record, and association that is sufficient to establish that the applicant is a charitable organization, and a copy of a determination letter that is issued by the Internal Revenue Service and states that the organization is tax exempt under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(7), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10), or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(e) A statement as to whether the applicant has ever had any previous application refused, whether it previously has had a license revoked or suspended, and the reason stated by the attorney general for the refusal, revocation, or suspension;

(f) A statement of the charitable purposes for which the net profit derived from bingo, other than instant bingo, will be used, and a statement of how the net profit derived from instant bingo will be distributed in accordance with section 2915.101 of the Revised Code;

(g) Other necessary and reasonable information that the attorney general may require by rule adopted pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code;

(h) If the applicant is a charitable trust as defined in section 109.23 of the Revised Code, a statement as to whether it has registered with the attorney general pursuant to section 109.26 of the Revised Code or filed annual reports pursuant to section 109.31 of the Revised Code, and, if it is not required to do either, the exemption in section 109.26 or 109.31 of the Revised Code that applies to it;

(i) If the applicant is a charitable organization as defined in section 1716.01 of the Revised Code, a statement as to whether it has filed with the attorney general a registration statement pursuant to section 1716.02 of the Revised Code and a financial report pursuant to section 1716.04 of the Revised Code, and, if it is not required to do both, the exemption in section

1716.03 of the Revised Code that applies to it;

(j) In the case of an applicant seeking to qualify as a youth athletic park organization, a statement issued by a board or body vested with authority under Chapter 755. of the Revised Code for the supervision and maintenance of recreation facilities in the territory in which the organization is located, certifying that the playing fields owned by the organization were used for at least one hundred days during the year in which the statement is issued, and were open for use to all residents of that territory, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, or national origin, for athletic activities by youth athletic organizations that do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, or national origin, and that the fields were not used for any profit-making activity at any time during the year. That type of board or body is authorized to issue the statement upon request and shall issue the statement if it finds that the applicant's playing fields were so used.

(3) The attorney general, within thirty days after receiving a timely filed application from a charitable organization that has been issued a license under this section that has not expired and has not been revoked or suspended, shall send a temporary permit to the applicant specifying the date on which the application was filed with the attorney general and stating that, pursuant to section 119.06 of the Revised Code, the applicant may continue to conduct bingo until a new license is granted or, if the application is rejected, until fifteen days after notice of the rejection is mailed to the applicant. The temporary permit does not affect the validity of the applicant's application and does not grant any rights to the applicant except those rights specifically granted in section 119.06 of the Revised Code. The issuance of a temporary permit by the attorney general pursuant to this division does not prohibit the attorney general from rejecting the applicant's application because of acts that the applicant committed, or actions that the applicant failed to take, before or after the issuance of the temporary permit.

(4) Within thirty days after receiving an initial license application from a charitable organization to conduct bingo, instant bingo at a bingo session, or instant bingo other than at a bingo session, the attorney general shall conduct a preliminary review of the application and notify the applicant regarding any deficiencies. Once an application is deemed complete, or beginning on the thirtieth day after the application is filed, if the attorney general failed to notify the applicant of any deficiencies, the attorney general shall have an additional sixty days to conduct an investigation and either grant or deny the application based on findings established and communicated in accordance with divisions (B) and (E) of this section. As an option to granting or denying an initial license application, the attorney

general may grant a temporary license and request additional time to conduct the investigation if the attorney general has cause to believe that additional time is necessary to complete the investigation and has notified the applicant in writing about the specific concerns raised during the investigation.

(B)(1) The attorney general shall adopt rules to enforce sections 2915.01, 2915.02, and 2915.07 to 2915.13 of the Revised Code to ensure that bingo or instant bingo is conducted in accordance with those sections and to maintain proper control over the conduct of bingo or instant bingo. The rules, except rules adopted pursuant to divisions (A)(2)(g) and (G) of this section, shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The attorney general shall license charitable organizations to conduct bingo, instant bingo at a bingo session, or instant bingo other than at a bingo session in conformance with this chapter and with the licensing provisions of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(2) The attorney general may refuse to grant a license to any organization, or revoke or suspend the license of any organization, that does any of the following or to which any of the following applies:

(a) Fails or has failed at any time to meet any requirement of section 109.26, 109.31, or 1716.02, or sections 2915.07 to 2915.11 of the Revised Code, or violates or has violated any provision of sections 2915.02 or 2915.07 to 2915.13 of the Revised Code or any rule adopted by the attorney general pursuant to this section;

(b) Makes or has made an incorrect or false statement that is material to the granting of the license in an application filed pursuant to division (A) of this section;

(c) Submits or has submitted any incorrect or false information relating to an application if the information is material to the granting of the license;

(d) Maintains or has maintained any incorrect or false information that is material to the granting of the license in the records required to be kept pursuant to divisions (A) and (C) of section 2915.10 of the Revised Code, if applicable;

(e) The attorney general has good cause to believe that the organization will not conduct bingo, instant bingo at a bingo session, or instant bingo other than at a bingo session in accordance with sections 2915.07 to 2915.13 of the Revised Code or with any rule adopted by the attorney general pursuant to this section.

(3) For the purposes of division (B) of this section, any action of an officer, trustee, agent, representative, or bingo game operator of an organization is an action of the organization.

(C) The attorney general may grant licenses to charitable organizations that are branches, lodges, or chapters of national charitable organizations.

(D) The attorney general shall send notice in writing to the prosecuting attorney and sheriff of the county in which the organization will conduct bingo, instant bingo at a bingo session, or instant bingo other than at a bingo session, as stated in its application for a license or amended license, and to any other law enforcement agency in that county that so requests, of all of the following:

(1) The issuance of the license;

(2) The issuance of the amended license;

(3) The rejection of an application for and refusal to grant a license;

(4) The revocation of any license previously issued;

(5) The suspension of any license previously issued.

(E) A license issued by the attorney general shall set forth the information contained on the application of the charitable organization that the attorney general determines is relevant, including, but not limited to, the location at which the organization will conduct bingo, instant bingo at a bingo session, or instant bingo other than at a bingo session and the days of the week and the times on each of those days when bingo will be conducted. If the attorney general refuses to grant or revokes or suspends a license, the attorney general shall notify the applicant in writing and specifically identify the reason for the refusal, revocation, or suspension in narrative form and, if applicable, by identifying the section of the Revised Code violated. The failure of the attorney general to give the written notice of the reasons for the refusal, revocation, or suspension or a mistake in the written notice does not affect the validity of the attorney general's refusal to grant, or the revocation or suspension of, a license. If the attorney general fails to give the written notice or if there is a mistake in the written notice, the applicant may bring an action to compel the attorney general to comply with this division or to correct the mistake, but the attorney general's order refusing to grant, or revoking or suspending, a license shall not be enjoined during the pendency of the action.

(F) A charitable organization that has been issued a license pursuant to division (B) of this section but that cannot conduct bingo or instant bingo at the location, or on the day of the week or at the time, specified on the license due to circumstances that make it impractical to do so may apply in writing, together with an application fee of two hundred fifty dollars, to the attorney general, at least thirty days prior to a change in location, day of the week, or time, and request an amended license. The application shall describe the causes making it impractical for the organization to conduct

bingo or instant bingo in conformity with its license and shall indicate the location, days of the week, and times on each of those days when it desires to conduct bingo or instant bingo. Except as otherwise provided in this division, the attorney general shall issue the amended license in accordance with division (E) of this section, and the organization shall surrender its original license to the attorney general. The attorney general may refuse to grant an amended license according to the terms of division (B) of this section.

(G) The attorney general, by rule adopted pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code, shall establish a schedule of reduced license fees for charitable organizations that desire to conduct bingo or instant bingo during fewer than twenty-six weeks in any calendar year.

(H) The attorney general, by rule adopted pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code, shall establish license fees for the conduct of bingo, instant bingo at a bingo session, or instant bingo other than at a bingo session for charitable organizations that prior to ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ the effective date of this amendment have not been licensed to conduct bingo, instant bingo at a bingo session, or instant bingo other than at a bingo session under this chapter.

(I) The attorney general may enter into a written contract with any other state agency to delegate to that state agency the powers prescribed to the attorney general under Chapter 2915. of the Revised Code.

(J) The attorney general, by rule adopted pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code, may adopt rules to determine the requirements for a charitable organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to be in good standing in the state.

Sec. 2915.081. (A) No distributor shall sell, offer to sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide bingo supplies to another person for use in this state without having obtained a license from the attorney general under this section.

(B) The attorney general may issue a distributor license to any person that meets the requirements of this section. The application for the license shall be on a form prescribed by the attorney general and be accompanied by the annual fee prescribed by this section. The license is valid for a period of one year, and the annual fee for the license is ~~two~~ five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars.

(C) The attorney general may refuse to issue a distributor license to any person to which any of the following applies, or to any person that has an officer, partner, or other person who has an ownership interest of ten per

cent or more and to whom any of the following applies:

(1) The person, officer, or partner has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States.

(2) The person, officer, or partner has been convicted of any gambling offense.

(3) The person, officer, or partner has made an incorrect or false statement that is material to the granting of a license in an application submitted to the attorney general under this section or in a similar application submitted to a gambling licensing authority in another jurisdiction if the statement resulted in license revocation through administrative action in the other jurisdiction.

(4) The person, officer, or partner has submitted any incorrect or false information relating to the application to the attorney general under this section, if the information is material to the granting of the license.

(5) The person, officer, or partner has failed to correct any incorrect or false information that is material to the granting of the license in the records required to be maintained under division (E) of section 2915.10 of the Revised Code.

(6) The person, officer, or partner has had a license related to gambling revoked or suspended under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States.

(D) The attorney general shall not issue a distributor license to any person that is involved in the conduct of bingo on behalf of a charitable organization or that is a lessor of premises used for the conduct of bingo. This division does not prohibit a distributor from advising charitable organizations on the use and benefit of specific bingo supplies or prohibit a distributor from advising a customer on operational methods to improve bingo profitability.

(E)(1) No distributor shall sell, offer to sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide bingo supplies to any person for use in this state except to a charitable organization that has been issued a license under section 2915.08 of the Revised Code or to another distributor that has been issued a license under this section. No distributor shall accept payment for the sale or other provision of bingo supplies other than by check.

(2) No distributor may donate, give, loan, lease, or otherwise provide any bingo supplies or equipment to a charitable organization for use in a bingo session conditioned on or in consideration for an exclusive right to provide bingo supplies to the charitable organization. A distributor may provide a licensed charitable organization with free samples of the distributor's products to be used as prizes or to be used for the purpose of

sampling.

(3) No distributor shall purchase bingo supplies for use in this state from any person except from a manufacturer issued a license under section 2915.082 of the Revised Code or from another distributor issued a license under this section. Subject to division (D) of section 2915.082 of the Revised Code, no distributor shall pay for purchased bingo supplies other than by check.

(4) No distributor shall participate in the conduct of bingo on behalf of a charitable organization or have any direct or indirect ownership interest in a premises used for the conduct of bingo.

(5) No distributor shall knowingly solicit, offer, pay, or receive any kickback, bribe, or undocumented rebate, directly or indirectly, overtly or covertly, in cash or in kind, in return for providing bingo supplies to any person in this state.

(F) The attorney general may suspend or revoke a distributor license for any of the reasons for which the attorney general may refuse to issue a distributor license specified in division (C) of this section or if the distributor holding the license violates any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted by the attorney general under this chapter.

(G) Whoever violates division (A) or (E) of this section is guilty of illegally operating as a distributor. Except as otherwise provided in this division, illegally operating as a distributor is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of division (A) or (E) of this section, illegally operating as a distributor is a felony of the fifth degree.

Sec. 2915.082. (A) No manufacturer shall sell, offer to sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide bingo supplies for use in this state without having obtained a license from the attorney general under this section.

(B) The attorney general may issue a manufacturer license to any person that meets the requirements of this section. The application for the license shall be on a form prescribed by the attorney general and be accompanied by the annual fee prescribed by this section. The license is valid for a period of one year, and the annual fee for the license is ~~two~~ five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars.

(C) The attorney general may refuse to issue a manufacturer license to any person to which any of the following applies, or to any person that has an officer, partner, or other person who has an ownership interest of ten per cent or more and to whom any of the following applies:

(1) The person, officer, or partner has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States.

(2) The person, officer, or partner has been convicted of any gambling offense.

(3) The person, officer, or partner has made an incorrect or false statement that is material to the granting of a license in an application submitted to the attorney general under this section or in a similar application submitted to a gambling licensing authority in another jurisdiction if the statement resulted in license revocation through administrative action in the other jurisdiction.

(4) The person, officer, or partner has submitted any incorrect or false information relating to the application to the attorney general under this section, if the information is material to the granting of the license.

(5) The person, officer, or partner has failed to correct any incorrect or false information that is material to the granting of the license in the records required to be maintained under division (F) of section 2915.10 of the Revised Code.

(6) The person, officer, or partner has had a license related to gambling revoked or suspended under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States.

(D)(1) No manufacturer shall sell, offer to sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide bingo supplies to any person for use in this state except to a distributor that has been issued a license under section 2915.081 of the Revised Code. No manufacturer shall accept payment for the sale of bingo supplies other than by check.

(2) No manufacturer shall knowingly solicit, offer, pay, or receive any kickback, bribe, or undocumented rebate, directly or indirectly, overtly or covertly, in cash or in kind, in return for providing bingo supplies to any person in this state.

(E)(1) The attorney general may suspend or revoke a manufacturer license for any of the reasons for which the attorney general may refuse to issue a manufacturer license specified in division (C) of this section or if the manufacturer holding the license violates any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted by the attorney general under this chapter.

(2) The attorney general may perform an onsite inspection of a manufacturer of bingo supplies that is selling, offering to sell, or otherwise providing or offering to provide bingo supplies or that is applying for a license to sell, offer to sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide bingo supplies in this state.

(F) Whoever violates division (A) or (D) of this section is guilty of illegally operating as a manufacturer. Except as otherwise provided in this division, illegally operating as a manufacturer is a misdemeanor of the first

degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of division (A) or (D) of this section, illegally operating as a manufacturer is a felony of the fifth degree.

Sec. 2915.09. (A) No charitable organization that conducts bingo shall fail to do any of the following:

(1) Own all of the equipment used to conduct bingo or lease that equipment from a charitable organization that is licensed to conduct bingo for a rental rate that is not more than is customary and reasonable for that equipment;

(2) ~~Use~~ Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(3) of this section, use all of the gross receipts from bingo for paying prizes, for renting premises in which to conduct a bingo session, for purchasing or leasing bingo supplies used in conducting bingo, for hiring security personnel, for advertising bingo, or for other expenses listed in division (LL) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code, provided that the amount of the receipts so spent is not more than is customary and reasonable for a similar purchase, lease, hiring, advertising, or expense. If the building in which bingo is conducted is owned by the charitable organization conducting bingo and the bingo conducted includes a form of bingo described in division (S)(1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code, the charitable organization may deduct from the total amount of the gross receipts from each session a sum equal to the lesser of six hundred dollars or forty-five per cent of the gross receipts from the bingo described in that division as consideration for the use of the premises.

(3) Use, or give, donate, or otherwise transfer, all of the net profit derived from bingo, other than instant bingo, for a charitable purpose listed in its license application and described in division (Z) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code, or distribute all of the net profit ~~derived from instant bingo~~ from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo as stated in its license application and in accordance with section 2915.101 of the Revised Code.

(B) No charitable organization that conducts a bingo game described in division (S)(1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code shall fail to do any of the following:

(1) Conduct the bingo game on premises that are owned by the charitable organization, on premises that are owned by another charitable organization and leased from that charitable organization for a rental rate not in excess of the lesser of six hundred dollars per bingo session or forty-five per cent of the gross receipts of the bingo session, on premises that are leased from a person other than a charitable organization for a rental rate that is not more than is customary and reasonable for premises that are

similar in location, size, and quality but not in excess of four hundred fifty dollars per bingo session, or on premises that are owned by a person other than a charitable organization, that are leased from that person by another charitable organization, and that are subleased from that other charitable organization by the charitable organization for a rental rate not in excess of four hundred fifty dollars per bingo session. If the charitable organization leases from a person other than a charitable organization the premises on which it conducts bingo sessions, the lessor of the premises shall provide only the premises to the organization and shall not provide the organization with bingo game operators, security personnel, concessions or concession operators, bingo supplies, or any other type of service or equipment. A charitable organization shall not lease or sublease premises that it owns or leases to more than one other charitable organization per calendar week for the purpose of conducting bingo sessions on the premises. A person that is not a charitable organization shall not lease premises that it owns, leases, or otherwise is empowered to lease to more than one charitable organization per calendar week for conducting bingo sessions on the premises. In no case shall more than two bingo sessions be conducted on any premises in any calendar week.

(2) Display its license conspicuously at the premises where the bingo session is conducted;

(3) Conduct the bingo session in accordance with the definition of bingo set forth in division (S)(1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) No charitable organization that conducts a bingo game described in division (S)(1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code shall do any of the following:

(1) Pay any compensation to a bingo game operator for operating a bingo session that is conducted by the charitable organization or for preparing, selling, or serving food or beverages at the site of the bingo session, permit any auxiliary unit or society of the charitable organization to pay compensation to any bingo game operator who prepares, sells, or serves food or beverages at a bingo session conducted by the charitable organization, or permit any auxiliary unit or society of the charitable organization to prepare, sell, or serve food or beverages at a bingo session conducted by the charitable organization, if the auxiliary unit or society pays any compensation to the bingo game operators who prepare, sell, or serve the food or beverages;

(2) Pay consulting fees to any person for any services performed in relation to the bingo session;

(3) Pay concession fees to any person who provides refreshments to the

participants in the bingo session;

(4) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(4) of this section, conduct more than two bingo sessions in any seven-day period. A volunteer firefighter's organization or a volunteer rescue service organization that conducts not more than five bingo sessions in a calendar year may conduct more than two bingo sessions in a seven-day period after notifying the attorney general when it will conduct the sessions.

(5) Pay out more than three thousand five hundred dollars in prizes for bingo games described in division (S)(1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code during any bingo session that is conducted by the charitable organization~~;~~. "Prizes" does not include awards from the conduct of instant bingo.

(6) Conduct a bingo session at any time during the ten-hour period between midnight and ten a.m., at any time during, or within ten hours of, a bingo game conducted for amusement only pursuant to section 2915.12 of the Revised Code, at any premises not specified on its license, or on any day of the week or during any time period not specified on its license. If circumstances make it impractical for the charitable organization to conduct a bingo session at the premises, or on the day of the week or at the time, specified on its license or if a charitable organization wants to conduct bingo sessions on a day of the week or at a time other than the day or time specified on its license, the charitable organization may apply in writing to the attorney general for an amended license pursuant to division (F) of section 2915.08 of the Revised Code. A charitable organization may apply twice in each calendar year for an amended license to conduct bingo sessions on a day of the week or at a time other than the day or time specified on its license. If the amended license is granted, the organization may conduct bingo sessions at the premises, on the day of the week, and at the time specified on its amended license.

(7) Permit any person whom the charitable organization knows, or should have known, is under the age of eighteen to work as a bingo game operator;

(8) Permit any person whom the charitable organization knows, or should have known, has been convicted of a felony or gambling offense in any jurisdiction to be a bingo game operator;

(9) Permit the lessor of the premises on which the bingo session is conducted, if the lessor is not a charitable organization, to provide the charitable organization with bingo game operators, security personnel, concessions, bingo supplies, or any other type of service or equipment;

(10) Purchase or lease bingo supplies from any person except a

distributor issued a license under section 2915.081 of the Revised Code;

(11)(a) Use or permit the use of electronic bingo aids except under the following circumstances:

(i) For any single participant, not more than ninety bingo faces can be played using an electronic bingo aid or aids.

(ii) The charitable organization shall provide a participant using an electronic bingo aid with corresponding paper bingo cards or sheets.

(iii) The total price of bingo faces played with an electronic bingo aid shall be equal to the total price of the same number of bingo faces played with a paper bingo card or sheet sold at the same bingo session but without an electronic bingo aid.

(iv) An electronic bingo aid cannot be part of an electronic network other than a network that includes only bingo aids and devices that are located on the premises at which the bingo is being conducted or be interactive with any device not located on the premises at which the bingo is being conducted.

(v) An electronic bingo aid cannot be used to participate in bingo that is conducted at a location other than the location at which the bingo session is conducted and at which the electronic bingo aid is used.

(vi) An electronic bingo aid cannot be used to provide for the input of numbers and letters announced by a bingo caller other than the bingo caller who physically calls the numbers and letters at the location at which the bingo session is conducted and at which the electronic bingo aid is used.

(b) The attorney general may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that govern the use of electronic bingo aids. The rules may include a requirement that an electronic bingo aid be capable of being audited by the attorney general to verify the number of bingo cards or sheets played during each bingo session.

(12) Permit any person the charitable organization knows, or should have known, to be under eighteen years of age to play bingo described in division (S)(1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code.

(D)(1) Except as otherwise provided in ~~this~~ division (D)(3) of this section, no charitable organization shall provide to a bingo game operator, and no bingo game operator shall receive or accept, any commission, wage, salary, reward, tip, donation, gratuity, or other form of compensation, directly or indirectly, regardless of the source, for conducting bingo or providing other work or labor at the site of bingo during a bingo session. ~~This~~

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(3) of this section, no charitable organization shall provide to a bingo game operator any

commission, wage, salary, reward, tip, donation, gratuity, or other form of compensation, directly or indirectly, regardless of the source, for conducting instant bingo other than at a bingo session at the site of instant bingo other than at a bingo session.

(3) Nothing in division ~~does not prohibit~~ (D) of this section prohibits an employee of a fraternal organization ~~or~~, veteran's organization, or sporting organization from selling instant bingo tickets or cards to the organization's members or invited guests, as long as no portion of the employee's compensation is paid from any receipts of bingo.

(E) Notwithstanding division (B)(1) of this section, a charitable organization that, prior to December 6, 1977, has entered into written agreements for the lease of premises it owns to another charitable organization or other charitable organizations for the conducting of bingo sessions so that more than two bingo sessions are conducted per calendar week on the premises, and a person that is not a charitable organization and that, prior to December 6, 1977, has entered into written agreements for the lease of premises it owns to charitable organizations for the conducting of more than two bingo sessions per calendar week on the premises, may continue to lease the premises to those charitable organizations, provided that no more than four sessions are conducted per calendar week, that the lessor organization or person has notified the attorney general in writing of the organizations that will conduct the sessions and the days of the week and the times of the day on which the sessions will be conducted, that the initial lease entered into with each organization that will conduct the sessions was filed with the attorney general prior to December 6, 1977, and that each organization that will conduct the sessions was issued a license to conduct bingo games by the attorney general prior to December 6, 1977.

(F) This section does not prohibit a bingo licensed charitable organization or a game operator from giving any person an instant bingo ticket as a prize.

(G) Whoever violates division (A)(2) of this section is guilty of illegally conducting a bingo game, a felony of the fourth degree. Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever violates division (A)(1) or (3), (B)(1), (2), or (3), (C)(1) to (12), or (D) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of division (A)(1) or (3), (B)(1), (2), or (3), (C)(1) to (11), or, (D) of this section, a violation of division (A)(1) or (3), (B)(1), (2), or (3), (C), or (D) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree. Whoever violates division (C)(12) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, if the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of division (C)(12) of

this section, a felony of the fourth degree.

Sec. 2915.091. (A) No charitable organization that conducts instant bingo shall do any of the following:

(1) Fail to comply with the requirements of divisions (A)(1), (2), and (3) of section 2915.09 of the Revised Code;

(2) Conduct instant bingo unless either of the following apply:

(a) That organization is, and has received from the internal revenue service a determination letter that is currently in effect stating that the organization is, exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a), is described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, is a charitable organization as defined in section 2915.01 of the Revised Code, is in good standing in the state pursuant to section 2915.08 of the Revised Code, and is in compliance with Chapter 1716. of the Revised Code;

(b) That organization is, and has received from the internal revenue service a determination letter that is currently in effect stating that the organization is, exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a), is described in subsection 501(c)(7), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10), or 501(c)(19) or is a veteran's organization described in subsection 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, and conducts instant bingo under section 2915.13 of the Revised Code.

(3) Conduct instant bingo on any day, at any time, or at any premises not specified on the organization's license issued pursuant to section 2915.08 of the Revised Code;

(4) Permit any person whom the organization knows or should have known has been convicted of a felony or gambling offense in any jurisdiction to be a bingo game operator in the conduct of instant bingo;

(5) Purchase or lease supplies used to conduct instant bingo or punch board games from any person except a distributor licensed under section 2915.081 of the Revised Code;

(6) Sell or provide any instant bingo ticket or card for a price different from the price printed on it by the manufacturer on either the instant bingo ticket or card or on the game flare;

(7) Sell an instant bingo ticket or card to a person under eighteen years of age;

(8) Fail to keep unsold instant bingo tickets or cards for less than three years;

(9) Pay any compensation to a bingo game operator for conducting instant bingo that is conducted by the organization or for preparing, selling, or serving food or beverages at the site of the instant bingo game, permit any auxiliary unit or society of the organization to pay compensation to any

bingo game operator who prepares, sells, or serves food or beverages at an instant bingo game conducted by the organization, or permit any auxiliary unit or society of the organization to prepare, sell, or serve food or beverages at an instant bingo game conducted by the organization, if the auxiliary unit or society pays any compensation to the bingo game operators who prepare, sell, or serve the food or beverages;

(10) Pay fees to any person for any services performed in relation to an instant bingo game;

(11) Pay fees to any person who provides refreshments to the participants in an instant bingo game;

(12)(a) Allow instant bingo tickets or cards to be sold to bingo game operators ~~who are performing work or labor~~ at a premises at which the organization sells instant bingo tickets or cards or to be sold to employees of a D permit holder who are working at a premises at which instant bingo tickets or cards are sold ~~on behalf of the organization as described in division (B) of section 4301.03 of the Revised Code~~;

(b) Division (A)(12)(a) of this section does not prohibit a licensed charitable organization or a bingo game operator from giving any person an instant bingo tickets as a prize.

(13) Fail to display its bingo license, and the serial numbers of the deal of instant bingo tickets or cards to be sold, conspicuously at each premises at which it sells instant bingo tickets or cards;

(14) Possess a deal of instant bingo tickets or cards that was not purchased from a distributor licensed under section 2915.081 of the Revised Code as reflected on an invoice issued by the distributor that contains all of the information required by division (E) of section 2915.10 of the Revised Code;

(15) Fail, once it opens a deal of instant bingo tickets or cards, to continue to sell the tickets or cards in that deal until the tickets or cards with the top two highest tiers of prizes in that deal are sold;

(16) Purchase, lease, or use instant bingo ticket dispensers to sell instant bingo tickets or cards;

(17) Possess bingo supplies that were not obtained in accordance with sections 2915.01 to 2915.13 of the Revised Code.

(B) A charitable organization may conduct instant bingo other than at a bingo session at not more than five separate locations. A charitable organization that is exempt from federal taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that is created by a veteran's organization or a fraternal organization is not limited in the number of separate locations the charitable organization may

conduct instant bingo other than at a bingo session.

(C) The attorney general may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that govern the conduct of instant bingo by charitable organizations. Before those rules are adopted, the attorney general shall reference the recommended standards for opacity, randomization, minimum information, winner protection, color, and cutting for instant bingo tickets or cards, seal cards, and punch boards established by the North American gaming regulators association.

(D) Whoever violates division (A) of this section or a rule adopted under division ~~(B)~~(C) of this section is guilty of illegal instant bingo conduct. Except as otherwise provided in this division, illegal instant bingo conduct is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of division (A) of this section or of such a rule, illegal instant bingo conduct is a felony of the fifth degree.

Sec. 2915.092. (A) A charitable organization, a public school, a chartered nonpublic school, a community school, or a sporting organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and is described in subsection 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code may conduct a raffle to raise money for the ~~charitable~~ organization or school and does not need a license to conduct bingo in order to conduct a raffle drawing that is not for profit.

(B)~~(1) No charitable organization shall conduct a raffle unless the organization is, and has received from the internal revenue service a determination letter that is currently in effect stating that the organization is, exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and is described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.~~

~~(2) No charitable organization shall conduct more than thirty-six raffles during a calendar year.~~

~~(3) No person shall be compensated directly or indirectly for assisting in the conduct or operation of a raffle.~~ Except as provided in division (A) of this section, no person shall conduct a raffle drawing that is for profit or a raffle drawing that is not for profit.

(C) ~~No raffle drawing shall be conducted on premises other than premises that a charitable organization uses for its charitable programs.~~

~~(D) No person shall fail to use, or give, donate, or otherwise transfer, the net profit from a raffle for a charitable purpose described in division (Z) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(E)~~ Whoever violates division (B)~~, (C), or (D)~~ of this section is guilty of illegal conduct of a raffle. Except as otherwise provided in this division, illegal conduct of a raffle is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the

offender previously has been convicted of a violation of division (B)~~, (C), or (D)~~ of this section, illegal conduct of a raffle is a felony of the fifth degree.

Sec. 2915.093. (A) As used in this section, "retail income from all commercial activity" includes the sale of instant bingo tickets.

(B) A charitable instant bingo organization may conduct instant bingo other than at a bingo session at not more than five separate locations.

(C)(1) If a charitable instant bingo organization conducts instant bingo other than at a bingo session, the charitable instant bingo organization shall enter into a written contract with the owner or lessor of the location at which the instant bingo is conducted to allow the owner or lessor to assist in the conduct of instant bingo other than at a bingo session, identify each location where the instant bingo other than at a bingo session is being conducted, and identify the owner or lessor of each location.

(2) A charitable instant bingo organization that conducts instant bingo other than at a bingo session is not required to enter into a written contract with the owner or lessor of the location at which the instant bingo is conducted provided that the owner or lessor is not assisting in the conduct of the instant bingo other than at a bingo session and provided that the conduct of the instant bingo other than at a bingo session at that location is not more than five days per calendar year and not more than ten hours per day.

(D) ~~No~~ Except as provided in division (G) of this section, no charitable instant bingo organization shall conduct instant bingo other than at a bingo session at a location where the primary source of retail income from all commercial activity at that location is the sale of instant bingo tickets.

(E) The owner or lessor of a location that enters into a contract pursuant to division (C) of this section shall pay up front for the cost of the deal of instant bingo tickets and the gross profits that would be earned by the owner or lessor if all of the instant bingo tickets are sold. The owner or lessor may retain the money that the owner or lessor receives for selling the instant bingo tickets up to the amount that it paid to the charitable instant bingo organization. If the owner or lessor of the location earns any more money than the owner or lessor paid out in prizes or paid up front, the owner or lessor of the location shall pay that money to the charitable instant bingo organization.

(F) A charitable instant bingo organization shall provide the attorney general with all of the following information:

(1) That the charitable instant bingo organization has terminated a contract entered into pursuant to division (C) of this section with an owner or lessor of a location;

(2) That the charitable instant bingo organization has entered into a

written contract pursuant to division (C) of this section with a new owner or lessor of a location;

(3) That the charitable instant bingo organization is aware of conduct by the owner or lessor of a location at which instant bingo is conducted that is in violation of Chapter 2915. of the Revised Code.

(G) Division (D) of this section does not apply to a volunteer firefighter's organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, that conducts instant bingo other than at a bingo session on the premises where the organization conducts firefighter training, that has conducted instant bingo continuously for at least five years prior to the effective date of this amendment, and that, during each of those five years, had gross receipts of at least one million five hundred thousand dollars.

Sec. 2915.095. The attorney general, by rule adopted pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code, shall establish a standard contract to be used by a charitable instant bingo organization, a veteran's organization, ~~or,~~ a fraternal organization, or a sporting organization for the conduct of instant bingo other than at a bingo session. The terms of the contract shall be limited to the provisions in Chapter 2915. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2915.10. (A) No charitable organization that conducts bingo or a game of chance pursuant to division (D) of section 2915.02 of the Revised Code shall fail to maintain the following records for at least three years from the date on which the bingo or game of chance is conducted:

(1) An itemized list of the gross receipts of each bingo session, each game of instant bingo by serial number, each raffle, each punch board game, and each game of chance, and an itemized list of the gross profits of each game of instant bingo by serial number;

(2) An itemized list of all expenses, other than prizes, that are incurred in conducting bingo or instant bingo, the name of each person to whom the expenses are paid, and a receipt for all of the expenses;

(3) A list of all prizes awarded during each bingo session, each raffle, each punch board game, and each game of chance conducted by the charitable organization, the total prizes awarded from each game of instant bingo by serial number, and the name, address, and social security number of all persons who are winners of prizes of six hundred dollars or more in value;

(4) An itemized list of the recipients of the net profit of the bingo or game of chance, including the name and address of each recipient to whom the money is distributed, and if the organization uses the net profit of bingo, or the money or assets received from a game of chance, for any charitable or

other purpose set forth in division (Z) of section 2915.01, division (D) of section 2915.02, or section 2915.101 of the Revised Code, a list of each purpose and an itemized list of each expenditure for each purpose;

(5) The number of persons who participate in any bingo session or game of chance that is conducted by the charitable organization;

(6) A list of receipts from the sale of food and beverages by the charitable organization or one of its auxiliary units or societies, if the receipts were excluded from gross receipts under division (X) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code;

(7) An itemized list of all expenses incurred at each bingo session, each raffle, each punch board game, or each game of instant bingo conducted by the charitable organization in the sale of food and beverages by the charitable organization or by an auxiliary unit or society of the charitable organization, the name of each person to whom the expenses are paid, and a receipt for all of the expenses.

(B) A charitable organization shall keep the records that it is required to maintain pursuant to division (A) of this section at its principal place of business in this state or at its headquarters in this state and shall notify the attorney general of the location at which those records are kept.

(C) The gross profit from each bingo session or game described in division (S)(1) or (2) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code shall be deposited into a checking account devoted exclusively to the bingo session or game. Payments for allowable expenses incurred in conducting the bingo session or game and payments to recipients of some or all of the net profit of the bingo session or game shall be made only by checks drawn on the bingo session or game account.

(D) Each charitable organization shall conduct and record an inventory of all of its bingo supplies as of the first day of November of each year.

(E) The attorney general may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish standards of accounting, record keeping, and reporting to ensure that gross receipts from bingo or games of chance are properly accounted for.

(F) A distributor shall maintain, for a period of three years after the date of its sale or other provision, a record of each instance of its selling or otherwise providing to another person bingo supplies for use in this state. The record shall include all of the following for each instance:

(1) The name of the manufacturer from which the distributor purchased the bingo supplies and the date of the purchase;

(2) The name and address of the charitable organization or other distributor to which the bingo supplies were sold or otherwise provided;

(3) A description that clearly identifies the bingo supplies;

(4) Invoices that include the nonrepeating serial numbers of all paper bingo cards and sheets and all instant bingo deals sold or otherwise provided to each charitable organization.

(G) A manufacturer shall maintain, for a period of three years after the date of its sale or other provision, a record of each instance of its selling or otherwise providing bingo supplies for use in this state. The record shall include all of the following for each instance:

(1) The name and address of the distributor to whom the bingo supplies were sold or otherwise provided;

(2) A description that clearly identifies the bingo supplies, including serial numbers;

(3) Invoices that include the nonrepeating serial numbers of all paper bingo cards and sheets and all instant bingo deals sold or otherwise provided to each distributor.

(H) The attorney general or any law enforcement agency may do all of the following:

(1) Investigate any charitable organization or any officer, agent, trustee, member, or employee of the organization;

(2) Examine the accounts and records of the organization;

(3) Conduct inspections, audits, and observations of bingo or games of chance;

(4) Conduct inspections of the premises where bingo or games of chance are conducted;

(5) Take any other necessary and reasonable action to determine if a violation of any provision of sections 2915.01 to 2915.13 of the Revised Code has occurred and to determine whether section 2915.11 of the Revised Code has been complied with.

If any law enforcement agency has reasonable grounds to believe that a charitable organization or an officer, agent, trustee, member, or employee of the organization has violated any provision of this chapter, the law enforcement agency may proceed by action in the proper court to enforce this chapter, provided that the law enforcement agency shall give written notice to the attorney general when commencing an action as described in this division.

(I) No person shall destroy, alter, conceal, withhold, or deny access to any accounts or records of a charitable organization that have been requested for examination, or obstruct, impede, or interfere with any inspection, audit, or observation of bingo or a game of chance or premises where bingo or a game of chance is conducted, or refuse to comply with any

reasonable request of, or obstruct, impede, or interfere with any other reasonable action undertaken by, the attorney general or a law enforcement agency pursuant to division (H) of this section.

(J) Whoever violates division (A) or (I) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Sec. 2915.101. Except as otherwise provided by law, a charitable organization that conducts instant bingo shall distribute the net profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo as follows:

(A)(1) If a veteran's organization ~~or,~~ a fraternal organization, or a sporting organization conducted the instant bingo, the organization shall distribute the net profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo, as follows:

(a) A minimum of fifty per cent shall be distributed to an organization described in division (Z)(1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code or to a department or agency of the federal government, the state, or any political subdivision;

(b) ~~Fifteen~~ Five per cent may be distributed for the organization's own charitable purposes.

(c) ~~Thirty-five~~ Forty-five per cent may be deducted and retained by the organization for the organization's expenses in conducting the instant bingo game.

(2) If a veteran's organization ~~or,~~ a fraternal organization, or a sporting organization does not distribute the full percentages specified in divisions (A)(1)(b) and (c) of this section for the purposes specified in those divisions, the organization shall distribute the balance of the net profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo not distributed or retained for those purposes to an organization described in division (Z)(1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) ~~A veteran's organization or a fraternal organization is not required to itemize the organization's expenses.~~ A veteran's organization, a fraternal organization, or a sporting organization shall pay the expenses that are directly for the conduct of instant bingo by check from the checking account devoted exclusively to the bingo session or game and may deduct and retain the remainder of the thirty-five per cent of the net profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo that is for the organization's expenses in conducting the instant bingo game and may transfer that remainder into the organization's general account.

(B)~~(1)~~ If a charitable organization other than a veteran's organization ~~or,~~ a fraternal organization, or a sporting organization conducted the instant bingo, the organization shall distribute one hundred per cent of the net profit

~~as follows:~~

~~(a) A minimum of seventy per cent shall be distributed~~ from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo to an organization described in division (Z)(1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code or to a department or agency of the federal government, the state, or any political subdivision.

~~(b) Thirty per cent may be deducted and retained by the organization for the organization's expenses in conducting the instant bingo game.~~

~~(2) If a charitable organization does not retain the full percentage specified in division (B)(1)(b) of this section for the purposes specified in that division, the organization shall distribute the balance of the net profit not retained for that purpose to an organization described in division (Z)(1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(3) A charitable organization other than a veteran's organization or fraternal organization is not required to itemize the charitable organization's expenses.~~

Sec. 2915.13. (A) A veteran's organization ~~or,~~ a fraternal organization, or a sporting organization authorized to conduct a bingo session pursuant to sections 2915.01 to 2915.12 of the Revised Code may conduct instant bingo other than at a bingo session if all of the following apply:

(1) The veteran's organization ~~or,~~ fraternal organization, or sporting organization limits the sale of instant bingo to ten consecutive hours per day for up to six days per week.

(2) The veteran's organization ~~or,~~ fraternal organization, or sporting organization limits the sale of instant bingo to its own premises and to its own members and invited guests.

(3) The veteran's organization ~~or,~~ fraternal organization, or sporting organization is raising money for ~~a charitable~~ an organization that is described in subsection 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2), or 509(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is either a governmental unit or an organization that maintains its principal place of business in this state, that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and that is in good standing in this state and executes a written contract with ~~the charitable~~ that organization as required in division (B) of this section.

(B) If a veteran's organization ~~or,~~ fraternal organization, or sporting organization authorized to conduct instant bingo pursuant to division (A) of this section is raising money for another ~~charitable~~ organization that is described in subsection 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2), or 509(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is either a governmental unit or an organization that maintains its principal place of business in this state, that is exempt from

federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and that is in good standing in this state, the veteran's organization ~~or,~~ fraternal organization, or sporting organization shall execute a written contract with ~~a charitable~~ the organization that is described in subsection 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2), or 509(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is either a governmental unit or an organization that maintains its principal place of business in this state, that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and that is in good standing in this state in order to conduct instant bingo. That contract shall include a statement of the percentage of the net proceeds that the veteran's ~~or,~~ fraternal, or sporting organization will be distributing to the ~~charitable~~ organization that is described in subsection 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2), or 509(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is either a governmental unit or an organization that maintains its principal place of business in this state, that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and that is in good standing in this state.

(C)(1) If a veteran's organization ~~or,~~ fraternal organization, or sporting organization authorized to conduct instant bingo pursuant to division (A) of this section has been issued a liquor permit under Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code, that permit may be subject to suspension, revocation, or cancellation if the veteran's organization ~~or,~~ fraternal organization, or sporting organization violates a provision of sections 2915.01 to 2915.13 of the Revised Code.

(2) No veteran's organization ~~or,~~ fraternal organization, or sporting organization that enters into a written contract pursuant to division (B) of this section shall violate any provision of Chapter 2915. of the Revised Code, or permit, aid, or abet any other person in violating any provision of Chapter 2915. of the Revised Code.

(D) A veteran's organization ~~or,~~ fraternal organization, or sporting organization shall give all required proceeds earned from the conduct of instant bingo to the ~~charitable~~ organization with which the veteran's organization ~~or,~~ fraternal organization, or sporting organization has entered into a written contract.

(E) Whoever violates this section is guilty of illegal instant bingo conduct. Except as otherwise provided in this division, illegal instant bingo conduct is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of this section, illegal instant bingo conduct is a felony of the fifth degree.

Sec. 2917.41. (A) No person shall evade the payment of the known fares of a public transportation system.

(B) No person shall alter any transfer, pass, ticket, or token of a public transportation system with the purpose of evading the payment of fares or of defrauding the system.

(C) No person shall do any of the following while in any facility or on any vehicle of a public transportation system:

(1) Play sound equipment without the proper use of a private earphone;

(2) Smoke, eat, or drink in any area where the activity is clearly marked as being prohibited;

(3) Expectorate upon a person, facility, or vehicle.

(D) No person shall write, deface, draw, or otherwise mark on any facility or vehicle of a public transportation system.

(E) No person shall fail to comply with a lawful order of a public transportation system police officer, and no person shall resist, obstruct, or abuse a public transportation police officer in the performance of the officer's duties.

(F) Whoever violates this section is guilty of misconduct involving a public transportation system.

(1) Violation of division (A), (B), or (E) of this section is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(2) Violation of division ~~(B) of this section is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.~~

~~(3) Violation of division~~ (C) ~~or (E)~~ of this section is a minor misdemeanor on a first offense. If a person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of any division of this section or of a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to any division of this section, violation of division (C) of this section is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

~~(4)~~(3) Violation of division (D) of this section is a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(G) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, seventy-five per cent of each fine paid to satisfy a sentence imposed for a violation of this section shall be deposited into the treasury of the county in which the violation occurred and twenty-five per cent shall be deposited with the county transit board, regional transit authority, or regional transit commission that operates the public transportation system involved in the violation, unless the board of county commissioners operates the public transportation system, in which case one hundred per cent of each fine shall be deposited into the treasury of the county.

(H) As used in this section, "public transportation system" means a county transit system operated in accordance with sections 306.01 to 306.13 of the Revised Code, a regional transit authority operated in accordance with sections 306.30 to 306.71 of the Revised Code, or a regional transit commission operated in accordance with sections 306.80 to 306.90 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2921.13. (A) No person shall knowingly make a false statement, or knowingly swear or affirm the truth of a false statement previously made, when any of the following applies:

(1) The statement is made in any official proceeding.

(2) The statement is made with purpose to incriminate another.

(3) The statement is made with purpose to mislead a public official in performing the public official's official function.

(4) The statement is made with purpose to secure the payment of unemployment compensation; Ohio works first; prevention, retention, and contingency benefits and services; disability <u>financial</u> assistance; retirement benefits; economic development assistance, as defined in section 9.66 of the Revised Code; or other benefits administered by a governmental agency or paid out of a public treasury.

(5) The statement is made with purpose to secure the issuance by a governmental agency of a license, permit, authorization, certificate, registration, release, or provider agreement.

(6) The statement is sworn or affirmed before a notary public or another person empowered to administer oaths.

(7) The statement is in writing on or in connection with a report or return that is required or authorized by law.

(8) The statement is in writing and is made with purpose to induce another to extend credit to or employ the offender, to confer any degree, diploma, certificate of attainment, award of excellence, or honor on the offender, or to extend to or bestow upon the offender any other valuable benefit or distinction, when the person to whom the statement is directed relies upon it to that person's detriment.

(9) The statement is made with purpose to commit or facilitate the commission of a theft offense.

(10) The statement is knowingly made to a probate court in connection with any action, proceeding, or other matter within its jurisdiction, either orally or in a written document, including, but not limited to, an application, petition, complaint, or other pleading, or an inventory, account, or report.

(11) The statement is made on an account, form, record, stamp, label, or other writing that is required by law.

(12) The statement is made in connection with the purchase of a firearm, as defined in section 2923.11 of the Revised Code, and in conjunction with the furnishing to the seller of the firearm of a fictitious or altered driver's or commercial driver's license or permit, a fictitious or altered identification card, or any other document that contains false information about the purchaser's identity.

(13) The statement is made in a document or instrument of writing that purports to be a judgment, lien, or claim of indebtedness and is filed or recorded with the secretary of state, a county recorder, or the clerk of a court of record.

(B) No person, in connection with the purchase of a firearm, as defined in section 2923.11 of the Revised Code, shall knowingly furnish to the seller of the firearm a fictitious or altered driver's or commercial driver's license or permit, a fictitious or altered identification card, or any other document that contains false information about the purchaser's identity.

(C) It is no defense to a charge under division (A)(4) of this section that the oath or affirmation was administered or taken in an irregular manner.

(D) If contradictory statements relating to the same fact are made by the offender within the period of the statute of limitations for falsification, it is not necessary for the prosecution to prove which statement was false but only that one or the other was false.

(E)(1) Whoever violates division (A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (10), (11), or (13) of this section is guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(2) Whoever violates division (A)(9) of this section is guilty of falsification in a theft offense. Except as otherwise provided in this division, falsification in a theft offense is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the value of the property or services stolen is five hundred dollars or more and is less than five thousand dollars, falsification in a theft offense is a felony of the fifth degree. If the value of the property or services stolen is five thousand dollars or more and is less than one hundred thousand dollars, falsification in a theft offense is a felony of the fourth degree. If the value of the property or services stolen is one hundred thousand dollars or more, falsification in a theft offense is a felony of the third degree.

(3) Whoever violates division (A)(12) or (B) of this section is guilty of falsification to purchase a firearm, a felony of the fifth degree.

(F) A person who violates this section is liable in a civil action to any person harmed by the violation for injury, death, or loss to person or property incurred as a result of the commission of the offense and for reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, and other expenses incurred as a

result of prosecuting the civil action commenced under this division. A civil action under this division is not the exclusive remedy of a person who incurs injury, death, or loss to person or property as a result of a violation of this section.

Sec. 2923.35. (A)(1) With respect to property ordered forfeited under section 2923.32 of the Revised Code, with respect to any fine or civil penalty imposed in any criminal or civil proceeding under section 2923.32 or 2923.34 of the Revised Code, and with respect to any fine imposed for a violation of section 2923.01 of the Revised Code for conspiracy to violate section 2923.32 of the Revised Code, the court, upon petition of the prosecuting attorney, may do any of the following:

(a) Authorize the prosecuting attorney to settle claims;

(b) Award compensation to persons who provide information that results in a forfeiture, fine, or civil penalty under section 2923.32 or 2923.34 of the Revised Code;

(c) Grant petitions for mitigation or remission of forfeiture, fines, or civil penalties, or restore forfeited property, imposed fines, or imposed civil penalties to persons injured by the violation;

(d) Take any other action to protect the rights of innocent persons that is in the interest of justice and that is consistent with the purposes of sections 2923.31 to 2923.36 of the Revised Code.

(2) The court shall maintain an accurate record of the actions it takes under division (A)(1) of this section with respect to the property ordered forfeited or the fine or civil penalty. The record is a public record open for inspection under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) After the application of division (A) of this section, any person who prevails in a civil action pursuant to section 2923.34 of the Revised Code has a right to any property, or the proceeds of any property, criminally forfeited to the state pursuant to section 2923.32 of the Revised Code or against which any fine under that section or civil penalty under division (I) of section 2923.34 of the Revised Code may be imposed.

The right of any person who prevails in a civil action pursuant to section 2923.34 of the Revised Code, other than a prosecuting attorney performing official duties under that section, to forfeited property, property against which fines and civil penalties may be imposed, and the proceeds of that property is superior to any right of the state, a municipal corporation, or a county to the property or the proceeds of the property, if the civil action is brought within one hundred eighty days after the entry of a sentence of forfeiture or a fine pursuant to section 2923.32 of the Revised Code or the entry of a civil penalty pursuant to division (I) of section 2923.34 of the

Revised Code.

The right is limited to the total value of the treble damages, civil penalties, attorney's fees, and costs awarded to the prevailing party in an action pursuant to section 2923.34 of the Revised Code, less any restitution received by the person.

(2) If the aggregate amount of claims of persons who have prevailed in a civil action pursuant to section 2923.34 of the Revised Code against any one defendant is greater than the total value of the treble fines, civil penalties, and forfeited property paid by the person against whom the actions were brought, all of the persons who brought their actions within one hundred eighty days after the entry of a sentence or disposition of forfeiture or a fine pursuant to section 2923.32 of the Revised Code or the entry of a civil penalty pursuant to division (I) of section 2923.34 of the Revised Code, first shall receive a pro rata share of the total amount of the fines, civil penalties, and forfeited property. After the persons who brought their actions within the specified one-hundred-eighty-day period have satisfied their claims out of the fines, civil penalties, and forfeited property, all other persons who prevailed in civil actions pursuant to section 2923.34 of the Revised Code shall receive a pro rata share of the total amount of the fines, civil penalties, and forfeited property that remains in the custody of the law enforcement agency or in the corrupt activity investigation and prosecution fund.

(C)(1) Subject to divisions (A) and (B) of this section and notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 2933.41 of the Revised Code, the prosecuting attorney shall order the disposal of property ordered forfeited in any proceeding under sections 2923.32 and 2923.34 of the Revised Code as soon as feasible, making due provisions for the rights of innocent persons, by any of the following methods:

(a) Transfer to any person who prevails in a civil action pursuant to section 2923.34 of the Revised Code, subject to the limit set forth in division (B)(1) of this section;

(b) Public sale;

(c) Transfer to a state governmental agency for official use;

(d) Sale or transfer to an innocent person;

(e) If the property is contraband and is not needed for evidence in any pending criminal or civil proceeding, pursuant to section 2933.41 or any other applicable section of the Revised Code.

(2) Any interest in personal or real property not disposed of pursuant to this division and not exercisable by, or transferable for value to, the state shall expire and shall not revert to the person found guilty of or adjudicated a delinquent child for a violation of section 2923.32 of the Revised Code.

No person found guilty of or adjudicated a delinquent child for a violation of that section and no person acting in concert with a person found guilty of or adjudicated a delinquent child for a violation of that section is eligible to purchase forfeited property from the state.

(3) Upon application of a person, other than the defendant, the adjudicated delinquent child, or a person acting in concert with or on behalf of either the defendant or the adjudicated delinquent child, the court may restrain or stay the disposal of the property pursuant to this division pending the conclusion of any appeal of the criminal case or delinquency case giving rise to the forfeiture or pending the determination of the validity of a claim to or interest in the property pursuant to division (E) of section 2923.32 of the Revised Code, if the applicant demonstrates that proceeding with the disposal of the property will result in irreparable injury, harm, or loss to the applicant.

(4) The prosecuting attorney shall maintain an accurate record of each item of property disposed of pursuant to this division, which record shall include the date on which each item came into the prosecuting attorney's custody, the manner and date of disposition, and, if applicable, the name of the person who received the item. The record shall not identify or enable the identification of the individual officer who seized the property, and the record is a public record open for inspection under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

Each prosecuting attorney who disposes in any calendar year of any item of property pursuant to this division shall prepare a report covering the calendar year that cumulates all of the information contained in all of the records kept by the prosecuting attorney pursuant to this division for that calendar year and shall send the cumulative report, no later than the first day of March in the calendar year following the calendar year covered by the report, to the attorney general. Each report received by the attorney general is a public record open for inspection under section 149.43 of the Revised Code. Not later than the fifteenth day of April in the calendar year following the calendar year covered by the reports, the attorney general shall send to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives a written notification that does all of the following:

(a) Indicates that the attorney general has received from prosecuting attorneys reports of the type described in this division that cover the previous calendar year and indicates that the reports were received under this division;

(b) Indicates that the reports are open for inspection under section 149.43 of the Revised Code;

(c) Indicates that the attorney general will provide a copy of any or all of the reports to the president of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives upon request.

(D)(1)(a) Ten per cent of the proceeds of all property ordered forfeited by a juvenile court pursuant to section 2923.32 of the Revised Code shall be applied to one or more alcohol and drug addiction treatment programs that are certified by the department of alcohol and drug addiction services under section 3793.06 of the Revised Code and that are specified in the order of forfeiture. A juvenile court shall not specify an alcohol or drug addiction treatment program in the order of forfeiture unless the program is a certified alcohol and drug addiction treatment program and, except as provided in division (D)(1)(a) of this section, unless the program is located in the county in which the court that orders the forfeiture is located or in a contiguous county. If no certified alcohol and drug addiction treatment program is located in any of those counties, the juvenile court may specify in the order a certified alcohol and drug addiction treatment program located anywhere within this state. The remaining ninety per cent of the proceeds shall be disposed of as provided in divisions (D)(1)(b) and (D)(2) of this section.

All of the proceeds of all property ordered forfeited by a court other than a juvenile court pursuant to section 2923.32 of the Revised Code shall be disposed of as provided in divisions (D)(1)(b) and (D)(2) of this section.

(b) The remaining proceeds of all property ordered forfeited pursuant to section 2923.32 of the Revised Code, after compliance with division (D)(1)(a) of this section when that division is applicable, and all fines and civil penalties imposed pursuant to sections 2923.32 and 2923.34 of the Revised Code shall be deposited into the state treasury and credited to the corrupt activity investigation and prosecution fund, which is hereby created.

(2) The proceeds, fines, and penalties credited to the corrupt activity investigation and prosecution fund pursuant to division (D)(1) of this section shall be disposed of in the following order:

(a) To a civil plaintiff in an action brought within the one-hundred-eighty-day time period specified in division (B)(1) of this section, subject to the limit set forth in that division;

(b) To the payment of the fees and costs of the forfeiture and sale, including expenses of seizure, maintenance, and custody of the property pending its disposition, advertising, and court costs;

(c) Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(2)(c) of this section, the remainder shall be paid to the law enforcement trust fund of the prosecuting attorney that is established pursuant to division (D)(1)(c) of section 2933.43 of the Revised Code and to the law enforcement trust fund

of the county sheriff that is established pursuant to that division if the county sheriff substantially conducted the investigation, to the law enforcement trust fund of a municipal corporation that is established pursuant to that division if its police department substantially conducted the investigation, to the law enforcement trust fund of a township that is established pursuant to that division if the investigation was substantially conducted by a township police department, township police district police force, or office of a township constable, or to the law enforcement trust fund of a park district created pursuant to section 511.18 or 1545.01 of the Revised Code that is established pursuant to that division if the investigation was substantially conducted by its park district police force or law enforcement department. The prosecuting attorney may decline to accept any of the remaining proceeds, fines, and penalties, and, if the prosecuting attorney so declines, they shall be applied to the fund described in division (D)(2)(c) of this section that relates to the appropriate law enforcement agency that substantially conducted the investigation.

If the state highway patrol substantially conducted the investigation, the director of budget and management shall transfer the remaining proceeds, fines, and penalties to the state highway patrol for deposit into the state highway patrol contraband, forfeiture, and other fund that is created by division (D)(1)(c) of section 2933.43 of the Revised Code. If the department of taxation substantially conducted the investigation, the director, after obtaining approval from the controlling board, shall transfer the remaining proceeds, fines, and penalties to the department for deposit into the department of taxation enforcement fund. If the controlling board does not approve deposit of the remaining proceeds, fines, and penalties into the department of taxation enforcement fund, the director shall transfer the remaining proceeds, fines, and penalties to the treasurer of state for deposit into the peace officer training commission fund created by division (D)(1)(c) of section 2933.43 of the Revised Code. If the state board of pharmacy substantially conducted the investigation, the director shall transfer the remaining proceeds, fines, and penalties to the board for deposit into the board of pharmacy drug law enforcement fund that is created by division (B)(1) of section 4729.65 of the Revised Code. If a state law enforcement agency, other than the state highway patrol, the department of taxation, or the state board of pharmacy, substantially conducted the investigation, the director shall transfer the remaining proceeds, fines, and penalties to the treasurer of state for deposit into the peace officer training commission fund ~~that is created by division (D)(1)(c) of section 2933.43 of the Revised Code~~.

The remaining proceeds, fines, and penalties that are paid to a law enforcement trust fund or that are deposited into the state highway patrol contraband, forfeiture, and other fund, the department of taxation enforcement fund, the board of pharmacy drug law enforcement fund, or the peace officer training commission fund pursuant to division (D)(2)(c) of this section shall be allocated, used, and expended only in accordance with division (D)(1)(c) of section 2933.43 of the Revised Code, only in accordance with a written internal control policy adopted under division (D)(3) of that section, and, if applicable, only in accordance with division (B) of section 4729.65 of the Revised Code. The annual reports that pertain to the funds and that are required by divisions (D)(1)(c) and (3)(b) of section 2933.43 of the Revised Code also shall address the remaining proceeds, fines, and penalties that are paid or deposited into the funds pursuant to division (D)(2)(c) of this section.

(3) If more than one law enforcement agency substantially conducted the investigation, the court ordering the forfeiture shall equitably divide the remaining proceeds, fines, and penalties among the law enforcement agencies that substantially conducted the investigation, in the manner described in division (D)(2) of section 2933.43 of the Revised Code for the equitable division of contraband proceeds and forfeited moneys. The equitable shares of the proceeds, fines, and penalties so determined by the court shall be paid or deposited into the appropriate funds specified in division (D)(2)(c) of this section.

(E) As used in this section, "law enforcement agency" includes, but is not limited to, the state board of pharmacy and the department of taxation.

Sec. 2925.44. (A) If property is seized pursuant to section 2925.42 or 2925.43 of the Revised Code, it is deemed to be in the custody of the head of the law enforcement agency that seized it, and the head of that agency may do any of the following with respect to that property prior to its disposition in accordance with division (A)(4) or (B) of this section:

(1) Place the property under seal;

(2) Remove the property to a place that the head of that agency designates;

(3) Request the issuance of a court order that requires any other appropriate municipal corporation, county, township, park district created pursuant to section 511.18 or 1545.01 of the Revised Code, or state law enforcement officer or other officer to take custody of the property and, if practicable, remove it to an appropriate location for eventual disposition in accordance with division (B) of this section;

(4)(a) Seek forfeiture of the property pursuant to federal law. If the head

of that agency seeks its forfeiture pursuant to federal law, the law enforcement agency shall deposit, use, and account for proceeds from a sale of the property upon its forfeiture, proceeds from another disposition of the property upon its forfeiture, or forfeited moneys it receives, in accordance with the applicable federal law and otherwise shall comply with that law.

(b) If the state highway patrol seized the property and if the superintendent of the state highway patrol seeks its forfeiture pursuant to federal law, the appropriate governmental officials shall deposit into the state highway patrol contraband, forfeiture, and other fund all interest or other earnings derived from the investment of the proceeds from a sale of the property upon its forfeiture, the proceeds from another disposition of the property upon its forfeiture, or the forfeited moneys. The state highway patrol shall use and account for that interest or other earnings in accordance with the applicable federal law.

(c) If the investigative unit of the department of public safety seized the property and if the director of public safety seeks its forfeiture pursuant to federal law, the appropriate governmental officials shall deposit into the department of public safety investigative unit contraband, forfeiture, and other fund all interest or other earnings derived from the investment of the proceeds from a sale of the property upon its forfeiture, the proceeds from another disposition of the property upon its forfeiture, or the forfeited moneys. The department shall use and account for that interest or other earnings in accordance with the applicable federal law.

(d) If the enforcement division of the department of taxation seized the property and if the tax commissioner seeks its forfeiture pursuant to federal law, the appropriate governmental officials shall, after obtaining approval from the controlling board, deposit into the department of taxation enforcement fund all interest or other earnings derived from the investment of the proceeds from a sale of the property upon its forfeiture, the proceeds from another disposition of the property upon its forfeiture, or the forfeited moneys. The department shall use and account for that interest or other earnings in accordance with the applicable federal law. If the controlling board does not approve deposit of interest or other earnings into the department of taxation enforcement fund, the appropriate governmental officials shall pay the interest or other earnings to the treasurer of state for deposit into the peace officer training commission fund.

(e) Division (B) of this section and divisions (D)(1) to (3) of section 2933.43 of the Revised Code do not apply to proceeds or forfeited moneys received pursuant to federal law or to the interest or other earnings that are derived from the investment of proceeds or forfeited moneys received

pursuant to federal law and that are described in division (A)(4)(b) or (d) of this section.

(B) In addition to complying with any requirements imposed by a court pursuant to section 2925.42 or 2925.43 of the Revised Code, and the requirements imposed by those sections, in relation to the disposition of property forfeited to the state under either of those sections, the prosecuting attorney who is responsible for its disposition shall dispose of the property as follows:

(1) Any vehicle, as defined in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code, that was used in a felony drug abuse offense or in an act that, if committed by an adult, would be a felony drug abuse offense shall be given to the law enforcement agency of the municipal corporation or county in which the offense occurred if that agency desires to have the vehicle, except that, if the offense occurred in a township or in a park district created pursuant to section 511.18 or 1545.01 of the Revised Code and a law enforcement officer employed by the township or the park district was involved in the seizure of the vehicle, the vehicle may be given to the law enforcement agency of that township or park district if that agency desires to have the vehicle, and except that, if the state highway patrol made the seizure of the vehicle, the vehicle may be given to the state highway patrol if it desires to have the vehicle.

(2) Any drug paraphernalia that was used, possessed, sold, or manufactured in a violation of section 2925.14 of the Revised Code that would be a felony drug abuse offense or in a violation of that section committed by a juvenile that, if committed by an adult, would be a felony drug abuse offense, may be given to the law enforcement agency of the municipal corporation or county in which the offense occurred if that agency desires to have and can use the drug paraphernalia, except that, if the offense occurred in a township or in a park district created pursuant to section 511.18 or 1545.01 of the Revised Code and a law enforcement officer employed by the township or the park district was involved in the seizure of the drug paraphernalia, the drug paraphernalia may be given to the law enforcement agency of that township or park district if that agency desires to have and can use the drug paraphernalia. If the drug paraphernalia is not so given, it shall be disposed of by sale pursuant to division (B)(8) of this section or disposed of in another manner that the court that issued the order of forfeiture considers proper under the circumstances.

(3) Drugs shall be disposed of pursuant to section 3719.11 of the Revised Code or placed in the custody of the secretary of the treasury of the United States for disposal or use for medical or scientific purposes under

applicable federal law.

(4) Firearms and dangerous ordnance suitable for police work may be given to a law enforcement agency for that purpose. Firearms suitable for sporting use, or as museum pieces or collectors' items, may be disposed of by sale pursuant to division (B)(8) of this section. Other firearms and dangerous ordnance shall be destroyed by a law enforcement agency or shall be sent to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation for destruction by it. As used in this division, "firearms" and "dangerous ordnance" have the same meanings as in section 2923.11 of the Revised Code.

(5) Computers, computer networks, computer systems, and computer software suitable for police work may be given to a law enforcement agency for that purpose. Other computers, computer networks, computer systems, and computer software shall be disposed of by sale pursuant to division (B)(8) of this section or disposed of in another manner that the court that issued the order of forfeiture considers proper under the circumstances. As used in this division, "computers," "computer networks," "computer systems," and "computer software" have the same meanings as in section 2913.01 of the Revised Code.

(6) Obscene materials shall be destroyed.

(7) Beer, intoxicating liquor, and alcohol shall be disposed of in accordance with division (D)(4) of section 2933.41 of the Revised Code.

(8) In the case of property not described in divisions (B)(1) to (7) of this section and of property described in those divisions but not disposed of pursuant to them, the property shall be sold in accordance with division (B)(8) of this section or, in the case of forfeited moneys, disposed of in accordance with division (B)(8) of this section. If the property is to be sold, the prosecuting attorney shall cause a notice of the proposed sale of the property to be given in accordance with law, and the property shall be sold, without appraisal, at a public auction to the highest bidder for cash. The proceeds of a sale and forfeited moneys shall be applied in the following order:

(a) First, to the payment of the costs incurred in connection with the seizure of, storage of, maintenance of, and provision of security for the property, the forfeiture proceeding or civil action, and, if any, the sale;

(b) Second, the remaining proceeds or forfeited moneys after compliance with division (B)(8)(a) of this section, to the payment of the value of any legal right, title, or interest in the property that is possessed by a person who, pursuant to division (F) of section 2925.42 of the Revised Code or division (E) of section 2925.43 of the Revised Code, established the

validity of and consequently preserved that legal right, title, or interest, including, but not limited to, any mortgage, perfected or other security interest, or other lien in the property. The value of these rights, titles, or interests shall be paid according to their record or other order of priority.

(c) Third, the remaining proceeds or forfeited moneys after compliance with divisions (B)(8)(a) and (b) of this section, as follows:

(i) If the forfeiture was ordered in a juvenile court, ten per cent to one or more alcohol and drug addiction treatment programs that are certified by the department of alcohol and drug addiction services under section 3793.06 of the Revised Code and that are specified in the order of forfeiture. A juvenile court shall not specify an alcohol or drug addiction treatment program in the order of forfeiture unless the program is a certified alcohol and drug addiction treatment program and, except as provided in division (B)(8)(c)(i) of this section, unless the program is located in the county in which the court that orders the forfeiture is located or in a contiguous county. If no certified alcohol and drug addiction treatment program is located in any of those counties, the juvenile court may specify in the order a certified alcohol and drug addiction treatment program located anywhere within this state.

(ii) If the forfeiture was ordered in a juvenile court, ninety per cent, and if the forfeiture was ordered in a court other than a juvenile court, one hundred per cent to appropriate funds in accordance with divisions (D)(1)(c) and (2) of section 2933.43 of the Revised Code. The remaining proceeds or forfeited moneys so deposited shall be used only for the purposes authorized by those divisions and division (D)(3)(a)(ii) of that section.

(C)(1) Sections 2925.41 to 2925.45 of the Revised Code do not preclude a financial institution that possessed a valid mortgage, security interest, or lien that is not satisfied prior to a sale under division (B)(8) of this section or following a sale by application of division (B)(8)(b) of this section, from commencing a civil action in any appropriate court in this or another state to obtain a deficiency judgment against the debtor if the financial institution otherwise would have been entitled to do so in this or another state.

(2) Any law enforcement agency that obtains any vehicle pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section shall take the vehicle subject to the outstanding amount of any security interest or lien that attaches to the vehicle.

(3) Nothing in this section impairs a mortgage, security interest, lien, or other interest of a financial institution in property that was the subject of a forfeiture order under section 2925.42 or 2925.43 of the Revised Code and that was sold or otherwise disposed of in a manner that does not conform to the requirements of division (B) of this section, or any right of a financial

institution of that nature to commence a civil action in any appropriate court in this or another state to obtain a deficiency judgment against the debtor.

(4) Following the sale under division (B)(8) of this section of any property that is required to be titled or registered under the law of this state, the prosecuting attorney responsible for the disposition of the property shall cause the state to issue an appropriate certificate of title or registration to the purchaser of the property. Additionally, if, in a disposition of property pursuant to division (B) of this section, the state or a political subdivision is given any property that is required to be titled or registered under the law of this state, the prosecuting attorney responsible for the disposition of the property shall cause the state to issue an appropriate certificate of title or registration to itself or to the political subdivision.

(D) Property that has been forfeited to the state pursuant to an order of criminal forfeiture under section 2925.42 of the Revised Code or an order of civil forfeiture under section 2925.43 of the Revised Code shall not be available for use to pay any fine imposed upon a person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony drug abuse offense or upon any juvenile who is found by a juvenile court to be a delinquent child for an act that, if committed by an adult, would be a felony drug abuse offense.

(E) Sections 2925.41 to 2925.45 of the Revised Code do not prohibit a law enforcement officer from seeking the forfeiture of contraband associated with a felony drug abuse offense pursuant to section 2933.43 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2929.38. (A) A board of commissioners of a county, in an agreement with the sheriff, a legislative authority of a municipal corporation, a corrections commission, a judicial corrections board, or any other public or private entity that operates a local detention facility described in division (A) of section 2929.37 of the Revised Code, may establish a policy that requires any prisoner who is confined in the facility as a result of pleading guilty to or having been convicted of an offense to pay a one-time reception fee for the costs of processing the prisoner into the facility at the time of the prisoner's initial entry into the facility under the confinement in question, to pay a reasonable fee for any medical or dental treatment or service requested by and provided to that prisoner, and to pay the fee for a random drug test assessed under division (E) of section 341.26, and division (E) of section 753.33 of the Revised Code. The fee for the medical treatment or service shall not exceed the actual cost of the treatment or service provided. No prisoner confined in the local detention facility shall be denied any necessary medical care because of inability to pay the fees.

(B) Upon assessment of a one-time reception fee as described in

division (A) of this section, the provision of the requested medical treatment or service, or the assessment of a fee for a random drug test, payment of the required fee may be automatically deducted from the prisoner's inmate account in the business office of the local detention facility in which the prisoner is confined. If there is no money in the account, a deduction may be made at a later date during the prisoner's confinement if the money becomes available in the account. If, after release, the prisoner has an unpaid balance of those fees, the sheriff, legislative authority of the municipal corporation, corrections commission, judicial corrections board, or other entity that operates the local detention facility described in division (A) of section 2929.37 of the Revised Code may bill the prisoner for the payment of the unpaid fees. Fees received for medical or dental treatment or services shall be paid to the commissary fund, if one exists for the facility, or if no commissary fund exists, to the general fund of the treasury of the political subdivision that incurred the expenses, in the same proportion as those expenses were borne by the political subdivision. Fees received for medical treatment or services that are placed in the commissary fund under this division shall be used for the same purposes as profits from the commissary fund, except that they shall not be used to pay any salary or benefits of any person who works in or is employed for the sole purpose of providing service to the commissary.

(C) Any fee paid by a person under this section shall be deducted from any medical or dental costs that the person is ordered to reimburse under section 2929.36 of the Revised Code or to repay under a policy adopted under section 2929.37 of the Revised Code.

(D) As used in this section, "inmate account" has the same meaning as in section 2969.21 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2933.43. (A)(1) Except as provided in this division or in section 2913.34 or sections 2923.44 to 2923.47 or 2925.41 to 2925.45 of the Revised Code, a law enforcement officer shall seize any contraband that has been, is being, or is intended to be used in violation of division (A) of section 2933.42 of the Revised Code. A law enforcement officer shall seize contraband that is a watercraft, motor vehicle, or aircraft and that has been, is being, or is intended to be used in violation of division (A) of section 2933.42 of the Revised Code only if the watercraft, motor vehicle, or aircraft is contraband because of its relationship to an underlying criminal offense that is a felony.

Additionally, a law enforcement officer shall seize any watercraft, motor vehicle, aircraft, or other personal property that is classified as contraband under division (B) of section 2933.42 of the Revised Code if the

underlying offense involved in the violation of division (A) of that section that resulted in the watercraft, motor vehicle, aircraft, or personal property being classified as contraband, is a felony.

(2) If a law enforcement officer seizes property that is titled or registered under law, including a motor vehicle, pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section, the officer or the officer's employing law enforcement agency shall notify the owner of the seizure. The notification shall be given to the owner at the owner's last known address within seventy-two hours after the seizure, and may be given orally by any means, including telephone, or by certified mail, return receipt requested.

If the officer or the officer's agency is unable to provide the notice required by this division despite reasonable, good faith efforts to do so, the exercise of the reasonable, good faith efforts constitutes fulfillment of the notice requirement imposed by this division.

(B)(1) A motor vehicle seized pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section and the contents of the vehicle may be retained for a reasonable period of time, not to exceed seventy-two hours, for the purpose of inspection, investigation, and the gathering of evidence of any offense or illegal use.

At any time prior to the expiration of the seventy-two-hour period, the law enforcement agency that seized the motor vehicle may petition the court of common pleas of the county that has jurisdiction over the underlying criminal case or administrative proceeding involved in the forfeiture for an extension of the seventy-two-hour period if the motor vehicle or its contents are needed as evidence or if additional time is needed for the inspection, investigation, or gathering of evidence. Upon the filing of such a petition, the court immediately shall schedule a hearing to be held at a time as soon as possible after the filing, but in no event at a time later than the end of the next business day subsequent to the day on which the petition was filed, and upon scheduling the hearing, immediately shall notify the owner of the vehicle, at the address at which notification of the seizure was provided under division (A) of this section, of the date, time, and place of the hearing. If the court, at the hearing, determines that the vehicle or its contents, or both, are needed as evidence or that additional time is needed for the inspection, investigation, or gathering of evidence, the court may grant the petition and issue an order authorizing the retention of the vehicle or its contents, or both, for an extended period as specified by the court in its order. An order extending a period of retention issued under this division may be renewed.

If no petition for the extension of the initial seventy-two-hour period has been filed, prior to the expiration of that period, under this division, if the

vehicle was not in the custody and control of the owner at the time of its seizure, and if, at the end of that seventy-two-hour period, the owner of the vehicle has not been charged with an offense or administrative violation that includes the use of the vehicle as an element and has not been charged with any other offense or administrative violation in the actual commission of which the motor vehicle was used, the vehicle and its contents shall be released to its owner or the owner's agent, provided that the law enforcement agency that seized the vehicle may require proof of ownership of the vehicle, proof of ownership or legal possession of the contents, and an affidavit of the owner that the owner neither knew of nor expressly or impliedly consented to the use of the vehicle that resulted in its forfeiture as conditions precedent to release. If a petition for the extension of the initial seventy-two-hour period has been filed, prior to the expiration of that period, under this division but the court does not grant the petition, if the vehicle was not in the custody and control of the owner at the time of its seizure, and if, at the end of that seventy-two-hour period, the owner of the vehicle has not been charged with an offense or administrative violation that includes the use of the vehicle as an element and has not been charged with any other offense or administrative violation in the actual commission of which the motor vehicle was used, the vehicle and its contents shall be released to its owner or the owner's agent, provided that the court may require the proof and affidavit described in the preceding sentence as conditions precedent to release. If the initial seventy-two-hour period has been extended under this division, the vehicle and its contents to which the extension applies may be retained in accordance with the extension order. If, at the end of that extended period, the owner of the vehicle has not been charged with an offense or administrative violation that includes the use of the vehicle as an element and has not been charged with any other offense or administrative violation in the actual commission of which the motor vehicle was used, and if the vehicle was not in the custody and control of the owner at the time of its seizure, the vehicle and its contents shall be released to its owner or the owner's agent, provided that the court may require the proof and affidavit described in the third preceding sentence as conditions precedent to release. In cases in which the court may require proof and affidavits as conditions precedent to release, the court also may require the posting of a bond, with sufficient sureties approved by the court, in an amount equal to the value of the property to be released, as determined by the court, and conditioned upon the return of the property to the court if it is forfeited under this section, as a further condition to release. If, at the end of the initial seventy-two-hour period or at the end of any extended period

granted under this section, the owner has been charged with an offense or administrative violation that includes the use of the vehicle as an element or has been charged with another offense or administrative violation in the actual commission of which the motor vehicle was used, or if the vehicle was in the custody and control of the owner at the time of its seizure, the vehicle and its contents shall be retained pending disposition of the charge, provided that upon the filing of a motion for release by the owner, if the court determines that the motor vehicle or its contents, or both, are not needed as evidence in the underlying criminal case or administrative proceeding, the court may permit the release of the property that is not needed as evidence to the owner; as a condition precedent to a release of that nature, the court may require the owner to execute a bond with the court. Any bond so required shall be in an amount equal to the value of the property to be released, as determined by the court, shall have sufficient sureties approved by the court, and shall be conditioned upon the return of the property to the court to which it is forfeited under this section.

The final disposition of a motor vehicle seized pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section shall be determined in accordance with division (C) of this section.

(2) Pending a hearing pursuant to division (C) of this section, and subject to divisions (B)(1) and (C) of this section, any property lawfully seized pursuant to division (A) of this section because it was contraband of a type described in division (A)(13)(b), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), or (j) of section 2901.01 of the Revised Code shall not be subject to replevin or other action in any court and shall not be subject to release upon request of the owner, and no judgment shall be enforced against the property. Pending the hearing, and subject to divisions (B)(1) and (C) of this section, the property shall be kept in the custody of the law enforcement agency responsible for its seizure.

Pending a hearing pursuant to division (C) of this section, and notwithstanding any provisions of division (B)(1) or (C) of this section to the contrary, any property lawfully seized pursuant to division (A) of this section because it was contraband of a type described in division (A)(13)(a) or (c) of section 2901.01 of the Revised Code shall not be subject to replevin or other action in any court and shall not be subject to release upon request of the owner, and no judgment shall be enforced against the property. Pending the hearing, and notwithstanding any provisions of division (B)(1) or (C) of this section to the contrary, the property shall be kept in the custody of the law enforcement agency responsible for its seizure.

A law enforcement agency that seizes property under division (A) of

this section because it was contraband of any type described in division (A)(13) of section 2901.01 or division (B) of section 2933.42 of the Revised Code shall maintain an accurate record of each item of property so seized, which record shall include the date on which each item was seized, the manner and date of its disposition, and if applicable, the name of the person who received the item; however, the record shall not identify or enable the identification of the individual officer who seized the item. The record of property of that nature that no longer is needed as evidence shall be open to public inspection during the agency's regular business hours. Each law enforcement agency that, during any calendar year, seizes property under division (A) of this section because it was contraband shall prepare a report covering the calendar year that cumulates all of the information contained in all of the records kept by the agency pursuant to this division for that calendar year, and shall send a copy of the cumulative report, no later than the first day of March in the calendar year following the calendar year covered by the report, to the attorney general. Each report received by the attorney general is a public record open for inspection under section 149.43 of the Revised Code. Not later than the fifteenth day of April in the calendar year in which the reports are received, the attorney general shall send to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives a written notification that does all of the following:

(a) Indicates that the attorney general has received from law enforcement agencies reports of the type described in this division that cover the previous calendar year and indicates that the reports were received under this division;

(b) Indicates that the reports are open for inspection under section 149.43 of the Revised Code;

(c) Indicates that the attorney general will provide a copy of any or all of the reports to the president of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives upon request.

(C) The prosecuting attorney, village solicitor, city director of law, or similar chief legal officer who has responsibility for the prosecution of the underlying criminal case or administrative proceeding, or the attorney general if the attorney general has that responsibility, shall file a petition for the forfeiture, to the seizing law enforcement agency of the contraband seized pursuant to division (A) of this section. The petition shall be filed in the court that has jurisdiction over the underlying criminal case or administrative proceeding involved in the forfeiture. If the property was seized on the basis of both a criminal violation and an administrative regulation violation, the petition shall be filed by the officer and in the court

that is appropriate in relation to the criminal case.

The petitioner shall conduct or cause to be conducted a search of the appropriate public records that relate to the seized property for the purpose of determining, and shall make or cause to be made reasonably diligent inquiries for the purpose of determining, any person having an ownership or security interest in the property. The petitioner then shall give notice of the forfeiture proceedings by personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to any persons known, because of the conduct of the search, the making of the inquiries, or otherwise, to have an ownership or security interest in the property, and shall publish notice of the proceedings once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the seizure occurred. The notices shall be personally served, mailed, and first published at least four weeks before the hearing. They shall describe the property seized; state the date and place of seizure; name the law enforcement agency that seized the property and, if applicable, that is holding the property; list the time, date, and place of the hearing; and state that any person having an ownership or security interest in the property may contest the forfeiture.

If the property seized was determined by the seizing law enforcement officer to be contraband because of its relationship to an underlying criminal offense or administrative violation, no forfeiture hearing shall be held under this section unless the person pleads guilty to or is convicted of the commission of, or an attempt or conspiracy to commit, the offense or a different offense arising out of the same facts and circumstances or unless the person admits or is adjudicated to have committed the administrative violation or a different violation arising out of the same facts and circumstances; a forfeiture hearing shall be held in a case of that nature no later than forty-five days after the conviction or the admission or adjudication of the violation, unless the time for the hearing is extended by the court for good cause shown. The owner of any property seized because of its relationship to an underlying criminal offense or administrative violation may request the court to release the property to the owner. Upon receipt of a request of that nature, if the court determines that the property is not needed as evidence in the underlying criminal case or administrative proceeding, the court may permit the release of the property to the owner. As a condition precedent to a release of that nature, the court may require the owner to execute a bond with the court. Any bond so required shall have sufficient sureties approved by the court, shall be in a sum equal to the value of the property, as determined by the court, and shall be conditioned upon the return of the property to the court if the property is forfeited under this

section. Any property seized because of its relationship to an underlying criminal offense or administrative violation shall be returned to its owner if charges are not filed in relation to that underlying offense or violation within thirty days after the seizure, if charges of that nature are filed and subsequently are dismissed, or if charges of that nature are filed and the person charged does not plead guilty to and is not convicted of the offense or does not admit and is not found to have committed the violation.

If the property seized was determined by the seizing law enforcement officer to be contraband other than because of a relationship to an underlying criminal offense or administrative violation, the forfeiture hearing under this section shall be held no later than forty-five days after the seizure, unless the time for the hearing is extended by the court for good cause shown.

Where possible, a court holding a forfeiture hearing under this section shall follow the Rules of Civil Procedure. When a hearing is conducted under this section, property shall be forfeited upon a showing, by a preponderance of the evidence, by the petitioner that the person from which the property was seized was in violation of division (A) of section 2933.42 of the Revised Code. If that showing is made, the court shall issue an order of forfeiture. If an order of forfeiture is issued in relation to contraband that was released to the owner or the owner's agent pursuant to this division or division (B)(1) of this section, the order shall require the owner to deliver the property, by a specified date, to the law enforcement agency that employed the law enforcement officer who made the seizure of the property, and the court shall deliver a copy of the order to the owner or send a copy of it by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner at the address to which notice of the seizure was given under division (A)(2) of this section. Except as otherwise provided in this division, all rights, interest, and title to the forfeited contraband vests in the state, effective from the date of seizure.

No property shall be forfeited pursuant to this division if the owner of the property establishes, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the owner neither knew, nor should have known after a reasonable inquiry, that the property was used, or was likely to be used, in a crime or administrative violation. No bona fide security interest shall be forfeited pursuant to this division if the holder of the interest establishes, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the holder of the interest neither knew, nor should have known after a reasonable inquiry, that the property was used, or likely to be used, in a crime or administrative violation, that the holder of the interest did not expressly or impliedly consent to the use of the property in a crime or administrative violation, and that the security interest was perfected

pursuant to law prior to the seizure. If the holder of the interest satisfies the court that these requirements are met, the interest shall be preserved by the court. In a case of that nature, the court shall either order that the agency to which the property is forfeited reimburse the holder of the interest to the extent of the preserved interest or order that the holder be paid for the interest from the proceeds of any sale pursuant to division (D) of this section.

(D)(1) Contraband ordered forfeited pursuant to this section shall be disposed of pursuant to divisions (D)(1) to (7) of section 2933.41 of the Revised Code or, if the contraband is not described in those divisions, may be used, with the approval of the court, by the law enforcement agency that has custody of the contraband pursuant to division (D)(8) of that section. In the case of contraband not described in any of those divisions and of contraband not disposed of pursuant to any of those divisions, the contraband shall be sold in accordance with this division or, in the case of forfeited moneys, disposed of in accordance with this division. If the contraband is to be sold, the prosecuting attorney shall cause a notice of the proposed sale of the contraband to be given in accordance with law, and the property shall be sold, without appraisal, at a public auction to the highest bidder for cash. The proceeds of a sale and forfeited moneys shall be applied in the following order:

(a) First, to the payment of the costs incurred in connection with the seizure of, storage of, maintenance of, and provision of security for the contraband, the forfeiture proceeding, and, if any, the sale;

(b) Second, the remaining proceeds or forfeited moneys after compliance with division (D)(1)(a) of this section, to the payment of the balance due on any security interest preserved pursuant to division (C) of this section;

(c) Third, the remaining proceeds or forfeited moneys after compliance with divisions (D)(1)(a) and (b) of this section, as follows:

(i) If the forfeiture was ordered in a juvenile court, ten per cent to one or more alcohol and drug addiction treatment programs that are certified by the department of alcohol and drug addiction services under section 3793.06 of the Revised Code and that are specified in the order of forfeiture. A juvenile court shall not certify an alcohol or drug addiction treatment program in the order of forfeiture unless the program is a certified alcohol and drug addiction treatment program and, except as provided in division (D)(1)(c)(i) of this section, unless the program is located in the county in which the court that orders the forfeiture is located or in a contiguous county. If no certified alcohol and drug addiction treatment program is located in any of those

counties, the juvenile court may specify in the order a certified alcohol and drug addiction treatment program located anywhere within this state.

(ii) If the forfeiture was ordered in a juvenile court, ninety per cent, and if the forfeiture was ordered in a court other than a juvenile court, one hundred per cent to the law enforcement trust fund of the prosecuting attorney and to the law enforcement trust fund of the county sheriff if the county sheriff made the seizure, to the law enforcement trust fund of a municipal corporation if its police department made the seizure, to the law enforcement trust fund of a township if the seizure was made by a township police department, township police district police force, or office of a township constable, to the law enforcement trust fund of a park district created pursuant to section 511.18 or 1545.01 of the Revised Code if the seizure was made by the park district police force or law enforcement department, to the state highway patrol contraband, forfeiture, and other fund if the state highway patrol made the seizure, to the department of public safety investigative unit contraband, forfeiture, and other fund if the investigative unit of the department of public safety made the seizure, to the department of taxation enforcement fund if the department of taxation made the seizure and the controlling board approves the deposit of the proceeds or forfeited moneys into the fund, to the board of pharmacy drug law enforcement fund created by division (B)(1) of section 4729.65 of the Revised Code if the board made the seizure, or to the treasurer of state for deposit into the peace officer training commission fund if the controlling board does not approve deposit of the proceeds or forfeited moneys into the department of taxation enforcement fund or if a state law enforcement agency, other than the state highway patrol, the investigative unit of the department of public safety, the enforcement division of the department of taxation, or the state board of pharmacy, made the seizure. The prosecuting attorney may decline to accept any of the remaining proceeds or forfeited moneys, and, if the prosecuting attorney so declines, the remaining proceeds or forfeited moneys shall be applied to the fund described in this division that relates to the law enforcement agency that made the seizure.

A law enforcement trust fund shall be established by the prosecuting attorney of each county who intends to receive any remaining proceeds or forfeited moneys pursuant to this division, by the sheriff of each county, by the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, by the board of township trustees of each township that has a township police department, township police district police force, or office of the constable, and by the board of park commissioners of each park district created pursuant to section 511.18 or 1545.01 of the Revised Code that has a park district police

force or law enforcement department, for the purposes of this division. There is hereby created in the state treasury the state highway patrol contraband, forfeiture, and other fund, the department of public safety investigative unit contraband, forfeiture, and other fund, the department of taxation enforcement fund, and the peace officer training commission fund, for the purposes described in this division.

Proceeds or forfeited moneys distributed to any municipal corporation, township, or park district law enforcement trust fund shall be allocated from the fund by the legislative authority only to the police department of the municipal corporation, by the board of township trustees only to the township police department, township police district police force, or office of the constable, and by the board of park commissioners only to the park district police force or law enforcement department.

Additionally, no proceeds or forfeited moneys shall be allocated to or used by the state highway patrol, the department of public safety, the department of taxation, the state board of pharmacy, or a county sheriff, prosecuting attorney, municipal corporation police department, township police department, township police district police force, office of the constable, or park district police force or law enforcement department unless the state highway patrol, department of public safety, department of taxation, state board of pharmacy, sheriff, prosecuting attorney, municipal corporation police department, township police department, township police district police force, office of the constable, or park district police force or law enforcement department has adopted a written internal control policy under division (D)(3) of this section that addresses the use of moneys received from the state highway patrol contraband, forfeiture, and other fund, the department of public safety investigative unit contraband, forfeiture, and other fund, the department of taxation enforcement fund, the board of pharmacy drug law enforcement fund, or the appropriate law enforcement trust fund.

The state highway patrol contraband, forfeiture, and other fund, the department of public safety investigative unit contraband, forfeiture, and other fund, the department of taxation enforcement fund, and a law enforcement trust fund shall be expended only in accordance with the written internal control policy so adopted by the recipient, and, subject to the requirements specified in division (D)(3)(a)(ii) of this section, only to pay the costs of protracted or complex investigations or prosecutions, to provide reasonable technical training or expertise, to provide matching funds to obtain federal grants to aid law enforcement, in the support of DARE programs or other programs designed to educate adults or children

with respect to the dangers associated with the use of drugs of abuse, to pay the costs of emergency action taken under section 3745.13 of the Revised Code relative to the operation of an illegal methamphetamine laboratory if the forfeited property or money involved was that of a person responsible for the operation of the laboratory, or for other law enforcement purposes that the superintendent of the state highway patrol, department of public safety, department of taxation, prosecuting attorney, county sheriff, legislative authority, board of township trustees, or board of park commissioners determines to be appropriate. The board of pharmacy drug law enforcement fund shall be expended only in accordance with the written internal control policy so adopted by the board and only in accordance with section 4729.65 of the Revised Code, except that it also may be expended to pay the costs of emergency action taken under section 3745.13 of the Revised Code relative to the operation of an illegal methamphetamine laboratory if the forfeited property or money involved was that of a person responsible for the operation of the laboratory. The state highway patrol contraband, forfeiture, and other fund, the department of public safety investigative unit contraband, forfeiture, and other fund, the department of taxation enforcement fund, the board of pharmacy drug law enforcement fund, and a law enforcement trust fund shall not be used to meet the operating costs of the state highway patrol, of the investigative unit of the department of public safety, of the department of taxation enforcement division, of the state board of pharmacy, of any political subdivision, or of any office of a prosecuting attorney or county sheriff that are unrelated to law enforcement.

Proceeds and forfeited moneys that are paid into the state treasury to be deposited into the peace officer training commission fund shall be used by the commission only to pay the costs of peace officer training.

Any sheriff or prosecuting attorney who receives proceeds or forfeited moneys pursuant to this division during any calendar year shall file a report with the county auditor, no later than the thirty-first day of January of the next calendar year, verifying that the proceeds and forfeited moneys were expended only for the purposes authorized by this division and division (D)(3)(a)(ii) of this section and specifying the amounts expended for each authorized purpose. Any municipal corporation police department that is allocated proceeds or forfeited moneys from a municipal corporation law enforcement trust fund pursuant to this division during any calendar year shall file a report with the legislative authority of the municipal corporation, no later than the thirty-first day of January of the next calendar year, verifying that the proceeds and forfeited moneys were expended only for the

purposes authorized by this division and division (D)(3)(a)(ii) of this section and specifying the amounts expended for each authorized purpose. Any township police department, township police district police force, or office of the constable that is allocated proceeds or forfeited moneys from a township law enforcement trust fund pursuant to this division during any calendar year shall file a report with the board of township trustees of the township, no later than the thirty-first day of January of the next calendar year, verifying that the proceeds and forfeited moneys were expended only for the purposes authorized by this division and division (D)(3)(a)(ii) of this section and specifying the amounts expended for each authorized purpose. Any park district police force or law enforcement department that is allocated proceeds or forfeited moneys from a park district law enforcement trust fund pursuant to this division during any calendar year shall file a report with the board of park commissioners of the park district, no later than the thirty-first day of January of the next calendar year, verifying that the proceeds and forfeited moneys were expended only for the purposes authorized by this division and division (D)(3)(a)(ii) of this section and specifying the amounts expended for each authorized purpose. The superintendent of the state highway patrol shall file a report with the attorney general, no later than the thirty-first day of January of each calendar year, verifying that proceeds and forfeited moneys paid into the state highway patrol contraband, forfeiture, and other fund pursuant to this division during the prior calendar year were used by the state highway patrol during the prior calendar year only for the purposes authorized by this division and specifying the amounts expended for each authorized purpose. The executive director of the state board of pharmacy shall file a report with the attorney general, no later than the thirty-first day of January of each calendar year, verifying that proceeds and forfeited moneys paid into the board of pharmacy drug law enforcement fund during the prior calendar year were used only in accordance with section 4729.65 of the Revised Code and specifying the amounts expended for each authorized purpose. The peace officer training commission shall file a report with the attorney general, no later than the thirty-first day of January of each calendar year, verifying that proceeds and forfeited moneys paid into the peace officer training commission fund pursuant to this division during the prior calendar year were used by the commission during the prior calendar year only to pay the costs of peace officer training and specifying the amount used for that purpose.

The tax commissioner shall file a report with the attorney general, not later than the thirty-first day of January of each calendar year, verifying that

proceeds and forfeited moneys paid into the department of taxation enforcement fund pursuant to this division during the prior calendar year were used by the enforcement division during the prior calendar year to pay only the costs of enforcing the tax laws and specifying the amount used for that purpose.

(2) If more than one law enforcement agency is substantially involved in the seizure of contraband that is forfeited pursuant to this section, the court ordering the forfeiture shall equitably divide the proceeds or forfeited moneys, after calculating any distribution to the law enforcement trust fund of the prosecuting attorney pursuant to division (D)(1)(c) of this section, among any county sheriff whose office is determined by the court to be substantially involved in the seizure, any legislative authority of a municipal corporation whose police department is determined by the court to be substantially involved in the seizure, any board of township trustees whose law enforcement agency is determined by the court to be substantially involved in the seizure, any board of park commissioners of a park district whose police force or law enforcement department is determined by the court to be substantially involved in the seizure, the state board of pharmacy if it is determined by the court to be substantially involved in the seizure, the investigative unit of the department of public safety if it is determined by the court to be substantially involved in the seizure, the enforcement division of the department of taxation if it is determined by the court to be substantially involved in the seizure and the controlling board approves the deposit of the proceeds or forfeited moneys into the fund, and the state highway patrol if it is determined by the court to be substantially involved in the seizure. The proceeds or forfeited moneys shall be deposited in the respective law enforcement trust funds of the county sheriff, municipal corporation, township, and park district, the board of pharmacy drug law enforcement fund, the department of public safety investigative unit contraband, forfeiture, and other fund, the department of taxation enforcement fund, or the state highway patrol contraband, forfeiture, and other fund, in accordance with division (D)(1)(c) of this section. If the controlling board does not approve deposit of the proceeds or forfeited moneys into the department of taxation enforcement fund or if a state law enforcement agency, other than the state highway patrol, the investigative unit of the department of public safety, the department of taxation, or the state board of pharmacy, is determined by the court to be substantially involved in the seizure, the state agency's equitable share of the proceeds and forfeited moneys shall be paid to the treasurer of state for deposit into the peace officer training commission fund.

(3)(a)(i) Prior to being allocated or using any proceeds or forfeited moneys out of the state highway patrol contraband, forfeiture, and other fund, the department of public safety investigative unit contraband, forfeiture, and other fund, the department of taxation enforcement fund, the board of pharmacy drug law enforcement fund, or a law enforcement trust fund under division (D)(1)(c) of this section, the state highway patrol, the department of public safety, the department of taxation, the state board of pharmacy, and a county sheriff, prosecuting attorney, municipal corporation police department, township police department, township police district police force, office of the constable, or park district police force or law enforcement department shall adopt a written internal control policy that addresses the state highway patrol's, department of public safety's, department of taxation's, state board of pharmacy's, sheriff's, prosecuting attorney's, police department's, police force's, office of the constable's, or law enforcement department's use and disposition of all the proceeds and forfeited moneys received and that provides for the keeping of detailed financial records of the receipts of the proceeds and forfeited moneys, the general types of expenditures made out of the proceeds and forfeited moneys, the specific amount of each general type of expenditure, and the amounts, portions, and programs described in division (D)(3)(a)(ii) of this section. The policy shall not provide for or permit the identification of any specific expenditure that is made in an ongoing investigation.

All financial records of the receipts of the proceeds and forfeited moneys, the general types of expenditures made out of the proceeds and forfeited moneys, the specific amount of each general type of expenditure by the state highway patrol, by the department of public safety, by the department of taxation, by the state board of pharmacy, and by a sheriff, prosecuting attorney, municipal corporation police department, township police department, township police district police force, office of the constable, or park district police force or law enforcement department, and the amounts, portions, and programs described in division (D)(3)(a)(ii) of this section are public records open for inspection under section 149.43 of the Revised Code. Additionally, a written internal control policy adopted under this division is a public record of that nature, and the state highway patrol, the department of public safety, the department of taxation, the state board of pharmacy, or the sheriff, prosecuting attorney, municipal corporation police department, township police department, township police district police force, office of the constable, or park district police force or law enforcement department that adopted it shall comply with it.

(ii) The written internal control policy of a county sheriff, prosecuting

attorney, municipal corporation police department, township police department, township police district police force, office of the constable, or park district police force or law enforcement department shall provide that at least ten per cent of the first one hundred thousand dollars of proceeds and forfeited moneys deposited during each calendar year in the sheriff's, prosecuting attorney's, municipal corporation's, township's, or park district's law enforcement trust fund pursuant to division (B)(7)(c)(ii) of section 2923.46 or division (B)(8)(c)(ii) of section 2925.44 of the Revised Code, and at least twenty per cent of the proceeds and forfeited moneys exceeding one hundred thousand dollars that are so deposited, shall be used in connection with community preventive education programs. The manner in which the described percentages are so used shall be determined by the sheriff, prosecuting attorney, department, police force, or office of the constable after the receipt and consideration of advice on appropriate community preventive education programs from the county's board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services, from the county's alcohol and drug addiction services board, or through appropriate community dialogue. The financial records described in division (D)(3)(a)(i) of this section shall specify the amount of the proceeds and forfeited moneys deposited during each calendar year in the sheriff's, prosecuting attorney's, municipal corporation's, township's, or park district's law enforcement trust fund pursuant to division (B)(7)(c)(ii) of section 2923.46 or division (B)(8)(c)(ii) of section 2925.44 of the Revised Code, the portion of that amount that was used pursuant to the requirements of this division, and the community preventive education programs in connection with which the portion of that amount was so used.

As used in this division, "community preventive education programs" includes, but is not limited to, DARE programs and other programs designed to educate adults or children with respect to the dangers associated with the use of drugs of abuse.

(b) Each sheriff, prosecuting attorney, municipal corporation police department, township police department, township police district police force, office of the constable, or park district police force or law enforcement department that receives in any calendar year any proceeds or forfeited moneys out of a law enforcement trust fund under division (D)(1)(c) of this section or uses any proceeds or forfeited moneys in its law enforcement trust fund in any calendar year shall prepare a report covering the calendar year that cumulates all of the information contained in all of the public financial records kept by the sheriff, prosecuting attorney, municipal corporation police department, township police department, township police

district police force, office of the constable, or park district police force or law enforcement department pursuant to division (D)(3)(a) of this section for that calendar year, and shall send a copy of the cumulative report, no later than the first day of March in the calendar year following the calendar year covered by the report, to the attorney general.

The superintendent of the state highway patrol shall prepare a report covering each calendar year in which the state highway patrol uses any proceeds or forfeited moneys in the state highway patrol contraband, forfeiture, and other fund under division (D)(1)(c) of this section, that cumulates all of the information contained in all of the public financial records kept by the state highway patrol pursuant to division (D)(3)(a) of this section for that calendar year, and shall send a copy of the cumulative report, no later than the first day of March in the calendar year following the calendar year covered by the report, to the attorney general.

The department of public safety shall prepare a report covering each fiscal year in which the department uses any proceeds or forfeited moneys in the department of public safety investigative unit contraband, forfeiture, and other fund under division (D)(1)(c) of this section that cumulates all of the information contained in all of the public financial records kept by the department pursuant to division (D)(3)(a) of this section for that fiscal year. The department shall send a copy of the cumulative report to the attorney general no later than the first day of August in the fiscal year following the fiscal year covered by the report. The director of public safety shall include in the report a verification that proceeds and forfeited moneys paid into the department of public safety investigative unit contraband, forfeiture, and other fund under division (D)(1)(c) of this section during the preceding fiscal year were used by the department during that fiscal year only for the purposes authorized by that division and shall specify the amount used for each authorized purpose.

The tax commissioner shall prepare a report covering each calendar year in which the department of taxation enforcement division uses any proceeds or forfeited moneys in the department of taxation enforcement fund under division (D)(1)(c) of this section, that cumulates all of the information contained in all of the public financial records kept by the department of taxation enforcement division pursuant to division (D)(3)(a) of this section for that calendar year, and shall send a copy of the cumulative report, not later than the first day of March in the calendar year following the calendar year covered by the report, to the attorney general.

The executive director of the state board of pharmacy shall prepare a report covering each calendar year in which the board uses any proceeds or

forfeited moneys in the board of pharmacy drug law enforcement fund under division (D)(1)(c) of this section, that cumulates all of the information contained in all of the public financial records kept by the board pursuant to division (D)(3)(a) of this section for that calendar year, and shall send a copy of the cumulative report, no later than the first day of March in the calendar year following the calendar year covered by the report, to the attorney general. Each report received by the attorney general is a public record open for inspection under section 149.43 of the Revised Code. Not later than the fifteenth day of April in the calendar year in which the reports are received, the attorney general shall send to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives a written notification that does all of the following:

(i) Indicates that the attorney general has received from entities or persons specified in this division reports of the type described in this division that cover the previous calendar year and indicates that the reports were received under this division;

(ii) Indicates that the reports are open for inspection under section 149.43 of the Revised Code;

(iii) Indicates that the attorney general will provide a copy of any or all of the reports to the president of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives upon request.

(4)(a) A law enforcement agency that receives pursuant to federal law proceeds from a sale of forfeited contraband, proceeds from another disposition of forfeited contraband, or forfeited contraband moneys shall deposit, use, and account for the proceeds or forfeited moneys in accordance with, and otherwise comply with, the applicable federal law.

(b) If the state highway patrol receives pursuant to federal law proceeds from a sale of forfeited contraband, proceeds from another disposition of forfeited contraband, or forfeited contraband moneys, the appropriate governmental officials shall deposit into the state highway patrol contraband, forfeiture, and other fund all interest or other earnings derived from the investment of the proceeds or forfeited moneys. The state highway patrol shall use and account for that interest or other earnings in accordance with the applicable federal law.

(c) If the investigative unit of the department of public safety receives pursuant to federal law proceeds from a sale of forfeited contraband, proceeds from another disposition of forfeited contraband, or forfeited contraband moneys, the appropriate governmental officials shall deposit into the department of public safety investigative unit contraband, forfeiture, and other fund all interest or other earnings derived from the investment of the

proceeds or forfeited moneys. The department shall use and account for that interest or other earnings in accordance with the applicable federal law.

(d) If the tax commissioner receives pursuant to federal law proceeds from a sale of forfeited contraband, proceeds from another disposition of forfeited contraband, or forfeited contraband moneys, the appropriate governmental officials, after obtaining approval from the controlling board, shall deposit into the department of taxation enforcement fund all interest or other earnings derived from the investment of the proceeds or forfeited moneys. The department shall use and account for that interest or other earnings in accordance with the applicable federal law. If the controlling board does not approve deposit of the interest or other earnings into the department of taxation enforcement fund, the interest or other earnings shall be paid to the treasurer of state for deposit into the peace officer training commission fund.

(e) Divisions (D)(1) to (3) of this section do not apply to proceeds or forfeited moneys received pursuant to federal law or to the interest or other earnings that are derived from the investment of proceeds or forfeited moneys received pursuant to federal law and that are described in division (D)(4)(b) of this section.

(E) Upon the sale pursuant to this section of any property that is required to be titled or registered under law, the state shall issue an appropriate certificate of title or registration to the purchaser. If the state is vested with title pursuant to division (C) of this section and elects to retain property that is required to be titled or registered under law, the state shall issue an appropriate certificate of title or registration.

(F) Notwithstanding any provisions of this section to the contrary, any property that is lawfully seized in relation to a violation of section 2923.32 of the Revised Code shall be subject to forfeiture and disposition in accordance with sections 2923.32 to 2923.36 of the Revised Code; any property that is forfeited pursuant to section 2923.44 or 2923.45 of the Revised Code in relation to a violation of section 2923.42 of the Revised Code or in relation to an act of a juvenile that is a violation of section 2923.42 of the Revised Code may be subject to forfeiture and disposition in accordance with sections 2923.44 to 2923.47 of the Revised Code; and any property that is forfeited pursuant to section 2925.42 or 2925.43 of the Revised Code in relation to a felony drug abuse offense, as defined in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, or in relation to an act that, if committed by an adult, would be a felony drug abuse offense of that nature, may be subject to forfeiture and disposition in accordance with sections 2925.41 to 2925.45 of the Revised Code or this section.

(G) Any failure of a law enforcement officer or agency, a prosecuting attorney, village solicitor, city director of law, or similar chief legal officer, a court, or the attorney general to comply with any duty imposed by this section in relation to any property seized or with any other provision of this section in relation to any property seized does not affect the validity of the seizure of the property, provided the seizure itself was made in accordance with law, and is not and shall not be considered to be the basis for the suppression of any evidence resulting from the seizure of the property, provided the seizure itself was made in accordance with law.

(H) Contraband that has been forfeited pursuant to division (C) of this section shall not be available for use to pay any fine imposed upon a person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to an underlying criminal offense or a different offense arising out of the same facts and circumstances.

Sec. 2935.36. (A) The prosecuting attorney may establish pre-trial diversion programs for adults who are accused of committing criminal offenses and whom the prosecuting attorney believes probably will not offend again. The prosecuting attorney may require, as a condition of an accused's participation in the program, the accused to pay a reasonable fee for supervision services that include, but are not limited to, monitoring and drug testing. The programs shall be operated pursuant to written standards approved by journal entry by the presiding judge or, in courts with only one judge, the judge of the court of common pleas and shall not be applicable to any of the following:

(1) Repeat offenders or dangerous offenders;

(2) Persons accused of an offense of violence, of a violation of section 2903.06, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.21, 2907.22, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.34, 2911.31, 2919.12, 2919.13, 2919.22, 2921.02, 2921.11, 2921.12, 2921.32, or 2923.20 of the Revised Code, or of a violation of section 2905.01, 2905.02, or 2919.23 of the Revised Code that, had it occurred prior to July 1, 1996, would have been a violation of section 2905.04 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to that date, with the exception that the prosecuting attorney may permit persons accused of any such offense to enter a pre-trial diversion program, if the prosecuting attorney finds any of the following:

(a) The accused did not cause, threaten, or intend serious physical harm to any person;

(b) The offense was the result of circumstances not likely to recur;

(c) The accused has no history of prior delinquency or criminal activity;

(d) The accused has led a law-abiding life for a substantial time before commission of the alleged offense;

(e) Substantial grounds tending to excuse or justify the alleged offense.

(3) Persons accused of a violation of Chapter 2925. or 3719. of the Revised Code;

(4) Drug dependent persons or persons in danger of becoming drug dependent persons, as defined in section 3719.011 of the Revised Code. However, this division does not affect the eligibility of such persons for intervention in lieu of conviction pursuant to section 2951.041 of the Revised Code.

(5) Persons accused of a violation of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or a violation of any substantially similar municipal ordinance.

(B) An accused who enters a diversion program shall do all of the following:

(1) Waive, in writing and contingent upon the accused's successful completion of the program, the accused's right to a speedy trial, the preliminary hearing, the time period within which the grand jury may consider an indictment against the accused, and arraignment, unless the hearing, indictment, or arraignment has already occurred;

(2) Agree, in writing, to the tolling while in the program of all periods of limitation established by statutes or rules of court, that are applicable to the offense with which the accused is charged and to the conditions of the diversion program established by the prosecuting attorney;

(3) Agree, in writing, to pay any reasonable fee for supervision services established by the prosecuting attorney.

(C) The trial court, upon the application of the prosecuting attorney, shall order the release from confinement of any accused who has agreed to enter a pre-trial diversion program and shall discharge and release any existing bail and release any sureties on recognizances and shall release the accused on a recognizance bond conditioned upon the accused's compliance with the terms of the diversion program. The prosecuting attorney shall notify every victim of the crime and the arresting officers of the prosecuting attorney's intent to permit the accused to enter a pre-trial diversion program. The victim of the crime and the arresting officers shall have the opportunity to file written objections with the prosecuting attorney prior to the commencement of the pre-trial diversion program.

(D) If the accused satisfactorily completes the diversion program, the prosecuting attorney shall recommend to the trial court that the charges against the accused be dismissed, and the court, upon the recommendation of the prosecuting attorney, shall dismiss the charges. If the accused chooses not to enter the prosecuting attorney's diversion program, or if the accused violates the conditions of the agreement pursuant to which the accused has been released, the accused may be brought to trial upon the charges in the

manner provided by law, and the waiver executed pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section shall be void on the date the accused is removed from the program for the violation.

(E) As used in this section:

(1) "Repeat offender" means a person who has a history of persistent criminal activity and whose character and condition reveal a substantial risk that the person will commit another offense. It is prima-facie evidence that a person is a repeat offender if any of the following applies:

(a) Having been convicted of one or more offenses of violence and having been imprisoned pursuant to sentence for any such offense, the person commits a subsequent offense of violence;

(b) Having been convicted of one or more sexually oriented offenses as defined in section 2950.01 of the Revised Code and having been imprisoned pursuant to sentence for one or more of those offenses, the person commits a subsequent sexually oriented offense;

(c) Having been convicted of one or more theft offenses as defined in section 2913.01 of the Revised Code and having been imprisoned pursuant to sentence for one or more of those theft offenses, the person commits a subsequent theft offense;

(d) Having been convicted of one or more felony drug abuse offenses as defined in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code and having been imprisoned pursuant to sentence for one or more of those felony drug abuse offenses, the person commits a subsequent felony drug abuse offense;

(e) Having been convicted of two or more felonies and having been imprisoned pursuant to sentence for one or more felonies, the person commits a subsequent offense;

(f) Having been convicted of three or more offenses of any type or degree other than traffic offenses, alcoholic intoxication offenses, or minor misdemeanors and having been imprisoned pursuant to sentence for any such offense, the person commits a subsequent offense.

(2) "Dangerous offender" means a person who has committed an offense, whose history, character, and condition reveal a substantial risk that the person will be a danger to others, and whose conduct has been characterized by a pattern of repetitive, compulsive, or aggressive behavior with heedless indifference to the consequences.

Sec. 2949.091. (A)(1) The court, in which any person is convicted of or pleads guilty to any offense other than a traffic offense that is not a moving violation, shall impose the sum of ~~eleven~~ fifteen dollars as costs in the case in addition to any other court costs that the court is required by law to impose upon the offender. All such moneys collected during a month shall

be transmitted on or before the twentieth day of the following month by the clerk of the court to the treasurer of state and deposited by the treasurer of state into the general revenue fund. The court shall not waive the payment of the additional ~~eleven~~ fifteen dollars court costs, unless the court determines that the offender is indigent and waives the payment of all court costs imposed upon the indigent offender.

(2) The juvenile court, in which a child is found to be a delinquent child or a juvenile traffic offender for an act which, if committed by an adult, would be an offense other than a traffic offense that is not a moving violation, shall impose the sum of ~~eleven~~ fifteen dollars as costs in the case in addition to any other court costs that the court is required or permitted by law to impose upon the delinquent child or juvenile traffic offender. All such moneys collected during a month shall be transmitted on or before the twentieth day of the following month by the clerk of the court to the treasurer of state and deposited by the treasurer of state into the general revenue fund. The ~~eleven~~ fifteen dollars court costs shall be collected in all cases unless the court determines the juvenile is indigent and waives the payment of all court costs, or enters an order on its journal stating that it has determined that the juvenile is indigent, that no other court costs are to be taxed in the case, and that the payment of the ~~eleven~~ fifteen dollars court costs is waived.

(B) Whenever a person is charged with any offense other than a traffic offense that is not a moving violation and posts bail, the court shall add to the amount of the bail the ~~eleven~~ fifteen dollars required to be paid by division (A)(1) of this section. The ~~eleven~~ fifteen dollars shall be retained by the clerk of the court until the person is convicted, pleads guilty, forfeits bail, is found not guilty, or has the charges dismissed. If the person is convicted, pleads guilty, or forfeits bail, the clerk shall transmit the ~~eleven~~ fifteen dollars on or before the twentieth day of the month following the month in which the person was convicted, pleaded guilty, or forfeited bail to the treasurer of state, who shall deposit it into the general revenue fund. If the person is found not guilty or the charges are dismissed, the clerk shall return the ~~eleven~~ fifteen dollars to the person.

(C) No person shall be placed or held in a detention facility for failing to pay the additional ~~eleven~~ fifteen dollars court costs or bail that are required to be paid by this section.

(D) As used in this section:

(1) "Moving violation" and "bail" have the same meanings as in section 2743.70 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Detention facility" has the same meaning as in section 2921.01 of

the Revised Code.

Sec. 3111.04. (A) An action to determine the existence or nonexistence of the father and child relationship may be brought by the child or the child's personal representative, the child's mother or her personal representative, a man alleged or alleging himself to be the child's father, the child support enforcement agency of the county in which the child resides if the child's mother is a recipient of public assistance or of services under Title IV-D of the "Social Security Act," 88 Stat. 2351 (1975), 42 U.S.C.A. 651, as amended, or the alleged father's personal representative.

(B) An agreement does not bar an action under this section.

(C) If an action under this section is brought before the birth of the child and if the action is contested, all proceedings, except service of process and the taking of depositions to perpetuate testimony, may be stayed until after the birth.

(D) A recipient of public assistance or of services under Title IV-D of the "Social Security Act," 88 Stat. 2351 (1975), 42 U.S.C.A. 651, as amended, shall cooperate with the child support enforcement agency of the county in which a child resides to obtain an administrative determination pursuant to sections 3111.38 to 3111.54 of the Revised Code, or, if necessary, a court determination pursuant to sections 3111.01 to 3111.18 of the Revised Code, of the existence or nonexistence of a parent and child relationship between the father and the child. If the recipient fails to cooperate, the agency may commence an action to determine the existence or nonexistence of a parent and child relationship between the father and the child pursuant to sections 3111.01 to 3111.18 of the Revised Code.

(E) As used in this section, "public assistance" means medical assistance under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code, assistance under Chapter 5107. of the Revised Code, ~~or~~ disability financial assistance under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code, or disability medical assistance under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3119.01. (A) As used in the Revised Code, "child support enforcement agency" means a child support enforcement agency designated under former section 2301.35 of the Revised Code prior to October 1, 1997, or a private or government entity designated as a child support enforcement agency under section 307.981 of the Revised Code.

(B) As used in this chapter and Chapters 3121., 3123., and 3125. of the Revised Code:

(1) "Administrative child support order" means any order issued by a child support enforcement agency for the support of a child pursuant to section 3109.19 or 3111.81 of the Revised Code or former section 3111.211

of the Revised Code, section 3111.21 of the Revised Code as that section existed prior to January 1, 1998, or section 3111.20 or 3111.22 of the Revised Code as those sections existed prior to March 22, 2001.

(2) "Child support order" means either a court child support order or an administrative child support order.

(3) "Obligee" means the person who is entitled to receive the support payments under a support order.

(4) "Obligor" means the person who is required to pay support under a support order.

(5) "Support order" means either an administrative child support order or a court support order.

(C) As used in this chapter:

(1) "Combined gross income" means the combined gross income of both parents.

(2) "Court child support order" means any order issued by a court for the support of a child pursuant to Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, section 2151.23, 2151.231, 2151.232, 2151.33, 2151.36, 2151.361, 2151.49, 3105.21, 3109.05, 3109.19, 3111.13, 3113.04, 3113.07, 3113.31, 3119.65, or 3119.70 of the Revised Code, or division (B) of former section 3113.21 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Court support order" means either a court child support order or an order for the support of a spouse or former spouse issued pursuant to Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, section 3105.18, 3105.65, or 3113.31 of the Revised Code, or division (B) of former section 3113.21 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Extraordinary medical expenses" means any uninsured medical expenses incurred for a child during a calendar year that exceed one hundred dollars.

(5) "Income" means either of the following:

(a) For a parent who is employed to full capacity, the gross income of the parent;

(b) For a parent who is unemployed or underemployed, the sum of the gross income of the parent and any potential income of the parent.

(6) "Insurer" means any person authorized under Title XXXIX of the Revised Code to engage in the business of insurance in this state, any health insuring corporation, and any legal entity that is self-insured and provides benefits to its employees or members.

(7) "Gross income" means, except as excluded in division (C)(7) of this section, the total of all earned and unearned income from all sources during a calendar year, whether or not the income is taxable, and includes income

from salaries, wages, overtime pay, and bonuses to the extent described in division (D) of section 3119.05 of the Revised Code; commissions; royalties; tips; rents; dividends; severance pay; pensions; interest; trust income; annuities; social security benefits, including retirement, disability, and survivor benefits that are not means-tested; workers' compensation benefits; unemployment insurance benefits; disability insurance benefits; benefits that are not means-tested and that are received by and in the possession of the veteran who is the beneficiary for any service-connected disability under a program or law administered by the United States department of veterans' affairs or veterans' administration; spousal support actually received; and all other sources of income. "Gross income" includes income of members of any branch of the United States armed services or national guard, including, amounts representing base pay, basic allowance for quarters, basic allowance for subsistence, supplemental subsistence allowance, cost of living adjustment, specialty pay, variable housing allowance, and pay for training or other types of required drills; self-generated income; and potential cash flow from any source.

"Gross income" does not include any of the following:

(a) Benefits received from means-tested government administered programs, including Ohio works first; prevention, retention, and contingency; means-tested veterans' benefits; supplemental security income; food stamps; disability financial assistance; or other assistance for which eligibility is determined on the basis of income or assets;

(b) Benefits for any service-connected disability under a program or law administered by the United States department of veterans' affairs or veterans' administration that are not means-tested, that have not been distributed to the veteran who is the beneficiary of the benefits, and that are in the possession of the United States department of veterans' affairs or veterans' administration;

(c) Child support received for children who were not born or adopted during the marriage at issue;

(d) Amounts paid for mandatory deductions from wages such as union dues but not taxes, social security, or retirement in lieu of social security;

(e) Nonrecurring or unsustainable income or cash flow items;

(f) Adoption assistance and foster care maintenance payments made pursuant to Title IV-E of the "Social Security Act," 94 Stat. 501, 42 U.S.C.A. 670 (1980), as amended.

(8) "Nonrecurring or unsustainable income or cash flow item" means an income or cash flow item the parent receives in any year or for any number of years not to exceed three years that the parent does not expect to continue

to receive on a regular basis. "Nonrecurring or unsustainable income or cash flow item" does not include a lottery prize award that is not paid in a lump sum or any other item of income or cash flow that the parent receives or expects to receive for each year for a period of more than three years or that the parent receives and invests or otherwise uses to produce income or cash flow for a period of more than three years.

(9)(a) "Ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in generating gross receipts" means actual cash items expended by the parent or the parent's business and includes depreciation expenses of business equipment as shown on the books of a business entity.

(b) Except as specifically included in "ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in generating gross receipts" by division (C)(9)(a) of this section, "ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in generating gross receipts" does not include depreciation expenses and other noncash items that are allowed as deductions on any federal tax return of the parent or the parent's business.

(10) "Personal earnings" means compensation paid or payable for personal services, however denominated, and includes wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, draws against commissions, profit sharing, vacation pay, or any other compensation.

(11) "Potential income" means both of the following for a parent who the court pursuant to a court support order, or a child support enforcement agency pursuant to an administrative child support order, determines is voluntarily unemployed or voluntarily underemployed:

(a) Imputed income that the court or agency determines the parent would have earned if fully employed as determined from the following criteria:

(i) The parent's prior employment experience;

(ii) The parent's education;

(iii) The parent's physical and mental disabilities, if any;

(iv) The availability of employment in the geographic area in which the parent resides;

(v) The prevailing wage and salary levels in the geographic area in which the parent resides;

(vi) The parent's special skills and training;

(vii) Whether there is evidence that the parent has the ability to earn the imputed income;

(viii) The age and special needs of the child for whom child support is being calculated under this section;

(ix) The parent's increased earning capacity because of experience;

(x) Any other relevant factor.

(b) Imputed income from any nonincome-producing assets of a parent, as determined from the local passbook savings rate or another appropriate rate as determined by the court or agency, not to exceed the rate of interest specified in division (A) of section 1343.03 of the Revised Code, if the income is significant.

(12) "Schedule" means the basic child support schedule set forth in section 3119.021 of the Revised Code.

(13) "Self-generated income" means gross receipts received by a parent from self-employment, proprietorship of a business, joint ownership of a partnership or closely held corporation, and rents minus ordinary and necessary expenses incurred by the parent in generating the gross receipts. "Self-generated income" includes expense reimbursements or in-kind payments received by a parent from self-employment, the operation of a business, or rents, including company cars, free housing, reimbursed meals, and other benefits, if the reimbursements are significant and reduce personal living expenses.

(14) "Split parental rights and responsibilities" means a situation in which there is more than one child who is the subject of an allocation of parental rights and responsibilities and each parent is the residential parent and legal custodian of at least one of those children.

(15) "Worksheet" means the applicable worksheet that is used to calculate a parent's child support obligation as set forth in sections 3119.022 and 3119.023 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3121.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Court child support order," "court support order," and "personal earnings" have the same meanings as in section 3119.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Default" means any failure to pay under a support order that is an amount greater than or equal to the amount of support payable under the support order for one month.

(C) "Financial institution" means a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union, or a regulated investment company or mutual fund.

(D) "Income" means any form of monetary payment, including personal earnings; workers' compensation payments; unemployment compensation benefits to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, sections 3121.07 and 4141.284 of the Revised Code, and federal law governing the department of job and family services; pensions; annuities; allowances; private or governmental retirement benefits; disability or sick pay; insurance proceeds; lottery prize awards; federal, state, or local government benefits to

the extent that the benefits can be withheld or deducted under the law governing the benefits; any form of trust fund or endowment; lump sum payments, including a one-time pay supplement of one hundred fifty dollars or more paid under section 124.183 of the Revised Code; and any other payment in money.

(E) "Payor" means any person or entity that pays or distributes income to an obligor, including an obligor if the obligor is self-employed; an employer; an employer paying an obligor's workers' compensation benefits; the public employees retirement board; the governing entity of a municipal retirement system; the board of trustees of the Ohio police and fire pension fund; the state teachers retirement board; the school employees retirement board; the state highway patrol retirement board; a provider, as defined in section 3305.01 of the Revised Code; the bureau of workers' compensation; or any other person or entity other than the department of job and family services with respect to unemployment compensation benefits paid pursuant to Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3123.952. A child support enforcement agency may submit the name of a delinquent obligor to the office of child support for inclusion on a poster only if all of the following apply:

(A) The obligor is subject to a support order and there has been an attempt to enforce the order through a public notice, a wage withholding order, a lien on property, a financial institution deduction order, or other court-ordered procedures.

(B) The department of job and family services reviewed the obligor's records and confirms the child support enforcement agency's finding that the obligor's name and photograph may be submitted to be displayed on a poster.

(C) The agency does not know or is unable to verify the obligor's whereabouts.

(D) The obligor is not a participant in Ohio works first or the prevention, retention, and contingency program or a recipient of disability financial assistance, supplemental security income, or food stamps.

(E) The child support enforcement agency does not have evidence that the obligor has filed for protection under the federal Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C.A. 101, as amended.

(F) The obligee gave written authorization to the agency to display the obligor on a poster.

(G) A legal representative of the agency and a child support enforcement administrator reviewed the case.

(H) The agency is able to submit to the department a description and

photograph of the obligor, a statement of the possible locations of the obligor, and any other information required by the department.

Sec. 3125.12. Each child support enforcement agency shall enter into a plan of cooperation with the board of county commissioners under section 307.983 of the Revised Code and comply with ~~the partnership~~ each fiscal agreement the board enters into under section 307.98 and contracts the board enters into under sections 307.981 and 307.982 of the Revised Code that affect the agency.

Sec. 3301.0710. The state board of education shall adopt rules establishing a statewide program to test student achievement. The state board shall ensure that all tests administered under the testing program are aligned with the academic standards and model curricula adopted by the state board and are created with input from Ohio parents, Ohio classroom teachers, Ohio school administrators, and other Ohio school personnel pursuant to section 3301.079 of the Revised Code.

The testing program shall be designed to ensure that students who receive a high school diploma demonstrate at least high school levels of achievement in reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies.

(A)(1) The state board shall prescribe all of the following:

(a) A statewide achievement test designed to measure the level of reading skill expected at the end of third grade;

(b) Two statewide achievement tests, one each designed to measure the level of writing and mathematics skill expected at the end of fourth grade;

(c) Two statewide achievement tests, one each designed to measure the level of science and social studies skill expected at the end of fifth grade;

(d) Three statewide achievement tests, one each designed to measure the level of reading, writing, and mathematics skill expected at the end of seventh grade;

(e) Two statewide achievement tests, one each designed to measure the level of science and social studies skill expected at the end of eighth grade.

(2) The state board shall determine and designate at least four ranges of scores on each of the achievement tests described in division (A)(1) of this section. Each range of scores shall be deemed to demonstrate a level of achievement so that any student attaining a score within such range has achieved one of the following:

(a) An advanced level of skill;

(b) A proficient level of skill;

(c) A basic level of skill;

(d) A below basic level of skill.

(B) The tests prescribed under this division shall collectively be known

as the Ohio graduation tests. The state board shall prescribe five statewide high school achievement tests, one each designed to measure the level of reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies skill expected at the end of tenth grade, and shall determine and designate the score on each such test that shall be deemed to demonstrate that any student attaining such score has achieved at least a proficient level of skill appropriate for tenth grade.

The state board may enter into a reciprocal agreement with the appropriate body or agency of any other state that has similar statewide achievement testing requirements for receiving high school diplomas, under which any student who has met an achievement testing requirement of one state is recognized as having met the similar achievement testing requirement of the other state for purposes of receiving a high school diploma. For purposes of this section and sections 3301.0711 and 3313.61 of the Revised Code, any student enrolled in any public high school in this state who has met an achievement testing requirement specified in a reciprocal agreement entered into under this division shall be deemed to have attained at least the applicable score designated under this division on each test required by this division that is specified in the agreement.

(C) The state board shall annually designate as follows the dates on which the tests prescribed under this section shall be administered:

(1) For the test prescribed under division (A)(1)(a) of this section, as follows:

(a) One date prior to the thirty-first day of December each school year;

(b) At least one date of each school year that is not earlier than Monday of the week containing the eighth day of March;

(c) One date during the summer for students receiving summer remediation services under section 3313.608 of the Revised Code.

(2) For the tests prescribed under divisions (A)(1)(b), (c), (d), and (e) of this section, at least one date of each school year that is not earlier than Monday of the week containing the eighth day of March;

(3) For the tests prescribed under division (B) of this section, at least one date in each school year that is not earlier than Monday of the week containing the fifteenth day of March for all tenth grade students and at least one date prior to the thirty-first day of December and at least one date subsequent to that date but prior to the thirty-first day of March of each school year for eleventh and twelfth grade students.

(D) In prescribing test dates pursuant to division (C)(3) of this section, the board shall, to the greatest extent practicable, provide options to school districts in the case of tests administered under that division to eleventh and

twelfth grade students and in the case of tests administered to students pursuant to division (C)(2) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code. Such options shall include at least an opportunity for school districts to give such tests outside of regular school hours.

(E) In prescribing test dates pursuant to this section, the state board of education shall designate the dates in such a way as to allow a reasonable length of time between the administration of tests prescribed under this section and any administration of the National Assessment of Education Progress Test given to students in the same grade level pursuant to section 3301.27 of the Revised Code.

(F) The state board shall prescribe a practice version of each Ohio graduation test described in division (B) of this section that is of comparable length to the actual test.

Sec. 3301.0711. (A) The department of education shall:

(1) Annually furnish to, grade, and score all tests required by 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 test administered pursuant to division (B)(8) of this section. In furnishing the practice versions of Ohio graduation tests prescribed by division (F) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code, the department shall make the tests available on its website for reproduction by districts. In awarding contracts for grading tests, the department shall give preference to Ohio-based entities employing Ohio residents.

(2) Adopt rules for the ethical use of tests and prescribing the manner in which the tests 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 test 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 test under division (A)(2)(b) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code and once each summer to students receiving summer remediation services under section 3313.608 of the Revised Code.

(2) Administer the tests 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.

(3) Administer the tests 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.

(4) Administer the tests prescribed under division (A)(1)(d) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the seventh grade.

(5) Administer the tests prescribed under division (A)(1)(e) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code at least once annually to all students in the eighth grade.

(6) Except as provided in division (B)(7) of this ~~sections~~ section, administer any test prescribed under division (B) 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 test 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 test, at any time such test is administered in the district.

(7) 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 test prescribed under division (B) 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 test designated under that division. A board of a joint vocational school district may also administer such a test to any student described in division (B)(6)(b) of this section.

(8) If the district has been declared to be under an academic watch or in a state of academic emergency pursuant to section 3302.03 of the Revised Code, administer each test prescribed by division (F) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code in September to all ninth grade students, beginning in the school year that starts July 1, 2004.

(C)(1)(a) Any student receiving special education services under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code may be excused from taking any particular test required to be administered under this section if the individualized education program developed for the student pursuant to section 3323.08 of the Revised Code excuses the student from taking that test and 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 a

test unless no reasonable accommodation can be made to enable the student to take the test.

(b) Any alternate assessment approved by the department for a student under this division shall produce measurable results comparable to those produced by the tests which the alternate assessments are replacing in order to allow for the student's assessment results to be included in the data compiled for a school district under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

(c) Any student enrolled in a chartered 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 test 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 test. In the case of any student so excused from taking a test, the chartered nonpublic school shall not prohibit the student from taking the test.

(2) A district board may, for medical reasons or other good cause, excuse a student from taking a test administered under this section on the date scheduled, but any such test shall be administered to such excused student not later than nine days following the scheduled date. The board shall annually report the number of students who have not taken one or more of the tests required by this section to the state board of education not later than the thirtieth day of June.

(3) As used in this division, "English-limited student" means a student whose primary language is not English, who has been enrolled in United States schools for less than three full school years, and who within the school year has been identified, in accordance with criteria provided by the department of education, as lacking adequate proficiency in English for a test under this section to produce valid results with respect to that student's academic progress.

A school district board or governing authority of a nonpublic school may grant a temporary, one-year exemption from any test administered under this section to an English-limited student. Not more than three temporary one-year exemptions may be granted to any student. During any school year in which a student is excused from taking one or more tests administered under this section, the school district shall assess that student's progress in learning English, in accordance with procedures approved by the department.

No district board or governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school shall prohibit an English-limited student from taking a test under this

section.

(D) This division does not apply to any student receiving services pursuant to an individualized education program developed for the student pursuant to section 3323.08 of the Revised Code.

(1) In the school year next succeeding the school year in which the tests prescribed by division (A)(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 ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ 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 test 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 a proficiency test or a score in the basic range on an achievement test. ~~This division does not apply to any student receiving services pursuant to an individualized education program developed for the student pursuant to section 3323.08 of the Revised Code.~~

(2) Following any administration of the tests prescribed by division (F) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code to ninth grade students, each school district that has been declared to be in a state of academic emergency pursuant to section 3302.03 of the Revised Code 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 tests. 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 tests. If any achievement tests in reading and math are adopted by the state board of education for administration in the eighth grade, the district also shall consider the scores received by ninth grade students on those tests 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 test 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 test 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 (M) of this section, no school district board of education shall utilize any student's failure to attain a specified score on any test 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 any test administered under this section or make up such test as provided by division (C)(2) of this section and who is not exempted from the requirement to take the test under division (C)(1) or (3) of this section.

(F) No person shall be charged a fee for taking any test administered under this section.

(G) Not later than sixty days after any administration of any test prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code, the department shall send to each school district board a list of the individual test scores of all persons taking the test. For any tests administered under this section by a joint vocational school district, the department shall also send to each city, local, or exempted village school district a list of the individual test scores of any students of such city, local, or exempted village school district who are attending school in the joint vocational school district.

(H) Individual test scores on any tests 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 test results in any manner that conflicts with rules for the ethical use of tests adopted pursuant to division (A) of this section.

(I) Except as provided in division (G) of this section, the department shall not release any individual test scores on any test administered under this section and shall adopt rules to ensure the protection of student confidentiality at all times.

(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 of education 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 test 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 of education 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 test 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)(6)(b) of this section.

Any testing of students pursuant to such an agreement shall be in lieu of any testing of such students or persons pursuant to this section.

(K)(1) Any chartered nonpublic school may participate in the testing program by administering any of the tests prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code if the chief administrator of the school specifies which tests the school wishes to 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 tests are administered and shall include a pledge that the nonpublic school will administer the specified tests in the same manner as public schools are required to do under this section and rules adopted by the department.

(2) The department of education shall furnish the tests prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code to any chartered nonpublic school electing to participate under this division.

(L)(1) The superintendent of the state school for the blind and the superintendent of the state school for the deaf shall administer the tests described by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code. Each superintendent shall administer the tests 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 tests described by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code to each superintendent.

(M) Notwithstanding division (E) of this section, a school district may use a student's failure to attain a score in at least the basic range on any of the tests described by division (A)(1)(b), (c), (d), or (e) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code as a factor in retaining that student in the current grade level.

(N)(1) All tests required by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code shall become public records pursuant to section 149.43 of the Revised Code on the first day of July following the school year that the test was administered.

(2) The department may field test proposed test questions with samples of students to determine the validity, reliability, or appropriateness of test questions for possible inclusion in a future year's test.

Field test questions shall not be considered in computing test scores for individual students. Field test questions may be included as part of the administration of any test required by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code.

(3) Any field test question administered under division (N)(2) of this section shall not be a public record. Such field test questions shall be redacted from any tests which are released as a public record pursuant to division (N)(1) of this section.

Sec. 3301.0714. (A) The state board of education shall adopt rules for a statewide education management information system. The rules shall require the state board to establish guidelines for the establishment and maintenance of the system in accordance with this section and the rules adopted under this section. The guidelines shall include:

(1) Standards identifying and defining the types of data in the system in accordance with divisions (B) and (C) of this section;

(2) Procedures for annually collecting and reporting the data to the state board in accordance with division (D) of this section;

(3) Procedures for annually compiling the data in accordance with division (G) of this section;

(4) Procedures for annually reporting the data to the public in accordance with division (H) of this section.

(B) The guidelines adopted under this section shall require the data maintained in the education management information system to include at least the following:

(1) Student participation and performance data, for each grade in each school district as a whole and for each grade in each school building in each school district, that includes:

(a) The numbers of students receiving each category of instructional service offered by the school district, such as regular education instruction, vocational education instruction, specialized instruction programs or enrichment instruction that is part of the educational curriculum, instruction for gifted students, instruction for handicapped students, and remedial instruction. The guidelines shall require instructional services under this division to be divided into discrete categories if an instructional service is

limited to a specific subject, a specific type of student, or both, such as regular instructional services in mathematics, remedial reading instructional services, instructional services specifically for students gifted in mathematics or some other subject area, or instructional services for students with a specific type of handicap. The categories of instructional services required by the guidelines under this division shall be the same as the categories of instructional services used in determining cost units pursuant to division (C)(3) of this section.

(b) The numbers of students receiving support or extracurricular services for each of the support services or extracurricular programs offered by the school district, such as counseling services, health services, and extracurricular sports and fine arts programs. The categories of services required by the guidelines under this division shall be the same as the categories of services used in determining cost units pursuant to division (C)(4)(a) of this section.

(c) Average student grades in each subject in grades nine through twelve;

(d) Academic achievement levels as assessed by the testing of student achievement under sections 3301.0710 and 3301.0711 of the Revised Code;

(e) The number of students designated as having a handicapping condition pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code;

(f) The numbers of students reported to the state board pursuant to division (C)(2) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code;

(g) Attendance rates and the average daily attendance for the year. For purposes of this division, a student shall be counted as present for any field trip that is approved by the school administration.

(h) Expulsion rates;

(i) Suspension rates;

(j) The percentage of students receiving corporal punishment;

(k) Dropout rates;

(l) Rates of retention in grade;

(m) For pupils in grades nine through twelve, the average number of carnegie units, as calculated in accordance with state board of education rules;

(n) Graduation rates, to be calculated in a manner specified by the department of education that reflects the rate at which students who were in the ninth grade three years prior to the current year complete school and that is consistent with nationally accepted reporting requirements;

(o) Results of diagnostic assessments administered to kindergarten

students as required under section 3301.0715 of the Revised Code to permit a comparison of the academic readiness of kindergarten students. However, no district shall be required to report to the department the results of any diagnostic assessment administered to a kindergarten student if the parent of that student requests the district not to report those results.

(2) Personnel and classroom enrollment data for each school district, including:

(a) The total numbers of licensed employees and nonlicensed employees and the numbers of full-time equivalent licensed employees and nonlicensed employees providing each category of instructional service, instructional support service, and administrative support service used pursuant to division (C)(3) of this section. The guidelines adopted under this section shall require these categories of data to be maintained for the school district as a whole and, wherever applicable, for each grade in the school district as a whole, for each school building as a whole, and for each grade in each school building.

(b) The total number of employees and the number of full-time equivalent employees providing each category of service used pursuant to divisions (C)(4)(a) and (b) of this section, and the total numbers of licensed employees and nonlicensed employees and the numbers of full-time equivalent licensed employees and nonlicensed employees providing each category used pursuant to division (C)(4)(c) of this section. The guidelines adopted under this section shall require these categories of data to be maintained for the school district as a whole and, wherever applicable, for each grade in the school district as a whole, for each school building as a whole, and for each grade in each school building.

(c) The total number of regular classroom teachers teaching classes of regular education and the average number of pupils enrolled in each such class, in each of grades kindergarten through five in the district as a whole and in each school building in the school district.

(3)(a) Student demographic data for each school district, including information regarding the gender ratio of the school district's pupils, the racial make-up of the school district's pupils, and an appropriate measure of the number of the school district's pupils who reside in economically disadvantaged households. The demographic data shall be collected in a manner to allow correlation with data collected under division (B)(1) of this section. Categories for data collected pursuant to division (B)(3) of this section shall conform, where appropriate, to standard practices of agencies of the federal government.

(b) With respect to each student entering kindergarten, whether the

student previously participated in a public preschool program, a private preschool program, or a head start program, and the number of years the student participated in each of these programs.

(C) The education management information system shall include cost accounting data for each district as a whole and for each school building in each school district. The guidelines adopted under this section shall require the cost data for each school district to be maintained in a system of mutually exclusive cost units and shall require all of the costs of each school district to be divided among the cost units. The guidelines shall require the system of mutually exclusive cost units to include at least the following:

(1) Administrative costs for the school district as a whole. The guidelines shall require the cost units under this division (C)(1) to be designed so that each of them may be compiled and reported in terms of average expenditure per pupil in formula ADM in the school district, as determined pursuant to section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) Administrative costs for each school building in the school district. The guidelines shall require the cost units under this division (C)(2) to be designed so that each of them may be compiled and reported in terms of average expenditure per full-time equivalent pupil receiving instructional or support services in each building.

(3) Instructional services costs for each category of instructional service provided directly to students and required by guidelines adopted pursuant to division (B)(1)(a) of this section. The guidelines shall require the cost units under division (C)(3) of this section to be designed so that each of them may be compiled and reported in terms of average expenditure per pupil receiving the service in the school district as a whole and average expenditure per pupil receiving the service in each building in the school district and in terms of a total cost for each category of service and, as a breakdown of the total cost, a cost for each of the following components:

(a) The cost of each instructional services category required by guidelines adopted under division (B)(1)(a) of this section that is provided directly to students by a classroom teacher;

(b) The cost of the instructional support services, such as services provided by a speech-language pathologist, classroom aide, multimedia aide, or librarian, provided directly to students in conjunction with each instructional services category;

(c) The cost of the administrative support services related to each instructional services category, such as the cost of personnel that develop the curriculum for the instructional services category and the cost of personnel supervising or coordinating the delivery of the instructional

services category.

(4) Support or extracurricular services costs for each category of service directly provided to students and required by guidelines adopted pursuant to division (B)(1)(b) of this section. The guidelines shall require the cost units under division (C)(4) of this section to be designed so that each of them may be compiled and reported in terms of average expenditure per pupil receiving the service in the school district as a whole and average expenditure per pupil receiving the service in each building in the school district and in terms of a total cost for each category of service and, as a breakdown of the total cost, a cost for each of the following components:

(a) The cost of each support or extracurricular services category required by guidelines adopted under division (B)(1)(b) of this section that is provided directly to students by a licensed employee, such as services provided by a guidance counselor or any services provided by a licensed employee under a supplemental contract;

(b) The cost of each such services category provided directly to students by a nonlicensed employee, such as janitorial services, cafeteria services, or services of a sports trainer;

(c) The cost of the administrative services related to each services category in division (C)(4)(a) or (b) of this section, such as the cost of any licensed or nonlicensed employees that develop, supervise, coordinate, or otherwise are involved in administering or aiding the delivery of each services category.

(D)(1) The guidelines adopted under this section shall require school districts to collect information about individual students, staff members, or both in connection with any data required by division (B) or (C) of this section or other reporting requirements established in the Revised Code. The guidelines may also require school districts to report information about individual staff members in connection with any data required by division (B) or (C) of this section or other reporting requirements established in the Revised Code. The guidelines shall not authorize school districts to request social security numbers of individual students. The guidelines shall prohibit the reporting under this section of a student's name, address, and social security number to the state board of education or the department of education. The guidelines shall also prohibit the reporting under this section of any personally identifiable information about any student, except for the purpose of assigning the data verification code required by division (D)(2) of this section, to any other person unless such person is employed by the school district or the data acquisition site operated under section 3301.075 of the Revised Code and is authorized by the district or acquisition site to

have access to such information. The guidelines may require school districts to provide the social security numbers of individual staff members.

(2) The guidelines shall provide for each school district or community school to assign a data verification code that is unique on a statewide basis over time to each student whose initial Ohio enrollment is in that district or school and to report all required individual student data for that student utilizing such code. The guidelines shall also provide for assigning data verification codes to all students enrolled in districts or community schools on the effective date of the guidelines established under this section.

Individual student data shall be reported to the department through the data acquisition sites utilizing the code but at no time shall the state board or the department have access to information that would enable any data verification code to be matched to personally identifiable student data.

Each school district shall ensure that the data verification code is included in the student's records reported to any subsequent school district or community school in which the student enrolls and shall remove all references to the code in any records retained in the district or school that pertain to any student no longer enrolled. Any such subsequent district or school shall utilize the same identifier in its reporting of data under this section.

(E) The guidelines adopted under this section may require school districts to collect and report data, information, or reports other than that described in divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section for the purpose of complying with other reporting requirements established in the Revised Code. The other data, information, or reports may be maintained in the education management information system but are not required to be compiled as part of the profile formats required under division (G) of this section or the annual statewide report required under division (H) of this section.

(F) Beginning with the school year that begins July 1, 1991, the board of education of each school district shall annually collect and report to the state board, in accordance with the guidelines established by the board, the data required pursuant to this section. A school district may collect and report these data notwithstanding section 2151.358 or 3319.321 of the Revised Code.

(G) The state board shall, in accordance with the procedures it adopts, annually compile the data reported by each school district pursuant to division (D) of this section. The state board shall design formats for profiling each school district as a whole and each school building within each district and shall compile the data in accordance with these formats.

These profile formats shall:

(1) Include all of the data gathered under this section in a manner that facilitates comparison among school districts and among school buildings within each school district;

(2) Present the data on academic achievement levels as assessed by the testing of student achievement maintained pursuant to division (B)(1)(e) of this section so that the academic achievement levels of students who are excused from taking any such test pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code are distinguished from the academic achievement levels of students who are not so excused.

(H)(1) The state board shall, in accordance with the procedures it adopts, annually prepare a statewide report for all school districts and the general public that includes the profile of each of the school districts developed pursuant to division (G) of this section. Copies of the report shall be sent to each school district.

(2) The state board shall, in accordance with the procedures it adopts, annually prepare an individual report for each school district and the general public that includes the profiles of each of the school buildings in that school district developed pursuant to division (G) of this section. Copies of the report shall be sent to the superintendent of the district and to each member of the district board of education.

(3) Copies of the reports received from the state board under divisions (H)(1) and (2) of this section shall be made available to the general public at each school district's offices. Each district board of education shall make copies of each report available to any person upon request and payment of a reasonable fee for the cost of reproducing the report. The board shall annually publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district, at least twice during the two weeks prior to the week in which the reports will first be available, a notice containing the address where the reports are available and the date on which the reports will be available.

(I) Any data that is collected or maintained pursuant to this section and that identifies an individual pupil is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(J) As used in this section:

(1) "School district" means any city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district.

(2) "Cost" means any expenditure for operating expenses made by a school district excluding any expenditures for debt retirement except for payments made to any commercial lending institution for any loan approved pursuant to section 3313.483 of the Revised Code.

(K) Any person who removes data from the information system established under this section for the purpose of releasing it to any person not entitled under law to have access to such information is subject to section 2913.42 of the Revised Code prohibiting tampering with data.

(L) Any time the department of education determines that a school district has taken any of the actions described under division (L)(1), (2), or (3) of this section, it shall make a report of the actions of the district, send a copy of the report to the superintendent of such school district, and maintain a copy of the report in its files:

(1) The school district fails to meet any deadline established pursuant to this section for the reporting of any data to the education management information system;

(2) The school district fails to meet any deadline established pursuant to this section for the correction of any data reported to the education management information system;

(3) The school district reports data to the education management information system in a condition, as determined by the department, that indicates that the district did not make a good faith effort in reporting the data to the system.

Any report made under this division shall include recommendations for corrective action by the school district.

Upon making a report for the first time in a fiscal year, the department shall withhold ten per cent of the total amount due during that fiscal year under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code to the school district to which the report applies. Upon making a second report in a fiscal year, the department shall withhold an additional twenty per cent of such total amount due during that fiscal year to the school district to which the report applies. The department shall not release such funds unless it determines that the district has taken corrective action. However, no such release of funds shall occur if the district fails to take corrective action within forty-five days of the date upon which the report was made by the department.

(M) ~~The department of education, after consultation with the Ohio education computer network, may provide at no cost to school districts uniform computer software for use in reporting data to the education management information system, provided that no school district shall be required to utilize such software to report data to the education management information system if such district is so reporting data in an accurate, complete, and timely manner in a format compatible with that required by the education management information system~~ No data acquisition site or school district shall acquire, change, or update its student administration

software package to manage and report data required to be reported to the department unless it converts to a student software package that is certified by the department.

(N) The state board of education, in accordance with sections 3319.31 and 3319.311 of the Revised Code, may suspend or revoke a license as defined under division (A) of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code that has been issued to any school district employee found to have willfully reported erroneous, inaccurate, or incomplete data to the education management information system.

(O) No person shall release or maintain any information about any student in violation of this section. Whoever violates this division is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(P) The department shall disaggregate the data collected under division (B)(1)(o) of this section according to the race and socioeconomic status of the students assessed. No data collected under that division shall be included on the report cards required by section 3302.03 of the Revised Code.

(Q) If the department cannot compile any of the information required by division (D)(5) of section 3302.03 of the Revised Code based upon the data collected under this section, the department shall develop a plan and a reasonable timeline for the collection of any data necessary to comply with that division.

Sec. 3301.31. As used in this section and sections 3301.32 to 3301.38 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Eligible individual" means an individual eligible for Title IV-A services under a head start program.

(B) "Head start agency" means any or all of the following:

(1) An entity in this state that has been approved to be an agency for purposes of the "Head Start Act," 95 Stat. 489 (1981), 42 U.S.C. 9831, as amended;

(2) A Title IV-A head start agency;

(3) A Title IV-A head start plus agency.

(C) "Head start program" has the same meaning as in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Title IV-A services" means benefits and services that are allowable under Title IV-A of the "Social Security Act," as specified in 42 U.S.C.A 604(a), except that they shall not be benefits and services included in the term "assistance" as defined in 45 C.F.R. 260.31(a) and shall be benefits and services that are excluded from the definition of the term "assistance" under 45 C.F.R. 260.31(b).

(E) "Title IV-A head start agency" means an agency receiving funds to

operate a head start program as prescribed in section 3301.34 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Title IV-A head start plus agency" means an agency receiving funds to operate a head start program as prescribed in section 3301.35 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3301.33. (A) There is hereby established the Title IV-A head start program to provide head start program services to eligible individuals.

(B) In accordance with the interagency agreement described in division (C) of this section, there is hereby established the Title IV-A head start plus program to provide year-long head start program services and child care services to eligible individuals.

(C) The programs established under divisions (A) and (B) of this section shall be administered by the department of education in accordance with an interagency agreement entered into with the department of job and family services under section 5101.801 of the Revised Code. This interagency agreement shall establish the implementation date of the Title IV-A head start plus program, which is July 1, 2004. The programs shall provide Title IV-A services to eligible individuals who meet eligibility requirements established in rules and administrative orders adopted by the department of job and family services under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code. The department of job and family services and the department of education jointly shall adopt policies and procedures establishing program requirements for eligibility, services, program administration, fiscal accountability, and other criteria necessary to comply with the provisions of Title IV-A of the "Social Security Act," 110 Stat. 2113, 42 U.S.C. 601 (1996), as amended.

The department of education shall be responsible for approving through an application process all Title IV-A head start agencies and Title IV-A head start plus agencies for provision of services under the programs established under this section. An agency that is not approved by the department shall not be reimbursed for the cost of providing services under the programs.

Sec. 3301.34. In administering the Title IV-A head start program established under division (A) of section 3301.33 of the Revised Code, the department of education shall enter into a contract with each Title IV-A head start agency establishing the terms and conditions applicable to the provision of Title IV-A services for eligible individuals. The contracts shall specify the respective duties of the Title IV-A head start agencies and the department of education, reporting requirements, eligibility requirements, reimbursement methodology, audit requirements, and other provisions

determined necessary in accordance with section 3301.38 of the Revised Code. The department of education shall reimburse the Title IV-A head start agencies for Title IV-A services provided to individuals determined eligible for Title IV-A services by the county department of job and family services in accordance with the terms of the contract, policies and procedures adopted by the department of education and the department of job and family services under section 3301.33 of the Revised Code, and the interagency agreement entered into by the departments.

The department of education shall ensure that all reimbursements paid to a Title IV-A head start agency are only for Title IV-A services.

The department of education shall ensure that all reimbursements paid to a Title IV-A head start agency are for only those individuals determined eligible for Title IV-A services by the appropriate county department of job and family services, as provided for in section 3301.36 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3301.35. (A) In administering the Title IV-A head start plus program established under division (B) of section 3301.33, the department of education shall enter into a contract with each Title IV-A head start plus agency under which the department shall reimburse the agency for allowable expenses in connection to services provided to eligible individuals.

(B) Each county department of job and family services shall assist the department of education in administering the program within its respective county in accordance with requirements established by the state department of job and family services under section 5101.801 of the Revised Code. The county department shall ensure that all reimbursements paid to a Title IV-A head start plus agency are for only Title IV-A services.

The administration of the Title IV-A head start plus program by the county department shall solely consist of determining eligibility of individuals and establishing co-payment requirements in accordance with rules adopted by the state department of job and family services.

(C) The department of education shall enter into contracts with only those agencies that have been approved by the department of education as a Title IV-A head start plus agency and that have been licensed in accordance with section 3301.37 of the Revised Code. Each contract entered into under this division shall specify all of the following:

(1) Requirements applicable to the allowable use of and accountability for Title IV-A funds;

(2) Requirements for access, inspection, and examination of the agency's financial and program records by the county department, the state department of job and family services, the department of education, the

auditor of state, and any other state or federal agency with authority to inspect and examine such records;

(3) Applicable audit requirements applicable to funds received under the contract;

(4) Reporting requirements by and for the county department, the state department of job and family services, and the department of education;

(5) Provisions for the department of education to suspend, modify, or terminate the contract if the department of education suspends or removes the agency from the list of approved Title IV-A head start plus agencies or if the state department of job and family services denies or revokes a license for the agency.

Sec. 3301.36. Each county department of job and family services shall determine eligibility for Title IV-A services for individuals seeking Title IV-A services from a Title IV-A head start agency or Title IV-A head start plus agency.

Sec. 3301.37. (A) Each entity operating a head start program shall be licensed or certified by the department of job and family services in accordance with Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code.

(B) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, any current license issued under section 3301.58 of the Revised Code by the department of education to an entity operating a head start program prior to the effective date of this section is hereby deemed to be a license issued by the department of job and family services under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code. The expiration date of the license shall be the earlier of the expiration date specified in the license as issued under section 3301.58 of the Revised Code or September 1, 2005. In order to continue operation of its head start program after that expiration date, the entity shall obtain a license as prescribed in division (A) of this section.

Sec. 3301.38. (A) The department of education shall adopt policies and procedures for the approval, suspension, and removal of Title IV-A head start and Title IV-A head start plus agencies from the approved list of providers.

(B) If a head start program that received state funding prior to July 1, 2001, waives its right to state funding or has its state funding eliminated for not meeting financial standards or program performance standards, the grantee or delegates shall transfer control of title to property, equipment, and remaining supplies purchased with state funds to the department along with any reports prescribed by the department.

(C) Title IV-A head start allocations shall be distributed on a per-pupil basis, which the department may adjust so that the per pupil amount

multiplied by the number of eligible children enrolled and receiving services, as defined by the department of education, reported on the first day of December or the first business day following that date equals the amount allocated.

(D) The department of education shall prescribe the assessment instrument and determine target levels for critical performance indicators for the purpose of assessing Title IV-A head start and Title IV-A head start plus agencies. Onsite reviews and follow-up visits shall be based on progress in meeting the prescribed target levels.

(E) The department of education shall require Title IV-A head start and Title IV-A head start plus agencies to:

(1) Address federal head start education and assessment performance standards, as required by 45 C.F.R. 1304.20 to 1304.41 and the Ohio department of education pre-kindergarten math and literacy content standards;

(2) Comply with the department of education prescribed assessment requirements that are aligned with the assessment system for kindergarten through twelfth grade;

(3) Comply with federal head start performance standards for comprehensive services in health, nutrition, mental health, family partnership, and social services as required by 45 C.F.R. 1304.20 to 1304.41;

(4) Require teachers to attend a minimum of twenty hours of professional development as prescribed by the department of education regarding the implementation of content standards and assessment; and

(5) Document and report child progress using research-based indicators as prescribed by the department.

(F) Costs for developing and administering a Title IV-A head start or Title IV-A head start plus program may not exceed fifteen percent of the total approved costs of the program.

(G) In consultation with the department of job and family services, the department of education shall establish program requirements for Title IV-A head start and Title IV-A head start plus agencies.

(H) The department of education may examine the financial and program records of Title IV-A head start agencies and Title IV-A head start plus agencies. The department of education shall monitor these agencies to ensure that all Title IV-A funds are used solely for purposes allowable under federal regulations, section 5101.801 of the Revised Code, and the Title IV-A state plan and shall take prompt action to recover funds that are not expended accordingly. The department of job and family services may

examine the financial records of Title IV-A head start agencies and Title IV-A head start plus agencies.

(I)(1) A Title IV-A head start agency or Title IV-A head start plus agency shall propose and implement a corrective action plan that has been approved by the department of education when the department determines either of the following:

(a) The financial practices of the Title IV-A head start agency or Title IV-A head start plus agency are not in accordance with standard accounting principles and federal requirements or do not meet financial standards required in the contract as specified under division (C) of section 3301.35 of the Revised Code;

(b) The Title IV-A head start or Title IV-A head start plus agency fails to substantially meet the head start performance standards or exhibits below average performance as measured against the performance indicators.

(2) The approved corrective action plan shall be signed by the appropriate official and agency governance body.

(3) The corrective action plan shall include a schedule of monitoring by the department of education. This monitoring may include monthly reports, inspections, a timeline for correction of deficiencies, and technical assistance to be provided by the department or obtained by the Title IV-A head start agency or Title IV-A head start plus agency. The department may withhold funding to a Title IV-A head start agency or a Title IV-A head start plus agency.

(4) If a Title IV-A head start agency or a Title IV-A head start plus agency fails to satisfactorily complete a corrective action, the department may suspend or terminate part or all of the funding to the agency and may remove the agency from the approved list.

(J) The department shall provide technical assistance to Title IV-A head start agencies in administering Title IV-A head start programs and to Title IV-A head start plus agencies and child care partners in administering head start plus programs.

Sec. ~~3301.33~~ 3301.40. (A) As used in this section, "adult education" has the meaning as established under the "adult education act," 102 Stat. 302 (1988), 20 U.S.C. 1201a(2), as amended.

(B) Beginning July 1, 1996, the department of education may distribute state funds to organizations that quality for federal funds under the "Adult Education Act," 102 Stat. 302 (1988), 20 1201 to 1213d, as amended. The funds shall be used by qualifying organizations to provide adult education services. State funds distributed pursuant to this section shall be distributed in accordance with the rules adopted by the state board of education

pursuant to this section.

Each organization that receives funds under this section shall file program performance reports with the department. The reports shall be filed at times required by state board of education rule and contain assessments of individual students as they enter, progress through, and exit the adult education program; records regarding individual student program participation time; reports of individual student retention rates; and any other information required by rule.

(C) The state board of education shall adopt rules for the distribution of funds under this section. The rules shall include the following:

(1) Requirements for program performance reports.

(2) Indicators of adult education program quality, including indicators of learner achievement, program environment, program planning, curriculum and instruction, staff development, support services, and recruitment and retention.

(3) A formula for the distribution of funds under this section. The formula shall include as a factor an organization's quantifiable success in meeting the indicators of program quality established pursuant to division (C)(2) of this section.

(4) Standards and procedures for reducing or discontinuing funding to organizations that fail to meet the requirements of this section.

(5) Any other requirements or standards considered appropriate by the board.

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 day-care program for preschool children that is operated by a school district board of education~~,~~ or an eligible nonpublic school~~, a head start grantee, or a head start delegate agency~~.

(2) A child day-care program for preschool children age three or older that is operated by a county MR/DD board.

(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 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 a nonpublic school chartered as described in division (B)(8) of section 5104.02 of the Revised Code or chartered by the state board of education for any combination of grades one through twelve, regardless of whether it also offers kindergarten.

(I) "County MR/DD board" means a county board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

(J) "School child program" means a child day-care program for only school children that is operated by a school district board of education, county MR/DD board, or eligible nonpublic school.

(K) "School child" and "child day-care" have the same meanings as in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code.

(L) "School child program staff member" means an employee whose primary responsibility is the care, teaching, or supervision of children in a school child program.

~~(M) "Head start" means a program operated in accordance with subchapter II of the "Community Economic Development Act," 95 Stat. 489 (1981), 42 U.S.C. 9831, and amendments thereto.~~

Sec. 3301.53. (A) Not later than July 1, 1988, the state board of education, in consultation with the director of job and family services, shall formulate and prescribe by rule adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code minimum standards to be applied to preschool programs operated by school district boards of education, county MR/DD boards, or eligible nonpublic schools~~, head start grantees, and head start delegate agencies~~. The rules shall include the following:

(1) Standards ensuring that the preschool program is located in a safe and convenient facility that accommodates the enrollment of the program, is of the quality to support the growth and development of the children according to the program objectives, and meets the requirements of section 3301.55 of the Revised Code;

(2) Standards ensuring that supervision, discipline, and programs will be administered according to established objectives and procedures;

(3) Standards ensuring that preschool staff members and nonteaching employees are recruited, employed, assigned, evaluated, and provided

inservice education without discrimination on the basis of age, color, national origin, race, or sex; and that preschool staff members and nonteaching employees are assigned responsibilities in accordance with written position descriptions commensurate with their training and experience;

(4) A requirement that boards of education intending to establish a preschool program on or after March 17, 1989, demonstrate a need for a preschool program that is not being met by any existing program providing child day-care, prior to establishing the program;

(5) Requirements that children participating in preschool programs have been immunized to the extent considered appropriate by the state board to prevent the spread of communicable disease;

(6) Requirements that the parents of preschool children complete the emergency medical authorization form specified in section 3313.712 of the Revised Code.

(B) The state board of education in consultation with the director of job and family services shall ensure that the rules adopted by the state board under sections 3301.52 to 3301.58 of the Revised Code are consistent with and meet or exceed the requirements of Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code with regard to child day-care centers. The state board and the director of job and family services shall review all such rules at least once every five years.

(C) On or before January 1, 1992, the state board of education, in consultation with the director of job and family services, shall adopt rules for school child programs that are consistent with and meet or exceed the requirements of the rules adopted for school child day-care centers under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3301.54. (A)(1) Each preschool program shall be directed and supervised by a director, a head teacher, an elementary principal, or a site administrator who is on site and responsible for supervision of the program. Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of this section, this person shall hold a valid educator license designated as appropriate for teaching or being an administrator in a preschool setting issued pursuant to section 3319.22 of the Revised Code and have completed at least four courses in child development or early childhood education from an accredited college, university, or technical college.

(2) If the person was employed prior to July 1, 1988, by a school district board of education or an eligible nonpublic school to direct a preschool program, the person shall be considered to meet the requirements of this section if the person holds a valid kindergarten-primary certificate described under former division (A) of section 3319.22 of the Revised Code as it

existed on January 1, 1996.

(3) If the person is employed to direct a preschool program operated by an eligible, nontax-supported, nonpublic school, the person shall be considered to meet the requirements of this section if the person holds a valid teaching certificate issued in accordance with section 3301.071 of the Revised Code.

~~(4) If the person is a site administrator for a head start grantee or head start delegate agency, the person shall be considered to meet the requirements of this section if the person provides evidence that the person has attained at least a high school diploma or certification of high school equivalency issued by the state board of education or a comparable agency of another state, and that the person meets at least one of the following requirements:~~

~~(a) Two years of experience working as a child care staff member in a child day care center or preschool program and at least four courses in child development or early childhood education from an accredited college, university, or technical college, except that a person who has two years of experience working as a child care staff member in a particular day care center or preschool program and who has been promoted to or designated director shall have one year from the time the person was promoted or designated to complete the required four courses;~~

~~(b) Two years of training in an accredited college, university, or technical college that includes at least four courses in child development or early childhood education;~~

~~(c) A child development associate credential issued by the national child development associate credentialing commission;~~

~~(d) An associate or higher degree in child development or early childhood education from an accredited college, university, or technical college.~~

(B) Each preschool staff member shall be at least eighteen years of age and have a high school diploma or a certification of high school equivalency issued by the state board of education or a comparable agency of another state, except that a staff member may be less than eighteen years of age if the staff member is a graduate of a two-year vocational child-care training program approved by the state board of education, or is a student enrolled in the second year of such a program that leads to high school graduation, provided that the student performs duties in the preschool program under the continuous supervision of an experienced preschool staff member and receives periodic supervision from the vocational child-care training program teacher-coordinator in the student's high school.

A preschool staff member shall annually complete fifteen hours of inservice training in child development or early childhood education, child abuse recognition and prevention, and first aid, and in the prevention, recognition, and management of communicable diseases, until a total of forty-five hours has been completed, unless the staff member holds an associate or higher degree in child development or early childhood education from an accredited college, university, or technical college, or any type of educator license designated as appropriate for teaching in an associate teaching position in a preschool setting issued by the state board of education pursuant to section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3301.55. (A) A school district, county MR/DD board, or eligible nonpublic school~~, head start grantee, or head start delegate agency~~ operating a preschool program shall house the program in buildings that meet the following requirements:

(1) The building is operated by the district, county MR/DD board, or eligible nonpublic school~~, head start grantee, or head start delegate agency~~ and has been approved by the division of industrial compliance in the department of commerce or a certified municipal, township, or county building department for the purpose of operating a program for preschool children. Any such structure shall be constructed, equipped, repaired, altered, and maintained in accordance with applicable provisions of Chapters 3781. and 3791. and with rules adopted by the board of building standards under Chapter 3781. of the Revised Code for the safety and sanitation of structures erected for this purpose.

(2) The building is in compliance with fire and safety laws and regulations as evidenced by reports of annual school fire and safety inspections as conducted by appropriate local authorities.

(3) The school is in compliance with rules established by the state board of education regarding school food services.

(4) The facility includes not less than thirty-five square feet of indoor space for each child in the program. Safe play space, including both indoor and outdoor play space, totaling not less than sixty square feet for each child using the space at any one time, shall be regularly available and scheduled for use.

(5) First aid facilities and space for temporary placement or isolation of injured or ill children are provided.

(B) Each school district, county MR/DD board, or eligible nonpublic school~~, head start grantee, or head start delegate agency~~ that operates, or proposes to operate, a preschool program shall submit a building plan including all information specified by the state board of education to the

board not later than the first day of September of the school year in which the program is to be initiated. The board shall determine whether the buildings meet the requirements of this section and section 3301.53 of the Revised Code, and notify the superintendent of its determination. If the board determines, on the basis of the building plan or any other information, that the buildings do not meet those requirements, it shall cause the buildings to be inspected by the department of education. The department shall make a report to the superintendent specifying any aspects of the building that are not in compliance with the requirements of this section and section 3301.53 of the Revised Code and the time period that will be allowed the district, county MR/DD board, or school~~, grantee, or agency~~ to meet the requirements.

Sec. 3301.57. (A) For the purpose of improving programs, facilities, and implementation of the standards promulgated by the state board of education under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code, the state department of education shall provide consultation and technical assistance to school districts, county MR/DD boards, and eligible nonpublic schools~~, head start grantees, and head start delegate agencies~~ operating preschool programs or school child programs, and inservice training to preschool staff members, school child program staff members, and nonteaching employees.

(B) The department and the school district board of education, county MR/DD board, or eligible nonpublic school~~, head start grantee, or head start delegate agency~~ shall jointly monitor each preschool program and each school child program.

If the program receives any grant or other funding from the state or federal government, the department annually shall monitor all reports on attendance, financial support, and expenditures according to provisions for use of the funds.

(C) ~~The department of job and family services and the department of education shall enter into a contract pursuant to which the department of education inspects preschool programs and school child programs in accordance with sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code, the rules adopted under those sections, and any applicable procedures in Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code and investigates any complaints filed pursuant to those sections or rules. The contract shall require the department of job and family services to pay the department of education for conducting the inspections and investigations an amount equal to the amount that the department of job and family services would expend conducting the same number of inspections and investigations with its employees under Chapter 5104. of the Revised Code.~~

~~(D)~~ The department of education, at least twice during every twelve-month period of operation of a preschool program or a licensed school child program, shall inspect the program and provide a written inspection report to the superintendent of the school district, county MR/DD board, or eligible nonpublic school~~, head start grantee, or head start delegate agency~~. At least one inspection shall be unannounced, and all inspections may be unannounced. No person shall interfere with any inspection conducted pursuant to this division or to the rules adopted pursuant to sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code.

Upon receipt of any complaint that a preschool program or a licensed school child program is out of compliance with the requirements in sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code or the rules adopted under those sections, the department shall investigate and may inspect the program.

~~(E)~~(D) If a preschool program or a licensed school child program is determined to be out of compliance with the requirements of sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code or the rules adopted under those sections, the department of education shall notify the appropriate superintendent, county MR/DD board, or eligible nonpublic school~~, head start grantee, or head start delegate agency~~ in writing regarding the nature of the violation, what must be done to correct the violation, and by what date the correction must be made. If the correction is not made by the date established by the department, it may commence action under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to close the program or to revoke the license of the program. If a program does not comply with an order to cease operation issued in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the department shall notify the attorney general, the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the program is located, or the city attorney, village solicitor, or other chief legal officer of the municipal corporation in which the program is located that the program is operating in violation of sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code or the rules adopted under those sections and in violation of an order to cease operation issued in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the notification, the attorney general, prosecuting attorney, city attorney, village solicitor, or other chief legal officer shall file a complaint in the court of common pleas of the county in which the program is located requesting the court to issue an order enjoining the program from operating. The court shall grant the requested injunctive relief upon a showing that the program named in the complaint is operating in violation of sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code or the rules adopted under those sections and in violation of an order to cease operation issued in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

~~(F)~~(E) The department of education shall prepare an annual report on inspections conducted under this section. The report shall include the number of inspections conducted, the number and types of violations found, and the steps taken to address the violations. The department shall file the report with the governor, the president and minority leader of the senate, and the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives on or before the first day of January of each year, beginning in 1999.

Sec. 3301.58. (A) The department of education is responsible for the licensing of preschool programs and school child programs and for the enforcement of sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and of any rules adopted under those sections. No school district board of education, county MR/DD board, or eligible nonpublic school~~, head start grantee, or head start delegate agency~~ shall operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain a preschool program without a license issued under this section. A school district board of education, county MR/DD board, or eligible nonpublic school may obtain a license under this section for a school child program. The school district board of education, county MR/DD board, or eligible nonpublic school~~, head start grantee, or head start delegate agency~~ shall post the current license for each preschool program and licensed school child program it operates, establishes, manages, conducts, or maintains in a conspicuous place in the preschool program or licensed school child program that is accessible to parents, custodians, or guardians and employees and staff members of the program at all times when the program is in operation.

(B) Any school district board of education, county MR/DD board, or eligible nonpublic school~~, head start grantee, or head start delegate agency~~ that desires to operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain a preschool program shall apply to the department of education for a license on a form that the department shall prescribe by rule. Any school district board of education, county MR/DD board, or eligible nonpublic school that desires to obtain a license for a school child program shall apply to the department for a license on a form that the department shall prescribe by rule. The department shall provide at no charge to each applicant for a license under this section a copy of the requirements under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under those sections. The department shall mail application forms for the renewal of a license at least one hundred twenty days prior to the date of the expiration of the license, and the application for renewal of a license shall be filed with the department at least sixty days before the date of the expiration of the existing license. The department may establish application fees by rule

adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, and all applicants for a license shall pay any fee established by the department at the time of making an application for a license. All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund.

(C) Upon the filing of an application for a license, the department of education shall investigate and inspect the preschool program or school child program to determine the license capacity for each age category of children of the program and to determine whether the program complies with sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under those sections. When, after investigation and inspection, the department of education is satisfied that sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under those sections are complied with by the applicant, the department of education shall issue the program a provisional license as soon as practicable in the form and manner prescribed by the rules of the department. The provisional license shall be valid for six months from the date of issuance unless revoked.

(D) The department of education shall investigate and inspect a preschool program or school child program that has been issued a provisional license at least once during operation under the provisional license. If, after the investigation and inspection, the department of education determines that the requirements of sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under those sections are met by the provisional licensee, the department of education shall issue a license that is effective for two years from the date of the issuance of the provisional license.

(E) Upon the filing of an application for the renewal of a license by a preschool program or school child program, the department of education shall investigate and inspect the preschool program or school child program. If the department of education determines that the requirements of sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under those sections are met by the applicant, the department of education shall renew the license for two years from the date of the expiration date of the previous license.

(F) The license or provisional license shall state the name of the school district board of education, county MR/DD board, or eligible nonpublic school~~, head start grantee, or head start delegate agency~~ that operates the preschool program or school child program and the license capacity of the program. The license shall include any other information required by section 5104.03 of the Revised Code for the license of a child day-care center.

(G) The department of education may revoke the license of any

preschool program or school child program that is not in compliance with the requirements of sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under those sections.

(H) If the department of education revokes a license or refuses to renew a license to a program, the department shall not issue a license to the program within two years from the date of the revocation or refusal. All actions of the department with respect to licensing preschool programs and school child programs shall be in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3301.68. There is hereby created the legislative committee on education oversight as a subcommittee of the legislative service commission. The committee shall consist of five members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and five members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate. Not more than three of the members appointed from each house shall be members of the same political party. Members shall serve during the term of office to which they were elected.

The committee, subject to the oversight and direction of the legislative service commission, shall direct the work of the legislative office of education oversight, which is hereby established. The committee may employ a staff director and such other staff as are necessary for the operation of the office, who shall be in the unclassified service of the state, and may contract for the services of whatever technical advisors are necessary for the committee and the office to carry out their duties.

The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the legislative service commission shall fix the compensation of the director. The director, with the approval of the director of the legislative service commission, shall fix the compensation of other staff of the office in accordance with a salary schedule established by the director of the legislative service commission. Contracts for the services of necessary technical advisors shall be approved by the director of the legislative service commission.

All expenses incurred by the committee or office shall be paid upon vouchers approved by the chairperson of the committee. The committee shall adopt rules for the conduct of its business and the election of officers, except that the office of chairperson of the committee shall alternate each general assembly between a member of the house of representatives selected by the speaker and a member of the senate selected by the president.

The committee shall select, for the office to review and evaluate, education and school-related programs that receive state financial assistance in any form. The reviews and evaluations may include any of the following:

(A) Assessment of the uses school districts and institutions of higher education make of state money they receive and determination of the extent to which such money improves school district or institutional performance in the areas for which the money was intended to be used;

(B) Determination of whether an education program meets its intended goals, has adequate operating or administrative procedures and fiscal controls, encompasses only authorized activities, has any undesirable or unintended effects, and is efficiently managed;

(C) Examination of various pilot programs developed and initiated in school districts and at state-assisted colleges and universities to determine whether such programs suggest innovative, effective ways to deal with problems that may exist in other school districts or state-assisted colleges or universities, and to assess the fiscal costs and likely impact of adopting such programs throughout the state or in other state-assisted colleges and universities.

The committee shall report the results of each program review the office conducts to the general assembly.

If the general assembly directs the legislative office of education oversight to submit a study to the general assembly by a particular date, the committee, upon a majority vote of its members, may modify the scope and due date of the study to accommodate the availability of data and resources.

Sec. 3301.80. (A) There is hereby created the Ohio SchoolNet commission as an independent agency. The commission shall administer programs to provide financial and other assistance to school districts and other educational institutions for the acquisition and utilization of educational technology.

The commission is a body corporate and politic, an agency of the state performing essential governmental functions of the state.

(B)(1) The commission shall consist of ~~eleven~~ thirteen members, ~~seven~~ nine of whom are voting members. Of the voting members, one shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives ~~and~~, one shall be appointed by the president of the senate, and two shall be appointed by the governor. The members appointed by the speaker of the house and the president of the senate shall not be members of the general assembly. The state superintendent of public instruction or a designee of the superintendent, the director of budget and management or a designee of the director, the director of administrative services or a designee of the director, the chairperson of the public utilities commission or a designee of the chairperson, and the director of the Ohio educational telecommunications network commission or a designee of the director shall serve on the

commission as ex officio voting members. Of the nonvoting members, two shall be members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house and two shall be members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate. The members appointed from each house shall not be members of the same political party. The commission shall appoint officers from among its members.

(2) The members shall serve without compensation. The voting members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives ~~and~~, the president of the senate, and the governor shall be reimbursed, pursuant to office of budget and management guidelines, for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.

(3) The terms of office for the members appointed by the speaker of the house ~~and~~, the president of the senate, and the governor shall be for two years, with each term ending on the same day of the same month as did the term that it succeeds, except that the voting members so appointed may be removed at ~~anytime~~ any time by their respective appointing authority. The members appointed by the speaker of the house ~~and~~, the president of the senate, and the governor may be reappointed. Any member appointed from the house of representatives or senate who ceases to be a member of the legislative house from which the member was appointed shall cease to be a member of the commission. Vacancies among appointed members shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration date of the term for which a predecessor was appointed shall hold office as a member for the remainder of that term. The members appointed by the speaker of the house ~~and~~, the president of the senate, and the governor shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of that member's term until a successor takes office or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

(C)(1) The commission shall be under the supervision of an executive director who shall be appointed by the commission. The executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the commission and shall direct commission employees in the administration of all programs for the provision of financial and other assistance to school districts and other educational institutions for the acquisition and utilization of educational technology.

(2) The employees of the Ohio SchoolNet commission shall be placed in the unclassified service. The commission shall fix the compensation of the executive director. The executive director shall employ and fix the compensation for such employees as necessary to facilitate the activities and purposes of the commission. The employees shall serve at the pleasure of

the executive director.

(3) The employees of the Ohio SchoolNet commission shall be exempt from Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code and shall not be public employees as defined in section 4117.01 of the Revised Code.

(D) The Ohio SchoolNet commission shall do all of the following:

(1) Make grants to institutions and other organizations as prescribed by the general assembly for the provision of technical assistance, professional development, and other support services to enable school districts, community schools established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, and other educational institutions to utilize educational technology;

(2) Contract with the department of education, state institutions of higher education, private nonprofit institutions of higher education holding certificates of authorization under section 1713.02 of the Revised Code, and such other public or private entities as the executive director deems necessary for the administration and implementation of the programs under the commission's jurisdiction;

(3) Establish a reporting system to which school districts, community schools established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, and other educational institutions receiving financial assistance pursuant to this section for the acquisition of educational technology report information as to the manner in which such assistance was expended, the manner in which the equipment or services purchased with the assistance is being utilized, the results or outcome of this utilization, and other information as may be required by the commission;

(4) Establish necessary guidelines governing purchasing and procurement by participants in programs administered by the commission that facilitate the timely and effective implementation of such programs;

(5) Take into consideration the efficiency and cost savings of statewide procurement prior to allocating and releasing funds for any programs under its administration.

(E)(1) The executive director shall implement policies and directives issued by the Ohio SchoolNet commission.

(2) The Ohio SchoolNet commission may establish a systems support network to facilitate the timely implementation of the programs, projects, or activities for which it provides assistance.

(3) Chapters 123., 124., 125., and 153., and sections 9.331, 9.332, and 9.333 of the Revised Code do not apply to contracts, programs, projects, or activities of the Ohio SchoolNet commission.

Sec. 3307.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Employer" means the board of education, school district,

governing authority of any community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, college, university, institution, or other agency within the state by which a teacher is employed and paid.

(B) "Teacher" means all of the following:

(1) Any person paid from public funds and employed in the public schools of the state under any type of contract described in section 3319.08 of the Revised Code in a position for which the person is required to have a license issued pursuant to sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code;

(2) Any person employed as a teacher by a community school pursuant to Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code;

(3) Any person holding an internship certificate issued under section 3319.28 of the Revised Code and employed in a public school in this state;

(4) Any person having a license issued pursuant to sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code and employed in a public school in this state in an educational position, as determined by the state board of education, under programs provided for by federal acts or regulations and financed in whole or in part from federal funds, but for which no licensure requirements for the position can be made under the provisions of such federal acts or regulations;

(5) Any other teacher or faculty member employed in any school, college, university, institution, or other agency wholly controlled and managed, and supported in whole or in part, by the state or any political subdivision thereof, including Central state university, Cleveland state university, the university of Toledo, and the medical college of Ohio at Toledo;

(6) The educational employees of the department of education, as determined by the state superintendent of public instruction.

In all cases of doubt, the state teachers retirement board shall determine whether any person is a teacher, and its decision shall be final.

"Teacher" does not include any academic or administrative employee of a public institution of higher education, as defined in section 3305.01 of the Revised Code, who participates in an alternative retirement plan established under Chapter 3305. of the Revised Code.

(C) "Member" means any person included in the membership of the state teachers retirement system, which shall consist of all teachers and contributors as defined in divisions (B) and (D) of this section and all disability benefit recipients, as defined in section 3307.50 of the Revised Code. However, for purposes of this chapter, the following persons shall not be considered members:

(1) A student, intern, or resident who is not a member while employed

part-time by a school, college, or university at which the student, intern, or resident is regularly attending classes;

(2) A person denied membership pursuant to section 3307.24 of the Revised Code;

(3) An other system retirant, as defined in section 3307.35 of the Revised Code, or a superannuate;

(4) An individual employed in a program established pursuant to the "Job Training Partnership Act," 96 Stat. 1322 (1982), 29 U.S.C.A. 1501.

(D) "Contributor" means any person who has an account in the teachers' savings fund or defined contribution fund.

(E) "Beneficiary" means any person eligible to receive, or in receipt of, a retirement allowance or other benefit provided by this chapter.

(F) "Year" means the year beginning the first day of July and ending with the thirtieth day of June next following, except that for the purpose of determining final average salary under the plan described in sections 3307.50 to 3307.79 of the Revised Code, "year" may mean the contract year.

(G) "Local district pension system" means any school teachers pension fund created in any school district of the state in accordance with the laws of the state prior to September 1, 1920.

(H) "Employer contribution" means the amount paid by an employer, as determined by the employer rate, including the normal and deficiency rates, contributions, and funds wherever used in this chapter.

(I) "Five years of service credit" means employment covered under this chapter and employment covered under a former retirement plan operated, recognized, or endorsed by a college, institute, university, or political subdivision of this state prior to coverage under this chapter.

(J) "Actuary" means the actuarial consultant to the state teachers retirement board, who shall be either of the following:

(1) A member of the American academy of actuaries;

(2) A firm, partnership, or corporation of which at least one person is a member of the American academy of actuaries.

(K) "Fiduciary" means a person who does any of the following:

(1) Exercises any discretionary authority or control with respect to the management of the system, or with respect to the management or disposition of its assets;

(2) Renders investment advice for a fee, direct or indirect, with respect to money or property of the system;

(3) Has any discretionary authority or responsibility in the administration of the system.

(L)(1) Except as provided in this division, "compensation" means all salary, wages, and other earnings paid to a teacher by reason of the teacher's employment, including compensation paid pursuant to a supplemental contract. The salary, wages, and other earnings shall be determined prior to determination of the amount required to be contributed to the teachers' savings fund or defined contribution fund under section 3307.26 of the Revised Code and without regard to whether any of the salary, wages, or other earnings are treated as deferred income for federal income tax purposes.

(2) Compensation does not include any of the following:

(a) Payments for accrued but unused sick leave or personal leave, including payments made under a plan established pursuant to section 124.39 of the Revised Code or any other plan established by the employer;

(b) Payments made for accrued but unused vacation leave, including payments made pursuant to section 124.13 of the Revised Code or a plan established by the employer;

(c) Payments made for vacation pay covering concurrent periods for which other salary, compensation, or benefits under this chapter are paid;

(d) Amounts paid by the employer to provide life insurance, sickness, accident, endowment, health, medical, hospital, dental, or surgical coverage, or other insurance for the teacher or the teacher's family, or amounts paid by the employer to the teacher in lieu of providing the insurance;

(e) Incidental benefits, including lodging, food, laundry, parking, or services furnished by the employer, use of the employer's property or equipment, and reimbursement for job-related expenses authorized by the employer, including moving and travel expenses and expenses related to professional development;

(f) Payments made by the employer in exchange for a member's waiver of a right to receive any payment, amount, or benefit described in division (L)(2) of this section;

(g) Payments by the employer for services not actually rendered;

(h) Any amount paid by the employer as a retroactive increase in salary, wages, or other earnings, unless the increase is one of the following:

(i) A retroactive increase paid to a member employed by a school district board of education in a position that requires a license designated for teaching and not designated for being an administrator issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code that is paid in accordance with uniform criteria applicable to all members employed by the board in positions requiring the licenses;

(ii) A retroactive increase paid to a member employed by a school

district board of education in a position that requires a license designated for being an administrator issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code that is paid in accordance with uniform criteria applicable to all members employed by the board in positions requiring the licenses;

(iii) A retroactive increase paid to a member employed by a school district board of education as a superintendent that is also paid as described in division (L)(2)(h)(i) of this section;

(iv) A retroactive increase paid to a member employed by an employer other than a school district board of education in accordance with uniform criteria applicable to all members employed by the employer.

(i) Payments made to or on behalf of a teacher that are in excess of the annual compensation that may be taken into account by the retirement system under division (a)(17) of section 401 of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 401(a)(17), as amended. For a teacher who first establishes membership before July 1, 1996, the annual compensation that may be taken into account by the retirement system shall be determined under division (d)(3) of section 13212 of the "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993," Pub. L. No. 103-66, 107 Stat. 472.

(j) Payments made under division (B), (C), or (E) of section 5923.05 of the Revised Code, Section 4 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 3 of the 119th general assembly, Section 3 of Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 164 of the 124th general assembly, or Amended Substitute House Bill No. 405 of the 124th general assembly;

(k) Anything of value received by the teacher that is based on or attributable to retirement or an agreement to retire.

(3) The retirement board shall determine by rule both of the following:

(a) Whether particular forms of earnings are included in any of the categories enumerated in this division;

(b) Whether any form of earnings not enumerated in this division is to be included in compensation.

Decisions of the board made under this division shall be final.

(M) "Superannuate" means both of the following:

(1) A former teacher receiving from the system a retirement allowance under section 3307.58 or 3307.59 of the Revised Code;

(2) A former teacher receiving a benefit from the system under a plan established under section 3307.81 of the Revised Code, except that "superannuate" does not include a former teacher who is receiving a benefit based on disability under a plan established under section 3307.81 of the Revised Code.

For purposes of ~~section~~ sections 3307.35 and 3307.353 of the Revised

Code, "superannuate" also means a former teacher receiving from the system a combined service retirement benefit paid in accordance with section 3307.57 of the Revised Code, regardless of which retirement system is paying the benefit.

Sec. 3307.35. (A) As used in this section and section 3307.352 of the Revised Code, "other system retirant" means a member or former member of the public employees retirement system, Ohio police and fire pension fund, school employees retirement system, state highway patrol retirement system, or Cincinnati retirement system who is receiving age and service or commuted age and service retirement, or a disability benefit from a system of which the retirant is a member or former member.

(B) ~~A~~ Subject to this section and section 3307.353 of the Revised Code, a superannuate or other system retirant may be employed as a teacher.

(C) A superannuate or other system retirant employed in accordance with this section shall contribute to the state teachers retirement system in accordance with section 3307.26 of the Revised Code and the employer shall contribute in accordance with sections 3307.28 and 3307.31 of the Revised Code. Such contributions shall be received as specified in section 3307.14 of the Revised Code. A superannuate or other system retirant employed as a teacher is not a member of the state teachers retirement system, does not have any of the rights, privileges, or obligations of membership, except as provided in this section, and is not eligible to receive health, medical, hospital, or surgical benefits under section 3307.39 of the Revised Code for employment subject to this section.

(D) The employer that employs a superannuate or other system retirant shall notify the state teachers retirement board of the employment not later than the end of the month in which the employment commences. Any overpayment of benefits to a superannuate by the retirement system resulting from an employer's failure to give timely notice may be charged to the employer and may be certified and deducted as provided in section 3307.31 of the Revised Code.

(E) On receipt of notice from an employer that a person who is an other system retirant has been employed, the state teachers retirement system shall notify the state retirement system of which the other system retirant was a member of such employment.

(F) A superannuate or other system retirant who has received an allowance or benefit for less than two months when employment subject to this section commences shall forfeit the allowance or benefit for any month the superannuate or retirant is employed prior to the expiration of such period. Contributions shall be made to the retirement system from the first

day of such employment, but service and contributions for that period shall not be used in the calculation of any benefit payable to the superannuate or other system retirant, and those contributions shall be refunded on the superannuate's or retirant's death or termination of the employment. Contributions made on compensation earned after the expiration of such period shall be used in calculation of the benefit or payment due under section 3307.352 of the Revised Code.

(G) On receipt of notice from the Ohio police and fire pension fund, public employees retirement system, or school employees retirement system of the re-employment of a superannuate, the state teachers retirement system shall not pay, or if paid shall recover, the amount to be forfeited by the superannuate in accordance with section 145.38, 742.26, or 3309.341 of the Revised Code.

(H) If the disability benefit of an other system retirant employed under this section is terminated, the retirant shall become a member of the state teachers retirement system, effective on the first day of the month next following the termination, with all the rights, privileges, and obligations of membership. If such person, after the termination of the retirant's disability benefit, earns two years of service credit under this retirement system or under the public employees retirement system, Ohio police and fire pension fund, school employees retirement system, or state highway patrol retirement system, the retirant's prior contributions as an other system retirant under this section shall be included in the retirant's total service credit, as defined in section 3307.50 of the Revised Code, as a state teachers retirement system member, and the retirant shall forfeit all rights and benefits of this section. Not more than one year of credit may be given for any period of twelve months.

(I) This section does not affect the receipt of benefits by or eligibility for benefits of any person who on August 20, 1976, was receiving a disability benefit or service retirement pension or allowance from a state or municipal retirement system in Ohio and was a member of any other state or municipal retirement system of this state.

(J) The state teachers retirement board may make the necessary rules to carry into effect this section and to prevent the abuse of the rights and privileges thereunder.

Sec. 3307.353. (A) This section applies in the case of a person who is or most recently has been employed by an employer in a position that is customarily filled by a vote of members of a board or commission.

(B) A board or commission that proposes to continue the employment as a reemployed superannuate or rehire as a reemployed superannuate to the

same position an individual described in division (A) of this section shall do both of the following in accordance with rules adopted under division (C) of this section:

(1) Not less than sixty days before the employment as a reemployed superannuate is to begin, give public notice that the person is or will be retired and is seeking employment with the employer;

(2) Between fifteen and thirty days before the employment as a reemployed superannuate is to begin and after complying with division (B)(1) of this section, hold a public meeting on the issue of the person being employed by the employer.

The notice regarding division (B)(1) of this section shall include the time, date, and location at which the public meeting is to take place.

(C) The state teachers retirement board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

Sec. 3309.341. (A) As used in this section and section 3309.344 of the Revised Code:

(1) "SERS retirant" means any person who is receiving a retirement allowance from the school employees retirement system under section 3309.36, 3309.38, or 3309.381 of the Revised Code or any benefit paid under a plan established under section 3309.81 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Other system retirant" means a member or former member of the public employees retirement system, Ohio police and fire pension fund, state teachers retirement system, state highway patrol retirement system, or Cincinnati retirement system who is receiving age and service or commuted age and service retirement, or a disability benefit from a system of which the retirant is a member or former member.

(B)(1) ~~An~~ Subject to this section and section 3309.345 of the Revised Code, an SERS retirant or other system retirant may be employed by a public employer. If so employed, the SERS retirant or other system retirant shall contribute to the school employees retirement system in accordance with section 3309.47 of the Revised Code, and the employer shall make contributions in accordance with section 3309.49 of the Revised Code.

(2) An employer that employs an SERS retirant or other system retirant shall notify the retirement board of the employment not later than the end of the month in which the employment commences. On receipt of notice from an employer that a person who is an other system retirant has been employed, the school employees retirement system shall notify the state retirement system of which the other system retirant was a member of such employment.

(C) An SERS retirant or other system retirant who has received a

retirement allowance or disability benefit for less than two months when employment subject to this section commences shall forfeit the retirement allowance or disability benefit for any month the SERS retirant or other system retirant is employed prior to the expiration of the two-month period. Service and contributions for that period shall not be included in the calculation of any benefits payable to the SERS retirant or other system retirant, and those contributions shall be refunded on death or termination of the employment. Contributions made on compensation earned after the expiration of such period shall be used in the calculation of the benefit or payment due under section 3309.344 of the Revised Code.

(D) On receipt of notice from the Ohio police and fire pension fund, public employees retirement system, or state teachers retirement system of the re-employment of an SERS retirant, the school employees retirement system shall not pay, or if paid shall recover, the amount to be forfeited by the SERS retirant in accordance with section 145.38, 742.26, or 3307.35 of the Revised Code.

(E) An SERS retirant or other system retirant subject to this section is not a member of the school employees retirement system; does not have any of the rights, privileges, or obligations of membership, except as specified in this section; and is not eligible to receive health, medical, hospital, or surgical benefits under section 3309.69 of the Revised Code for employment subject to this section.

(F) If the disability benefit of an other system retirant employed under this section is terminated, the retirant shall become a member of the school employees retirement system, effective on the first day of the month next following the termination, with all the rights, privileges, and obligations of membership. If the retirant, after the termination of the disability benefit, earns two years of service credit under this retirement system or under the public employees retirement system, Ohio police and fire pension fund, state teachers retirement system, or state highway patrol retirement system, the retirant's prior contributions as an other system retirant under this section shall be included in the retirant's total service credit as a school employees retirement system member, and the retirant shall forfeit all rights and benefits of this section. Not more than one year of credit may be given for any period of twelve months.

(G) This section does not affect the receipt of benefits by or eligibility for benefits of any person who on August 29, 1976, was receiving a disability benefit or service retirement pension or allowance from a state or municipal retirement system in Ohio and was a member of any other state or municipal retirement system of this state.

(H) The school employees retirement board may adopt rules to carry out this section.

Sec. 3309.345. (A) This section applies in the case of a person who is or most recently has been employed by an employer in a position that is customarily filled by a vote of members of a board or commission.

(B) A board or commission that proposes to continue the employment as a reemployed retirant or rehire as a reemployed retirant to the same position an individual described in division (A) of this section shall do both of the following in accordance with rules adopted under division (C) of this section:

(1) Not less than sixty days before the employment as a reemployed retirant is to begin, give public notice that the person is or will be retired and is seeking employment with the employer;

(2) Between fifteen and thirty days before the employment as a reemployed retirant is to begin and after complying with division (B)(1) of this section, hold a public meeting on the issue of the person being employed by the employer.

The notice regarding division (B)(1) of this section shall include the time, date, and location at which the public meeting is to take place.

(C) The school employees retirement board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

Sec. 3311.05. (A) The territory within the territorial limits of a county, or the territory included in a district formed under either section 3311.053 or 3311.059 of the Revised Code, exclusive of the territory embraced in any city school district or exempted village school district, and excluding the territory detached therefrom for school purposes and including the territory attached thereto for school purposes constitutes an educational service center.

(B) A county school financing district created under section 3311.50 of the Revised Code is not the school district described in division (A) of this section or any other school district but is a taxing district.

Sec. 3311.059. The procedure prescribed in this section may be used in lieu of a transfer prescribed under section 3311.231 of the Revised Code.

(A) Subject to divisions (B) and (C) of this section, a board of education of a local school district may by a resolution approved by a majority of all its members propose to sever that local school district from the territory of the educational service center in which the local school district is currently included and to instead annex the local school district to the territory of another educational service center, the current territory of which is adjacent to the territory of the educational service center in which the local school

district is currently included. The resolution shall promptly be filed with the governing board of each educational service center affected by the resolution and with the superintendent of public instruction.

(B) The resolution adopted under division (A) of this section shall not be effective unless it is approved by both the governing board of the educational service center to which the board of education proposes to annex the local school district and the state board of education. The severance of the local school district from one educational service center and its annexation to another educational service center under this section shall not be effective until one year after the first day of July following the later of the date that the governing board of the educational service center to which the local school district is proposed to be annexed approves the resolution or the date the board of elections certifies the results of the referendum election as provided in division (C) of this section.

(C) Within sixty days following the date of the adoption of the resolution under division (A) of this section, the electors of the local school district may petition for a referendum vote on the resolution. The question whether to approve or disapprove the resolution shall be submitted to the electors of such school district if a number of qualified electors equal to twenty per cent of the number of electors in the school district who voted for the office of governor at the most recent general election for that office sign a petition asking that the question of whether the resolution shall be disapproved be submitted to the electors. The petition shall be filed with the board of elections of the county in which the school district is located. If the school district is located in more than one county, the petition shall be filed with the board of elections of the county in which the majority of the territory of the school district is located. The board shall certify the validity and sufficiency of the signatures on the petition.

The board of elections shall immediately notify the board of education of the local school district and the governing board of each educational service center affected by the resolution that the petition has been filed.

The effect of the resolution shall be stayed until the board of elections certifies the validity and sufficiency of the signatures on the petition. If the board of elections determines that the petition does not contain a sufficient number of valid signatures and sixty days have passed since the adoption of the resolution, the resolution shall become effective as provided in division (B) of this section.

If the board of elections certifies that the petition contains a sufficient number of valid signatures, the board shall submit the question to the qualified electors of the school district on the day of the next general or

primary election held at least seventy-five days after the board of elections certifies the validity and sufficiency of signatures on the petition. 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 board of education.

If a majority of the electors voting on the question disapprove the resolution, the resolution shall not become effective. If a majority of the electors voting on the question approve the resolution, the resolution shall become effective as provided in division (B) of this section.

(D) Upon the effective date of the severance of the local school district from one educational service center and its annexation to another educational service center as provided in division (B) of this section, the governing board of each educational service center shall take such steps for the election of members of the governing board and for organization of the governing board as prescribed in Chapter 3313. of the Revised Code.

(E) If a school district is severed from one educational service center and annexed to another service center under this section, the board of education of that school district shall not propose a subsequent severance and annexation action under this section that would be effective sooner than five years after the effective date of the next previous severance and annexation action under this section.

Sec. 3311.24. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, if the board of education of a city, exempted village, or local school district deems it advisable to transfer territory from such district to an adjoining city, exempted village, or local school district, or if a petition, signed by seventy-five per cent of the qualified electors residing within that portion of a city, exempted village, or local school district proposed to be transferred voting at the last general election, requests such a transfer, the board of education of the district in which such proposal originates shall file such proposal, together with a map showing the boundaries of the territory proposed to be transferred, with the state board of education prior to the first day of April in any even-numbered year. The state board of education may, if it is advisable, provide for a hearing in any suitable place in any of the school districts affected by such proposed transfer of territory. The state board of education or its representatives shall preside at any such hearing.

A board of education of a city, exempted village, or local school district that receives a petition of transfer under this division shall cause the board of elections to check the sufficiency of signatures on the petition.

Not later than the first day of September the state board of education shall either approve or disapprove a proposed transfer of territory filed with

it as provided by this section and shall notify, in writing, the boards of education of the districts affected by such proposed transfer of territory of its decision.

If the decision of the state board of education is an approval of the proposed transfer of territory then the board of education of the district in which the territory is located shall, within thirty days after receiving the state board of education's decision, adopt a resolution transferring the territory and shall forthwith submit a copy of such resolution to the treasurer of the board of education of the city, exempted village, or local school district to which the territory is transferred. Such transfer shall not be complete however, until:

(1) A resolution accepting the transfer has been passed by a majority vote of the full membership of the board of education of the city, exempted village, or local school district to which the territory is transferred;

(2) An equitable division of the funds and indebtedness between the districts involved has been made by the board of education making the transfer;

(3) A map showing the boundaries of the territory transferred has been filed, by the board of education accepting the transfer, with the county auditor of each county affected by the transfer.

When such transfer is complete the legal title of the school property in the territory transferred shall be vested in the board of education or governing board of the school district to which the territory is transferred.

(B) Whenever the transfer of territory pursuant to this section is initiated by a board of education, the board shall, before filing a proposal for transfer with the state board of education under this section, make a good faith effort to negotiate the terms of transfer with any other school district whose territory would be affected by the transfer. Before the state board may hold a hearing on the transfer, or approve or disapprove any such transfer, it must receive the following:

(1) A resolution requesting approval of the transfer, passed by the school district submitting the proposal;

(2) Evidence determined to be sufficient by the state board to show that good faith negotiations have taken place or that the district requesting the transfer has made a good faith effort to hold such negotiations;

(3) If any negotiations took place, a statement signed by all boards that participated in the negotiations, listing the terms agreed on and the points on which no agreement could be reached.

Negotiations held pursuant to this section shall be governed by the rules adopted by the state board under division (D) of section 3311.06 of the

Revised Code. Districts involved in a transfer under division (B) of this section may agree to share revenues from the property included in the territory to be transferred, establish cooperative programs between the participating districts, and establish mechanisms for the settlement of any future boundary disputes.

Sec. 3311.26. ~~A governing board of an educational service center~~ The state board of education may, by resolution adopted by majority vote of its full membership, propose the creation of a new local school district from one or more local school districts or parts thereof, including the creation of a local district with noncontiguous territory from one or more local school districts if one of those districts has entered into an agreement under section 3313.42 of the Revised Code. Such proposal shall include an accurate map showing the territory affected. After the adoption of the resolution, the ~~governing~~ state board shall file a copy of such proposal with the board of education of each school district whose boundaries would be altered by such proposal.

~~A governing board of a service center proposing~~ Upon the creation of a new district under this section, the state board shall at its next regular meeting that occurs not earlier than thirty days after the adoption by the ~~governing~~ state board of the resolution proposing such creation, adopt a resolution making the creation effective prior to the next succeeding first day of July, unless, prior to the expiration of such thirty-day period, qualified electors residing in the area included in such proposed new district, equal in number to thirty-five per cent of the qualified electors voting at the last general election, file a petition of referendum against the creation of the proposed new district.

A petition of referendum filed under this section shall be filed at the office of the ~~educational service center~~ state superintendent of public instruction. The person presenting the petition shall be given a receipt containing thereon the time of day, the date, and the purpose of the petition.

If a petition of referendum is filed, the ~~governing~~ state board shall, at the next regular meeting of the ~~governing~~ state board, certify the proposal to the board 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 seventy-five days after the date of such certification, or at a special election, the date of which shall be specified in the certification, which date shall not be less than seventy-five days after the date of such certification.

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 such question to the electors

of the county or counties qualified 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 board of education.

The persons qualified to vote upon a proposal are the electors residing in the proposed new districts.

If the proposed district be approved by at least a majority of the electors voting on the proposal, the ~~governing~~ state board shall then create such new district prior to the next succeeding first day of July~~, and shall so notify the state board of education~~.

Upon the creation of such district, the indebtedness of each former district becoming in its entirety a part of the new district shall be assumed in full by the new district. Upon the creation of such district, that part of the net indebtedness of each former district becoming only in part a part of the new district shall be assumed by the new district which bears the same ratio to the entire net indebtedness of the former district as the assessed valuation of the part taken by the new district bears to the entire assessed valuation of the former district as fixed on the effective date of transfer. As used in this section, "net indebtedness" means the difference between the par value of the outstanding and unpaid bonds and notes of the school district and the amount held in the sinking fund and other indebtedness retirement funds for their redemption. Upon the creation of such district, the funds of each former district becoming in its entirety a part of the new district shall be paid over in full to the new district. Upon the creation of such district, the funds of each former district becoming only in part a part of the new district shall be divided equitably by the ~~governing~~ state board between the new district and that part of the former district not included in the new district as such funds existed on the effective date of the creation of the new district.

The ~~governing~~ state board shall, following the election, file with the county auditor of each county affected by the creation of a new district an accurate map showing the boundaries of such newly created district.

When a new local school district is so created ~~within an educational service center~~, a board of education for such newly created district shall be appointed by the ~~educational service center governing~~ state board. The members of such appointed board of education shall hold their office until their successors are elected and qualified. A board of education shall be elected for such newly created district at the next general election held in an odd numbered year occurring more than thirty days after the appointment of the board of education of such newly created district. At such election two members shall be elected for a term of two years and three members shall be

elected for a term of four years, and, thereafter, their successors shall be elected in the same manner and for the same terms as members of the board of education of a local school district.

When the new district consists of territory lying in two or more counties, the state board shall determine to which educational service center the new district shall be assigned.

The legal title of all property of the board of education in the territory taken shall become vested in the board of education of the newly created school district.

Foundation program moneys accruing to a district created under the provisions of this section or previous section 3311.26 of the Revised Code, shall not be less, in any year during the next succeeding three years following the creation, than the sum of the amounts received by the districts separately in the year in which the creation of the district became effective.

If, prior to the effective date of this amendment, a local school district board of education or a group of individuals requests the governing board of an educational service center to consider proposing the creation of a new local school district, the governing board, at any time during the one-year period following the date that request is made, may adopt a resolution proposing the creation of a new local school district in response to that request and in accordance with the first paragraph of the version of this section in effect prior to the effective date of this amendment. If the governing board so proposes within that one-year period, the governing board may proceed to create the new local school district as it proposed, in accordance with the version of this section in effect prior to the effective date of this amendment, subject to the provisions of that version authorizing a petition and referendum on the matter.

Consolidations of school districts which include all of the schools of a county and which become effective on or after July 1, 1959, shall be governed and included under this section.

Sec. 3313.843. (A) Notwithstanding division (D) of section 3311.52 of the Revised Code, this section does not apply to either of the following:

(1) Any cooperative education school district;

(2) Any city or exempted village school district with a total student count of thirteen thousand or more determined pursuant to section 3317.03 of the Revised Code that has not entered into one or more agreements pursuant to this section prior to July 1, 1993, unless the district's total student count did not exceed thirteen thousand at the time it entered into an initial agreement under this section.

(B) The board of education of a city or exempted village school district

and the governing board of an educational service center with territory in a county in which the city or exempted village school district also has territory may enter into an agreement, through adoption of identical resolutions, under which the educational service center governing board will provide services to the city or exempted village school district.

Services provided under the agreement shall be specified in the agreement, and may include any one or a combination of the following: supervisory teachers; in-service and continuing education programs for city or exempted village school district personnel; curriculum services as provided to the local school districts under the supervision of the service center governing board; research and development programs; academic instruction for which the governing board employs teachers pursuant to section 3319.02 of the Revised Code; and assistance in the provision of special accommodations and classes for handicapped students. Services included in the agreement shall be provided to the city or exempted village district in the same manner they are provided to local school districts under the governing board's supervision, unless otherwise specified in the agreement. The city or exempted village board of education shall reimburse the educational service center governing board pursuant to section 3317.11 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) If an educational service center received funding under division (B) of former section 3317.11 or division (F) of section 3317.11 of the Revised Code for an agreement under this section involving a city school district whose total student count was less than thirteen thousand, the service center may continue to receive funding under that division for such an agreement in any subsequent year if the city district's total student count exceeds thirteen thousand. However, only the first thirteen thousand pupils in the formula ADM of such district shall be included in determining the amount of the per pupil subsidy the service center shall receive under division ~~(B)~~(F) of section 3317.11 of the Revised Code.

(2) If, prior to ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ July 1, 1998, an educational service center received funding under division (B) of former section 3317.11 of the Revised Code for a period of at least three years, for a good faith agreement under this section involving a city school district with no territory in the county in which the educational service center has territory, that educational service center and that city school district may enter into an agreement under this section, and the service center shall receive funding under division ~~(B)~~(F) of section 3317.11 of the Revised Code for any such agreement, notwithstanding the territorial boundaries of the service center and the city school district.

(D) Any agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall be valid only if a copy is filed with the department of education by the first day of the school year for which the agreement is in effect.

Sec. 3313.975. As used in this section and in sections 3313.975 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code, "the pilot project school district" or "the district" means any school district included in the pilot project scholarship program pursuant to this section.

(A) The superintendent of public instruction shall establish a pilot project scholarship program and shall include in such program any school districts that are or have ever been under federal court order requiring supervision and operational management of the district by the state superintendent. The program shall provide for a number of students residing in any such district to receive scholarships to attend alternative schools, and for an equal number of students to receive tutorial assistance grants while attending public school in any such district.

(B) The state superintendent shall establish an application process and deadline for accepting applications from students residing in the district to participate in the scholarship program. In the initial year of the program students may only use a scholarship to attend school in grades kindergarten through third.

The state superintendent shall award as many scholarships and tutorial assistance grants as can be funded given the amount appropriated for the program. In no case, however, shall more than fifty per cent of all scholarships awarded be used by students who were enrolled in a nonpublic school during the school year of application for a scholarship.

(C)(1) The pilot project program shall continue in effect each year that the general assembly has appropriated sufficient money to fund scholarships and tutorial assistance grants. In each year the program continues, no new students may receive scholarships unless they are enrolled in grade kindergarten, one, two, or three. However, any student who has received a scholarship the preceding year may continue to receive one until the student has completed grade eight. Beginning in the 2003-2004 academic year, a student who previously has received a scholarship may receive a scholarship in grade nine. Beginning in the 2004-2005 academic year, a student who previously has received a scholarship may receive a scholarship in grade ten.

(2) If the general assembly discontinues the scholarship program, all students who are attending an alternative school under the pilot project shall be entitled to continued admittance to that specific school through all grades up to the ~~eighth~~ tenth grade that are provided in such school, under the same

conditions as when they were participating in the pilot project. The state superintendent shall continue to make scholarship payments in accordance with division (A) or (B) of section 3313.979 of the Revised Code for students who remain enrolled in an alternative school under this provision in any year that funds have been appropriated for this purpose.

If funds are not appropriated, the tuition charged to the parents of a student who remains enrolled in an alternative school under this provision shall not be increased beyond the amount equal to the amount of the scholarship plus any additional amount charged that student's parent in the most recent year of attendance as a participant in the pilot project, except that tuition for all the students enrolled in such school may be increased by the same percentage.

(D) Notwithstanding sections 124.39, 3307.54, and 3319.17 of the Revised Code, if the pilot project school district experiences a decrease in enrollment due to participation in a state-sponsored scholarship program pursuant to sections 3313.974 to 3313.979 of the Revised Code, the district board of education may enter into an agreement with any teacher it employs to provide to that teacher severance pay or early retirement incentives, or both, if the teacher agrees to terminate the employment contract with the district board, provided any collective bargaining agreement in force pursuant to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code does not prohibit such an agreement for termination of a teacher's employment contract.

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 is located within the boundaries 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 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;

(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) ~~The~~ For students in grades kindergarten through eight, the school agrees not to charge any tuition to low-income families ~~participating in~~ receiving ninety per cent of the scholarship amount through the scholarship program, pursuant to division (A) of section 3313.978 of the Revised Code, in excess of ten per cent 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. The school shall permit any such tuition, at the discretion of the parent, to be satisfied by the low-income family's provision of in-kind contributions or services.

(9) For students in grades kindergarten through eight, the school agrees not to charge any tuition to low-income families receiving a seventy-five per cent scholarship amount through the scholarship program, pursuant to division (A) of section 3313.978 of the Revised Code, in excess of the difference between the actual tuition charge of the school and seventy-five per cent 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. The school shall permit such tuition, at the discretion of the parent, to be satisfied by the low-income 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 and ten receiving a scholarship in excess of the actual tuition charge of the school less seventy-five or ninety per cent of the scholarship amount established pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 3313.978 of the Revised Code, as applicable, excluding any increase described in division (C)(2) of that section.

(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. 3313.977. (A)(1) Each registered private school shall admit students to kindergarten and first, second, and third grades in accordance with the following priorities:

(a) Students who were enrolled in the school during the preceding year;

(b) Siblings of students enrolled in the school during the preceding year, at the discretion of the school;

(c) Children from low-income families attending school or residing in the school district in which the school is located until the number of such students in each grade equals the number that constituted twenty per cent of the total number of students enrolled in the school during the preceding year in such grade. Admission of such twenty per cent shall be by lot from among all low-income family applicants who apply prior to the fifteenth day of February prior to admission.

(d) All other applicants residing anywhere, provided that all remaining available spaces shall be filled from among such applicants by lot.

Children from low-income families not selected by lot under division (A)(1)(c) of this section shall be included in the lottery of all remaining applicants pursuant to division (A)(1)(d) of this section.

(2) Each registered private school shall first admit to grades four through ~~eight~~ ten students who were enrolled in the school during the preceding year. Any remaining spaces for students in these grades may be filled as determined by the school.

(B) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, except where otherwise prohibited by federal law, a registered private school may elect to admit students of only one gender and may deny admission to any separately educated handicapped student.

(C) If a scholarship student who has been accepted in accordance with this section fails to enroll in the school for any reason or withdraws from the school during the school year for any reason, the school may elect to replace such student with another scholarship student only by first offering the admission to any low-income scholarship students who filed applications by the preceding fifteenth day of February and who were not accepted at that

time due to space limitations.

Sec. 3313.978. (A) Annually by the first day of November, the superintendent of public instruction shall notify the pilot project school district of the number of initial scholarships that the state superintendent will be awarding in each of grades kindergarten through third.

The state superintendent shall provide information about the scholarship program to all students residing in the district, shall accept applications from any such students until such date as shall be established by the state superintendent as a deadline for applications, and shall establish criteria for the selection of students to receive scholarships from among all those applying prior to the deadline, which criteria shall give preference to students from low-income families. For each student selected, the state superintendent shall also determine whether the student qualifies for seventy-five or ninety per cent of the scholarship amount. Students whose family income is at or above two hundred per cent of the maximum income level established by the state superintendent for low-income families shall qualify for seventy-five per cent of the scholarship amount and students whose family income is below two hundred per cent of that maximum income level shall qualify for ninety per cent of the scholarship amount. The state superintendent shall notify students of their selection prior to the fifteenth day of January and whether they qualify for seventy-five or ninety per cent of the scholarship amount.

(1) A student receiving a pilot project scholarship may utilize it at an alternative public school by notifying the district superintendent, at any time before the beginning of the school year, of the name of the public school in an adjacent school district to which the student has been accepted pursuant to section 3327.06 of the Revised Code.

(2) A student may decide to utilize a pilot project scholarship at a registered private school in the district if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) By the fifteenth day of February of the preceding school year, or at any time prior to the start of the school year, the parent makes an application on behalf of the student to a registered private school.

(b) The registered private school notifies the parent and the state superintendent as follows that the student has been admitted:

(i) By the fifteenth day of March of the preceding school year if the student filed an application by the fifteenth day of February and was admitted by the school pursuant to division (A) of section 3313.977 of the Revised Code;

(ii) Within one week of the decision to admit the student if the student is

admitted pursuant to division (C) of section 3313.977 of the Revised Code.

(c) The student actually enrolls in the registered private school to which the student was first admitted or in another registered private school in the district or in a public school in an adjacent school district.

(B) The state superintendent shall also award in any school year tutorial assistance grants to a number of students equal to the number of students who receive scholarships under division (A) of this section. Tutorial assistance grants shall be awarded solely to students who are enrolled in the public schools of the district in a grade level covered by the pilot project. Tutorial assistance grants may be used solely to obtain tutorial assistance from a provider approved pursuant to division (D) of section 3313.976 of the Revised Code.

All students wishing to obtain tutorial assistance grants shall make application to the state superintendent by the first day of the school year in which the assistance will be used. The state superintendent shall award assistance grants in accordance with criteria the superintendent shall establish. For each student awarded a grant, the state superintendent shall also determine whether the student qualifies for seventy-five or ninety per cent of the grant amount and so notify the student. Students whose family income is at or above two hundred per cent of the maximum income level established by the state superintendent for low-income families shall qualify for seventy-five per cent of the grant amount and students whose family income is below two hundred per cent of that maximum income level shall qualify for ninety per cent of the grant amount.

(C)(1) In the case of basic scholarships <u>for students in grades kindergarten through eight</u>, the scholarship amount shall not exceed the lesser of the tuition charges of the alternative school the scholarship recipient attends or an amount established by the state superintendent not in excess of ~~twenty-five hundred~~ <u>three thousand</u> dollars.

<u>In the case of basic scholarships for students in grades nine and ten, the scholarship amount shall not exceed the lesser of the tuition charges of the alternative school the scholarship recipient attends or an amount established by the state superintendent not in excess of two thousand seven hundred dollars.</u>

(2) The state superintendent shall provide for an increase in the basic scholarship amount in the case of any student who is a mainstreamed handicapped student and shall further increase such amount in the case of any separately educated handicapped child. Such increases shall take into account the instruction, related services, and transportation costs of educating such students.

(3) In the case of tutorial assistance grants, the grant amount shall not exceed the lesser of the provider's actual charges for such assistance or a percentage established by the state superintendent, not to exceed twenty per cent, of the amount of the pilot project school district's average basic scholarship amount.

(4) No scholarship or tutorial assistance grant shall be awarded unless the state superintendent determines that twenty-five or ten per cent, as applicable, of the amount specified for such scholarship or grant pursuant to division (C)(1), (2), or (3) of this section will be furnished by a political subdivision, a private nonprofit or for profit entity, or another person. Only seventy-five or ninety per cent of such amounts, as applicable, shall be paid from state funds pursuant to section 3313.979 of the Revised Code.

(D)(1) Annually by the first day of November, the state superintendent shall estimate the maximum per-pupil scholarship amounts for the ensuing school year. The state superintendent shall make this estimate available to the general public at the offices of the district board of education together with the forms required by division (D)(2) of this section.

(2) Annually by the fifteenth day of January, the chief administrator of each registered private school located in the pilot project district and the principal of each public school in such district shall complete a parental information form and forward it to the president of the board of education. The parental information form shall be prescribed by the department of education and shall provide information about the grade levels offered, the numbers of students, tuition amounts, achievement test results, and any sectarian or other organizational affiliations.

Sec. 3313.979. Each scholarship ~~or grant~~ to be used for payments to a registered private school ~~or to an approved tutorial assistance provider~~ is payable to the parents of the student entitled to the scholarship ~~or grant~~. Each scholarship to be used for payments to a public school in an adjacent school district is payable to the school district of attendance by the superintendent of public instruction. Each grant to be used for payments to an approved tutorial assistance provider is payable to the approved tutorial assistance provider.

(A)(1) By the fifteenth day of each month of the school year that any scholarship students are enrolled in a registered private school, the chief administrator of that school shall notify the state superintendent of:

(a) The number of students who were reported to the school district as having been admitted by that private school pursuant to division (A)(2)(b) of section 3313.978 of the Revised Code and who were still enrolled in the private school as of the first day of such month, and the numbers of such

students who qualify for seventy-five and ninety per cent of the scholarship amount;

(b) The number of students who were reported to the school district as having been admitted by another private school pursuant to division (A)(2)(b) of section 3313.978 of the Revised Code and since the date of admission have transferred to the school providing the notification under division (A)(1) of this section, and the numbers of such students who qualify for seventy-five and ninety per cent of the scholarship amount.

(2) From time to time, the state superintendent shall make a payment to the parent of each student entitled to a scholarship. Each payment shall include for each student reported under division (A)(1) of this section, a portion of seventy-five or ninety per cent, as applicable, of the scholarship amount specified in divisions (C)(1) and (2) of section 3313.978 of the Revised Code. This amount shall be proportionately reduced in the case of any such student who is not enrolled in a registered private school for the entire school year.

(3) The first payment under this division shall be made by the last day of November and shall equal one-third of seventy-five or ninety per cent, as applicable, of the estimated total amount that will be due to the parent for the school year pursuant to division (A)(2) of this section.

(B) The state superintendent, on behalf of the parents of a scholarship student enrolled in a public school in an adjacent school district pursuant to section 3327.06 of the Revised Code, shall make the tuition payments required by that section to the school district admitting the student, except that, notwithstanding sections 3323.13, 3323.14, and 3327.06 of the Revised Code, the total payments in any school year shall not exceed seventy-five or ninety per cent, as applicable, of the scholarship amount provided in divisions (C)(1) and (2) of section 3313.978 of the Revised Code.

(C) Whenever an approved provider provides tutorial assistance to a student, the state superintendent shall pay the ~~parent~~ approved provider for such costs upon receipt of a statement ~~from the parent~~ specifying the services provided and the costs of the services, which statement shall be signed by the provider and verified by the chief administrator having supervisory control over the tutoring site. The total payments to any ~~parent~~ approved provider under this division for all provider services to any individual student in any school year shall not exceed seventy-five or ninety per cent, as applicable, of the grant amount provided in division (C)(3) of section 3313.978 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3313.981. (A) The state board shall adopt rules requiring all of the following:

(1) The board of education of each city, exempted village, and local school district to annually report to the department of education all of the following:

(a) The number of adjacent district or other district students, as applicable, and adjacent district or other district joint vocational students, as applicable, enrolled in the district and the number of native students enrolled in adjacent or other districts, in accordance with a policy adopted under division (B) of section 3313.98 of the Revised Code;

(b) Each adjacent district or other district student's or adjacent district or other district joint vocational student's date of enrollment in the district;

(c) The full-time equivalent number of adjacent district or other district students enrolled in vocational education programs or classes described in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code and the full-time equivalent number of such students enrolled in vocational education programs or classes described in division (B) of that section;

(d) Each native student's date of enrollment in an adjacent or other district.

(2) The board of education of each joint vocational school district to annually report to the department all of the following:

(a) The number of adjacent district or other district joint vocational students, as applicable, enrolled in the district;

(b) The full-time equivalent number of adjacent district or other district joint vocational students enrolled in vocational education programs or classes described in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code and the full-time equivalent number of such students enrolled in vocational education programs or classes described in division (B) of that section;

(c) For each adjacent district or other district joint vocational student, the city, exempted village, or local school district in which the student is also enrolled.

(3) Prior to the first full school week in October each year, the superintendent of each city, local, or exempted village school district that admits adjacent district or other district students or adjacent district or other district joint vocational students in accordance with a policy adopted under division (B) of section 3313.98 of the Revised Code to notify each adjacent or other district where those students are entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code of the number of the adjacent or other district's native students who are enrolled in the superintendent's district under the policy.

The rules shall provide for the method of counting students who are enrolled for part of a school year in an adjacent or other district or as an

adjacent district or other district joint vocational student.

(B) From the payments made to a city, exempted village, or local school district under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code, the department of education shall annually subtract both of the following:

(1) An amount equal to the number of the district's native students reported under division (A)(1) of this section who are enrolled in adjacent or other school districts pursuant to policies adopted by such districts under division (B) of section 3313.98 of the Revised Code multiplied by the adjusted formula amount for the district;

(2) The excess costs computed in accordance with division (E) of this section for any such native students receiving special education and related services in adjacent or other school districts or as an adjacent district or other district joint vocational student;

(3) For the full-time equivalent number of the district's native students reported under division (A)(1)(c) or (2)(b) of this section as enrolled in vocational education programs or classes described in section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, an amount equal to the formula amount times the applicable multiple prescribed by that section.

(C) To the payments made to a city, exempted village, or local school district under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code, the department of education shall annually add all of the following:

(1) An amount equal to the adjusted formula amount for the district multiplied by the remainder obtained by subtracting the number of adjacent district or other district joint vocational students from the number of adjacent district or other district students enrolled in the district, as reported under division (A)(1) of this section;

(2) The excess costs computed in accordance with division (E) of this section for any adjacent district or other district students, except for any adjacent or other district joint vocational students, receiving special education and related services in the district;

(3) For the full-time equivalent number of the adjacent or other district students who are not adjacent district or other district joint vocational students and are reported under division (A)(1)(c) of this section as enrolled in vocational education programs or classes described in section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, an amount equal to the formula amount times the applicable multiple prescribed by that section;

(4) An amount equal to the number of adjacent district or other district joint vocational students reported under division (A)(1) of this section multiplied by an amount equal to ~~one-fourth~~ twenty per cent of the adjusted formula amount for the district.

(D) To the payments made to a joint vocational school district under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code, the department of education shall add, for each adjacent district or other district joint vocational student reported under division (A)(2) of this section, both of the following:

(1) An amount equal to the adjusted formula amount of the city, exempted village, or local school district in which the student is also enrolled;

(2) An amount equal to the full-time equivalent number of students reported pursuant to division (A)(2)(b) of this section times the formula amount times the applicable multiple prescribed by section 3317.014 of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) A city, exempted village, or local school board providing special education and related services to an adjacent or other district student in accordance with an IEP shall, pursuant to rules of the state board, compute the excess costs to educate such student as follows:

(a) Subtract the adjusted formula amount for the district from the actual costs to educate the student;

(b) From the amount computed under division (E)(1)(a) of this section subtract the amount of any funds received by the district under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code to provide special education and related services to the student.

(2) The board shall report the excess costs computed under this division to the department of education.

(3) If any student for whom excess costs are computed under division (E)(1) of this section is an adjacent or other district joint vocational student, the department of education shall add the amount of such excess costs to the payments made under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code to the joint vocational school district enrolling the student.

(F) As provided in division (D)(1)(b) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code, no joint vocational school district shall count any adjacent or other district joint vocational student enrolled in the district in its formula ADM certified under section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(G) No city, exempted village, or local school district shall receive a payment under division (C) of this section for a student, and no joint vocational school district shall receive a payment under division (D) of this section for a student, if for the same school year that student is counted in the district's formula ADM certified under section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(H) Upon request of a parent, and provided the board offers transportation to native students of the same grade level and distance from

school under section 3327.01 of the Revised Code, a city, exempted village, or local school board enrolling an adjacent or other district student shall provide transportation for the student within the boundaries of the board's district, except that the board shall be required to pick up and drop off a nonhandicapped student only at a regular school bus stop designated in accordance with the board's transportation policy. Pursuant to rules of the state board of education, such board may reimburse the parent from funds received under division (D) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code for the reasonable cost of transportation from the student's home to the designated school bus stop if the student's family has an income below the federal poverty line.

Sec. 3314.02. (A) As used in this chapter:

(1) "Sponsor" means an entity listed in division (C)(1) of this section, which has been approved by the department of education to sponsor community schools and with which the governing authority of the proposed community school enters into a contract pursuant to this section.

(2) "Pilot project area" means the school districts included in the territory of the former community school pilot project established by former Section 50.52 of Am. Sub. H.B. No. 215 of the 122nd general assembly.

(3) "Challenged school district" means any of the following:

(a) A school district that is part of the pilot project area;

(b) A school district that is either in a state of academic emergency or in a state of academic watch under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code;

(c) A big eight school district;

(d) An urban school district.

(4) "Big eight school district" means a school district that for fiscal year 1997 had both of the following:

(a) A percentage of children residing in the district and participating in the predecessor of Ohio works first greater than thirty per cent, as reported pursuant to section 3317.10 of the Revised Code;

(b) An average daily membership greater than twelve thousand, as reported pursuant to former division (A) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(5) "New start-up school" means a community school other than one created by converting all or part of an existing public school, as designated in the school's contract pursuant to division (A)(17) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Urban school district" means one of the state's twenty-one urban school districts as defined in division (O) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code as that section existed prior to July 1, 1998.

(7) "Internet- or computer-based community school" means a community school established under this chapter in which the enrolled students work primarily from their residences on assignments in non-classroom-based learning opportunities provided via an internet- or other computer-based instructional method that does not rely on regular classroom instruction or via comprehensive instructional methods that include internet-based, other computer-based, and non-computer-based learning opportunities.

(B) Any person or group of individuals may initially propose under this division the conversion of all or a portion of a public school to a community school. The proposal shall be made to the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district in which the public school is proposed to be converted. Upon receipt of a proposal, a board may enter into a preliminary agreement with the person or group proposing the conversion of the public school, indicating the intention of the board of education to support the conversion to a community school. A proposing person or group that has a preliminary agreement under this division may proceed to finalize plans for the school, establish a governing authority for the school, and negotiate a contract with the board of education. Provided the proposing person or group adheres to the preliminary agreement and all provisions of this chapter, the board of education shall negotiate in good faith to enter into a contract in accordance with section 3314.03 of the Revised Code and division (C) of this section.

(C)(1) Any person or group of individuals may propose under this division the establishment of a new start-up school to be located in a challenged school district. The proposal may be made to any of the following entities:

(a) The board of education of the district in which the school is proposed to be located;

(b) The board of education of any joint vocational school district with territory in the county in which is located the majority of the territory of the district in which the school is proposed to be located;

(c) The board of education of any other city, local, or exempted village school district having territory in the same county where the district in which the school is proposed to be located has the major portion of its territory;

(d) The governing board of any educational service center ~~as long as the proposed school will be located in a county within the territory of the service center or in a county contiguous to such county~~;

(e) A sponsoring authority designated by the board of trustees of any of

the thirteen state universities listed in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code or the board of trustees itself as long as a mission of the proposed school to be specified in the contract under division (A)(2) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code and as approved by the department of education under division (B)(2) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code will be the practical demonstration of teaching methods, educational technology, or other teaching practices that are included in the curriculum of the university's teacher preparation program approved by the state board of education;

(f) Any qualified tax-exempt entity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as long as all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) The entity has been in operation for at least five years prior to applying to be a community school sponsor.

(ii) The entity has assets of at least five hundred thousand dollars.

(iii) The department of education has determined that the entity is an education-oriented entity under division (B)(3) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code.

Until July 1, 2005, any entity described in division (C)(1)(f) of this section may sponsor only schools that formerly were sponsored by the state board of education under division (C)(1)(d) of this section, as it existed prior to April 8, 2003. After July 1, 2005, such entity may sponsor any new or existing school.

Any entity described in division (C)(1) of this section may enter into a preliminary agreement pursuant to division (C)(2) of this section with the proposing person or group.

(2) A preliminary agreement indicates the intention of an entity described in division (C)(1) of this section to sponsor the community school. A proposing person or group that has such a preliminary agreement may proceed to finalize plans for the school, establish a governing authority as described in division (E) of this section for the school, and negotiate a contract with the entity. Provided the proposing person or group adheres to the preliminary agreement and all provisions of this chapter, the entity shall negotiate in good faith to enter into a contract in accordance with section 3314.03 of the Revised Code.

(3) A new start-up school that is established in a school district while that district is either in a state of academic emergency or in a state of academic watch under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code may continue in existence once the school district is no longer in a state of academic emergency or academic watch, provided there is a valid contract between the school and a sponsor.

(4) A copy of every preliminary agreement entered into under this division shall be filed with the superintendent of public instruction.

(D) A majority vote of the board of a sponsoring entity and a majority vote of the members of the governing authority of a community school shall be required to adopt a contract and convert the public school to a community school or establish the new start-up school. Up to the statewide limit prescribed in section 3314.013 of the Revised Code, an unlimited number of community schools may be established in any school district provided that a contract is entered into for each community school pursuant to this chapter.

(E) As used in this division, "immediate relatives" are limited to spouses, children, parents, grandparents, siblings, and in-laws.

Each new start-up community school established under this chapter shall be under the direction of a governing authority which shall consist of a board of not less than five individuals who are not owners or employees, or immediate relatives of owners or employees, of any for-profit firm that operates or manages a school for the governing authority.

No person shall serve on the governing authority or operate the community school under contract with the governing authority so long as the person owes the state any money or is in a dispute over whether the person owes the state any money concerning the operation of a community school that has closed.

(F) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit the establishment of a community school in more than one school district under the same contract.

Sec. 3314.03. A copy of every contract entered into under this section shall be filed with the superintendent of public instruction.

(A) Each contract entered into between a sponsor and the governing authority of a community school shall specify the following:

(1) That the school shall be established as either of the following:

(a) A nonprofit corporation established under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, if established prior to ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ April 8, 2003;

(b) A public benefit corporation established under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, if established after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ April 8, 2003;

(2) The education program of the school, including the school's mission, the characteristics of the students the school is expected to attract, the ages and grades of students, and the focus of the curriculum;

(3) The academic goals to be achieved and the method of measurement that will be used to determine progress toward those goals, which shall

include the statewide achievement tests;

(4) Performance standards by which the success of the school will be evaluated by the sponsor;

(5) The admission standards of section 3314.06 of the Revised Code;

(6)(a) Dismissal procedures;

(b) A requirement that the governing authority adopt an attendance policy that includes a procedure for automatically withdrawing a student from the school if the student without a legitimate excuse fails to participate in one hundred five ~~cumulative~~ consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the student. Such a policy shall provide for withdrawing the student by the end of the thirtieth day after the student has failed to participate as required under this division.

(7) The ways by which the school will achieve racial and ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves;

(8) Requirements for financial audits by the auditor of state. The contract shall require financial records of the school to be maintained in the same manner as are financial records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the auditor of state, and the audits shall be conducted in accordance with section 117.10 of the Revised Code.

(9) The facilities to be used and their locations;

(10) Qualifications of teachers, including a requirement that the school's classroom teachers be licensed in accordance with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code, except that a community school may engage noncertificated persons to teach up to twelve hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code;

(11) That the school will comply with the following requirements:

(a) The school will provide learning opportunities to a minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred twenty hours per school year;

(b) The governing authority will purchase liability insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of the school;

(c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or religious institution;

(d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.358, 2151.421, 2313.18, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3313.50, 3313.608, 3313.6012, 3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.67, 3313.671, 3313.672, 3313.673, 3313.69, 3313.71, 3313.716, 3313.80, 3313.96, 3319.073, 3319.321, 3319.39, 3321.01, 3321.13, 3321.14, 3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 3321.191, 3327.10,

4111.17, 4113.52, and 5705.391 and Chapters 117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a school district and will comply with section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code in the manner specified in section 3314.17 of the Revised Code;

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. of the Revised Code except that nothing in that chapter shall prohibit a member of the school's governing board from also being an employee of the school and nothing in that chapter or section 2921.42 of the Revised Code shall prohibit a member of the school's governing board from having an interest in a contract into which the governing board enters that is not a contract with a for-profit firm for the operation or management of a school under the auspices of the governing authority;

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 3313.611, and 3313.614 of the Revised Code, except that the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXIII of the Revised Code or any rules of the state board of education;

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four months after the end of each school year a report of its activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of divisions (A)(3) and (4) of this section and its financial status to the sponsor, the parents of all students enrolled in the school, and the legislative office of education oversight. The school will collect and provide any data that the legislative office of education oversight requests in furtherance of any study or research that the general assembly requires the office to conduct, including the studies required under Section 50.39 of Am. Sub. H.B. 215 of the 122nd general assembly and Section 50.52.2 of Am. Sub. H.B. 215 of the 122nd general assembly, as amended.

(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits to employees;

(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division (E) of this section.

(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract;

(15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year. The plan shall specify for each year the base formula amount that will be used for purposes of funding

calculations under section 3314.08 of the Revised Code. This base formula amount for any year shall not exceed the formula amount defined under section 3317.02 of the Revised Code. The plan may also specify for any year a percentage figure to be used for reducing the per pupil amount of disadvantaged pupil impact aid calculated pursuant to section 3317.029 of the Revised Code the school is to receive that year under section 3314.08 of the Revised Code.

(16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition of employees of the school in the event the contract is terminated or not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the Revised Code;

(17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all or part of an existing public school or is to be a new start-up school, and if it is a converted public school, specification of any duties or responsibilities of an employer that the board of education that operated the school before conversion is delegating to the governing board of the community school with respect to all or any specified group of employees provided the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining agreement applicable to such employees;

(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the governing authority of the community school;

(19) A provision requiring the governing authority to adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside outside the district in which the school is located. That policy shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in section 3314.06 of the Revised Code and, at the sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following:

(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside the district in which the school is located;

(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in districts adjacent to the district in which the school is located;

(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any other district in the state.

(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the department of education to take over the sponsorship of the school in accordance with the provisions of division (C) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code;

(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code;

(22) A provision recognizing both of the following:

(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to inspect the

facilities of the school and to order the facilities closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in compliance with health and safety laws and regulations;

(b) The authority of the department of education as the community school oversight body to suspend the operation of the school under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the department has evidence of conditions or violations of law at the school that pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's students and employees and the sponsor refuses to take such action;

(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will be offered to students including both classroom-based and non-classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance with criteria for student participation established by the department under division (L)(2) of section 3314.08 of the Revised Code.

(B) The community school shall also submit to the sponsor a comprehensive plan for the school. The plan shall specify the following:

(1) The process by which the governing authority of the school will be selected in the future;

(2) The management and administration of the school;

(3) If the community school is a currently existing public school, alternative arrangements for current public school students who choose not to attend the school and teachers who choose not to teach in the school after conversion;

(4) The instructional program and educational philosophy of the school;

(5) Internal financial controls.

(C) A contract entered into under section 3314.02 of the Revised Code between a sponsor and the governing authority of a community school may provide for the community school governing authority to make payments to the sponsor, which is hereby authorized to receive such payments as set forth in the contract between the governing authority and the sponsor. The total amount of such payments for oversight and monitoring of the school shall not exceed three per cent of the total amount of payments for operating expenses that the school receives from the state.

(D) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered into with the department of education under division (B) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code and shall include the following:

(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the contract;

(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal performance and the

organization and operation of the community school on at least an annual basis;

(3) Report on an annual basis the results of the evaluation conducted under division (D)(2) of this section to the department of education and to the parents of students enrolled in the community school;

(4) Provide technical assistance to the community school in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the contract;

(5) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor;

(6) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the event the community school experiences financial difficulties or closes prior to the end of a school year.

(E) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the academic goals prescribed in the contract have been satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, and 3314.073 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3314.041. The governing authority of each community school and any operator of such school shall ~~place in a conspicuous manner in all documents that are distributed~~ distribute to parents of students of the school ~~or to the general public~~ upon their enrollment in the school the following statement in writing:

"The ..... (here fill in name of the school) school is a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code. The school is a public school and students enrolled in and attending the school are required to take proficiency tests and other examinations prescribed by law. In addition, there may be other requirements for students at the school that are prescribed by law. Students who have been excused from the compulsory attendance law for the purpose of home education as defined by the Administrative Code shall no longer be excused for that purpose upon their enrollment in a community school. For more information about this matter contact the school administration or the Ohio Department of Education."

Sec. 3314.07. (A) The expiration of the contract for a community school between a sponsor and a school shall be the date provided in the contract. A successor contract may be entered into pursuant to division (E) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code unless the contract is terminated or not renewed pursuant to this section.

(B)(1) A sponsor may choose not to renew a contract at its expiration or may choose to terminate a contract prior to its expiration for any of the following reasons:

(a) Failure to meet student performance requirements stated in the contract;

(b) Failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management;

(c) Violation of any provision of the contract or applicable state or federal law;

(d) Other good cause.

(2) A sponsor may choose to terminate a contract prior to its expiration if the sponsor has suspended the operation of the contract under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code.

(3) At least ninety days prior to the termination or nonrenewal of a contract, the sponsor shall notify the school of the proposed action in writing. The notice shall include the reasons for the proposed action in detail, the effective date of the termination or nonrenewal, and a statement that the school may, within fourteen days of receiving the notice, request an informal hearing before the sponsor. Such request must be in writing. The informal hearing shall be held within seventy days of the receipt of a request for the hearing. Promptly following the informal hearing, the sponsor shall issue a written decision either affirming or rescinding the decision to terminate or not renew the contract.

(4) A decision by the sponsor to terminate a contract may be appealed to the state board of education. The decision by the state board pertaining to an appeal under this division is final. If the sponsor is the state board, its decision to terminate a contract under division (B)(3) of this section shall be final.

(5) The termination of a contract under this section shall be effective upon the occurrence of the later of the following events:

(a) Ninety days following the date the sponsor notifies the school of its decision to terminate the contract as prescribed in division (B)(3) of this section;

(b) If an informal hearing is requested under division (B)(3) of this section and as a result of that hearing the sponsor affirms its decision to terminate the contract, the effective date of the termination specified in the

notice issued under division (B)(3) of this section, or if that decision is appealed to the state board under division (B)(4) of this section and the state board affirms that decision, the date established in the resolution of the state board affirming the sponsor's decision.

(6) Any community school whose contract is terminated under this division shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor.

(C) A child attending a community school whose contract has been terminated, nonrenewed, or suspended or that closes for any reason shall be admitted to the schools of the district in which the child is entitled to attend under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code. Any deadlines established for the purpose of admitting students under section 3313.97 or 3313.98 of the Revised Code shall be waived for students to whom this division pertains.

(D) If a community school does not intend to renew a contract with its sponsor, the community school shall notify its sponsor in writing of that fact at least one hundred eighty days prior to the expiration of the contract. Such a community school may enter into a contract with a new sponsor in accordance with section 3314.03 of the Revised Code upon the expiration of the previous contract.

(E) A sponsor of a community school and the officers, directors, or employees of such a sponsor are not liable in damages in a tort or other civil action for harm allegedly arising from either of the following:

(1) A failure of the community school or any of its officers, directors, or employees to perform any statutory or common law duty or responsibility or any other legal obligation;

(2) An action or omission of the community school or any of its officers, directors, or employees that results in harm.

~~(E)~~(F) As used in this section:

(1) "Harm" means injury, death, or loss to person or property.

(2) "Tort action" means a civil action for damages for injury, death, or loss to person or property other than a civil action for damages for a breach of contract or another agreement between persons.

Sec. 3314.08. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Base formula amount" means the amount specified as such in a community school's financial plan for a school year pursuant to division (A)(15) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Cost-of-doing-business factor" has the same meaning as in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code.

(3) "IEP" means an individualized education program as defined in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Applicable special education weight" means the multiple specified in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code for a handicap described in that section.

(5) "Applicable vocational education weight" means:

(a) For a student enrolled in vocational education programs or classes described in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, the multiple specified in that division;

(b) For a student enrolled in vocational education programs or classes described in division (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, the multiple specified in that division.

(6) "Entitled to attend school" means entitled to attend school in a district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(7) A community school student is "included in the DPIA student count" of a school district if the student is entitled to attend school in the district and:

(a) For school years prior to fiscal year 2004, the student's family receives assistance under the Ohio works first program.

(b) For school years in and after fiscal year 2004, the student's family income does not exceed the federal poverty guidelines, as defined in section 5101.46 of the Revised Code, and the student's family receives family assistance, as defined in section 3317.029 of the Revised Code.

(8) "DPIA reduction factor" means the percentage figure, if any, for reducing the per pupil amount of disadvantaged pupil impact aid a community school is entitled to receive pursuant to divisions (D)(5) and (6) of this section in any year, as specified in the school's financial plan for the year pursuant to division (A)(15) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code.

(9) "All-day kindergarten" has the same meaning as in section 3317.029 of the Revised Code.

(10) "SF-3 payment" means the sum of the payments to a school district in a fiscal year under divisions (A), (C)(1), (C)(4), (D), (E), and (F) of section 3317.022, divisions (J), (P), and (R) of section 3317.024, and sections 3317.029, 3317.0212, 3317.0213, 3317.0216, 3317.0217, 3317.04, 3317.05, 3317.052, and 3317.053 of the Revised Code after making the adjustments required by sections 3313.981 and 3313.979, divisions (B), (C), (D), (E), (K), (L), and (M) of section 3317.023, and division (C) of section 3317.20 of the Revised Code.

(B) The state board of education shall adopt rules requiring both of the following:

(1) The board of education of each city, exempted village, and local school district to annually report the number of students entitled to attend

school in the district who are enrolled in grades one through twelve in a community school established under this chapter, the number of students entitled to attend school in the district who are enrolled in kindergarten in a community school, the number of those kindergartners who are enrolled in all-day kindergarten in their community school, and for each child, the community school in which the child is enrolled.

(2) The governing authority of each community school established under this chapter to annually report all of the following:

(a) The number of students enrolled in grades one through twelve and the number of students enrolled in kindergarten in the school who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP;

(b) The number of enrolled students in grades one through twelve and the number of enrolled students in kindergarten, who are receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP;

(c) The number of students reported under division (B)(2)(b) of this section receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP for a handicap described in each of divisions (A) to (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(d) The full-time equivalent number of students reported under divisions (B)(2)(a) and (b) of this section who are enrolled in vocational education programs or classes described in each of divisions (A) and (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code that are provided by the community school;

(e) ~~One-fourth~~ Twenty per cent of the number of students reported under divisions (B)(2)(a) and (b) of this section who are not reported under division (B)(2)(d) of this section but who are enrolled in vocational education programs or classes described in each of divisions (A) and (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code at a joint vocational school district under a contract between the community school and the joint vocational school district and are entitled to attend school in a city, local, or exempted village school district whose territory is part of the territory of the joint vocational district;

(f) The number of enrolled preschool handicapped students receiving special education services in a state-funded unit;

(g) The community school's base formula amount;

(h) For each student, the city, exempted village, or local school district in which the student is entitled to attend school;

(i) Any DPIA reduction factor that applies to a school year.

(C) From the ~~payments~~ SF-3 payment made to a city, exempted village, or local school district ~~under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code~~ and, if necessary, from the payment made to the district under sections ~~321.14~~

321.24 and 323.156 of the Revised Code, the department of education shall annually subtract ~~all~~ the sum of the ~~following:~~ amounts described in divisions (C)(1) to (6) of this section. However, the aggregate amount deducted under this division shall not exceed the sum of the district's SF-3 payment and its payment under sections 321.24 and 323.156 of the Revised Code.

(1) An amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when, for each community school where the district's students are enrolled, the number of the district's students reported under divisions (B)(2)(a), (b), and (e) of this section who are enrolled in grades one through twelve, and one-half the number of students reported under those divisions who are enrolled in kindergarten, in that community school is multiplied by the base formula amount of that community school as adjusted by the school district's cost-of-doing-business factor.

(2) The sum of the amounts calculated under divisions (C)(2)(a) and (b) of this section:

(a) For each of the district's students reported under division (B)(2)(c) of this section as enrolled in a community school in grades one through twelve and receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP for a handicap described in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, the product of the applicable special education weight times the community school's base formula amount;

(b) For each of the district's students reported under division (B)(2)(c) of this section as enrolled in kindergarten in a community school and receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP for a handicap described in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, one-half of the amount calculated as prescribed in division (C)(2)(a) of this section.

(3) For each of the district's students reported under division (B)(2)(d) of this section for whom payment is made under division (D)(4) of this section, the amount of that payment;

(4) An amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when, for each community school where the district's students are enrolled, the number of the district's students enrolled in that community school who are included in the district's DPIA student count is multiplied by the per pupil amount of disadvantaged pupil impact aid the school district receives that year pursuant to division (B) or (C) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code, as adjusted by any DPIA reduction factor of that community school. If the district receives disadvantaged pupil impact aid under division (B) of that section, the per pupil amount of that aid is the quotient of the amount the district received under that division divided by the district's DPIA student

count, as defined in that section. If the district receives disadvantaged pupil impact aid under division (C) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code, the per pupil amount of that aid is the per pupil dollar amount prescribed for the district in division (C)(1) or (2) of that section.

(5) An amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when, for each community school where the district's students are enrolled, the district's per pupil amount of aid received under division (E) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code, as adjusted by any DPIA reduction factor of the community school, is multiplied by the sum of the following:

(a) The number of the district's students reported under division (B)(2)(a) of this section who are enrolled in grades one to three in that community school and who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP;

(b) One-half of the district's students who are enrolled in all-day or any other kindergarten class in that community school and who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP;

(c) One-half of the district's students who are enrolled in all-day kindergarten in that community school and who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP.

The district's per pupil amount of aid under division (E) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code is the quotient of the amount the district received under that division divided by the district's kindergarten through third grade ADM, as defined in that section.

(6) An amount equal to the per pupil state parity aid funding calculated for the school district under either division (C) or (D) of section 3317.0217 of the Revised Code multiplied by the sum of the number of students in grades one through twelve, and one-half of the number of students in kindergarten, who are entitled to attend school in the district and are enrolled in a community school as reported under division (B)(1) of this section.

(D) The department shall annually pay to a community school established under this chapter ~~all~~ the sum of the ~~following:~~ amounts described in divisions (D)(1) to (7) of this section. However, the sum of the payments to all community schools under divisions (D)(1), (2), (4), (5), (6), and (7) of this section for the students entitled to attend school in any particular school district shall not exceed the sum of that district's SF-3 payment and its payment under sections 321.24 and 323.156 of the Revised Code. If the sum of the payments calculated under those divisions for the students entitled to attend school in a particular school district exceeds the sum of that district's SF-3 payment and its payment under sections 321.24

and 323.156 of the Revised Code, the department shall calculate and apply a proration factor to the payments to all community schools under those divisions for the students entitled to attend school in that district.

(1) An amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when the number of students enrolled in grades one through twelve, plus one-half of the kindergarten students in the school, reported under divisions (B)(2)(a), (b), and (e) of this section who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP for a handicap described in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code is multiplied by the community school's base formula amount, as adjusted by the cost-of-doing-business factor of the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school;

(2) The greater of the following:

(a) The aggregate amount that the department paid to the community school in fiscal year 1999 for students receiving special education and related services pursuant to IEPs, excluding federal funds and state disadvantaged pupil impact aid funds;

(b) The sum of the amounts calculated under divisions (D)(2)(b)(i) and (ii) of this section:

(i) For each student reported under division (B)(2)(c) of this section as enrolled in the school in grades one through twelve and receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP for a handicap described in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, the following amount:

(the community school's base formula amount
X the cost-of-doing-business factor
of the district where the student
is entitled to attend school) +
(the applicable special education weight X
the community school's base formula amount);

(ii) For each student reported under division (B)(2)(c) of this section as enrolled in kindergarten and receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP for a handicap described in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, one-half of the amount calculated under the formula prescribed in division (D)(2)(b)(i) of this section.

(3) An amount received from federal funds to provide special education and related services to students in the community school, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction.

(4) For each student reported under division (B)(2)(d) of this section as enrolled in vocational education programs or classes that are described in section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, are provided by the community school, and are comparable as determined by the superintendent of public

instruction to school district vocational education programs and classes eligible for state weighted funding under section 3317.014 of the Revised Code, an amount equal to the applicable vocational education weight times the community school's base formula amount times the percentage of time the student spends in the vocational education programs or classes.

(5) An amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when, for each school district where the community school's students are entitled to attend school, the number of that district's students enrolled in the community school who are included in the district's DPIA student count is multiplied by the per pupil amount of disadvantaged pupil impact aid that school district receives that year pursuant to division (B) or (C) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code, as adjusted by any DPIA reduction factor of the community school. The per pupil amount of aid shall be determined as described in division (C)(4) of this section.

(6) An amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when, for each school district where the community school's students are entitled to attend school, the district's per pupil amount of aid received under division (E) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code, as adjusted by any DPIA reduction factor of the community school, is multiplied by the sum of the following:

(a) The number of the district's students reported under division (B)(2)(a) of this section who are enrolled in grades one to three in that community school and who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP;

(b) One-half of the district's students who are enrolled in all-day or any other kindergarten class in that community school and who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP;

(c) One-half of the district's students who are enrolled in all-day kindergarten in that community school and who are not receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP.

The district's per pupil amount of aid under division (E) of section 3317.029 of the Revised Code shall be determined as described in division (C)(5) of this section.

(7) An amount equal to the sum of the amounts obtained when, for each school district where the community school's students are entitled to attend school, the district's per pupil amount of state parity aid funding calculated under either division (C) or (D) of section 3317.0217 of the Revised Code is multiplied by the sum of the number of that district's students enrolled in grades one through twelve, and one-half of the number of that district's students enrolled in kindergarten, in the community school as reported under division (B)(2)(a) and (b) of this section.

(E)(1) If a community school's costs for a fiscal year for a student receiving special education and related services pursuant to an IEP for a handicap described in divisions (B) to (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code exceed the threshold catastrophic cost for serving the student as specified in division (C)(3)(b) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code, the school may submit to the superintendent of public instruction documentation, as prescribed by the superintendent, of all its costs for that student. Upon submission of documentation for a student of the type and in the manner prescribed, the department shall pay to the community school an amount equal to the school's costs for the student in excess of the threshold catastrophic costs.

(2) The community school shall only report under division (E)(1) of this section, and the department shall only pay for, the costs of educational expenses and the related services provided to the student in accordance with the student's individualized education program. Any legal fees, court costs, or other costs associated with any cause of action relating to the student may not be included in the amount.

(F) A community school may apply to the department of education for preschool handicapped or gifted unit funding the school would receive if it were a school district. Upon request of its governing authority, a community school that received unit funding as a school district-operated school before it became a community school shall retain any units awarded to it as a school district-operated school provided the school continues to meet eligibility standards for the unit.

A community school shall be considered a school district and its governing authority shall be considered a board of education for the purpose of applying to any state or federal agency for grants that a school district may receive under federal or state law or any appropriations act of the general assembly. The governing authority of a community school may apply to any private entity for additional funds.

(G) A board of education sponsoring a community school may utilize local funds to make enhancement grants to the school or may agree, either as part of the contract or separately, to provide any specific services to the community school at no cost to the school.

(H) A community school may not levy taxes or issue bonds secured by tax revenues.

(I) No community school shall charge tuition for the enrollment of any student.

(J)(1)(a) A community school may borrow money to pay any necessary and actual expenses of the school in anticipation of the receipt of any

portion of the payments to be received by the school pursuant to division (D) of this section. The school may issue notes to evidence such borrowing . The proceeds of the notes shall be used only for the purposes for which the anticipated receipts may be lawfully expended by the school.

(b) A school may also borrow money for a term not to exceed fifteen years for the purpose of acquiring facilities.

(2) Except for any amount guaranteed under section 3318.50 of the Revised Code, the state is not liable for debt incurred by the governing authority of a community school.

(K) For purposes of determining the number of students for which divisions (D)(5) and (6) of this section applies in any school year, a community school may submit to the department of job and family services, no later than the first day of March, a list of the students enrolled in the school. For each student on the list, the community school shall indicate the student's name, address, and date of birth and the school district where the student is entitled to attend school. Upon receipt of a list under this division, the department of job and family services shall determine, for each school district where one or more students on the list is entitled to attend school, the number of students residing in that school district who were included in the department's report under section 3317.10 of the Revised Code. The department shall make this determination on the basis of information readily available to it. Upon making this determination and no later than ninety days after submission of the list by the community school, the department shall report to the state department of education the number of students on the list who reside in each school district who were included in the department's report under section 3317.10 of the Revised Code. In complying with this division, the department of job and family services shall not report to the state department of education any personally identifiable information on any student.

(L) The department of education shall adjust the amounts subtracted and paid under divisions (C) and (D) of this section to reflect any enrollment of students in community schools for less than the equivalent of a full school year. The state board of education within ninety days after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ April 8, 2003, shall adopt in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code rules governing the payments to community schools under this section including initial payments in a school year and adjustments and reductions made in subsequent periodic payments to community schools and corresponding deductions from school district accounts as provided under divisions (C) and (D) of this section. For purposes of this section:

(1) A student shall be considered enrolled in the community school for any portion of the school year the student is participating at a college under Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code.

(2) A student shall be considered to be enrolled in a community school during a school year for the period of time between the date on which the school both has received documentation of the student's enrollment from a parent and has commenced participation in learning opportunities as defined in the contract with the sponsor. For purposes of applying this division to a community school student, "learning opportunities" shall be defined in the contract, which shall describe both classroom-based and non-classroom-based learning opportunities and shall be in compliance with criteria and documentation requirements for student participation which shall be established by the department. Any student's instruction time in non-classroom-based learning opportunities shall be certified by an employee of the community school. A student's enrollment shall be considered to cease on the date on which any of the following occur:

(a) The community school receives documentation from a parent terminating enrollment of the student.

(b) The community school is provided documentation of a student's enrollment in another public or private school.

(c) The community school ceases to offer learning opportunities to the student pursuant to the terms of the contract with the sponsor or the operation of any provision of this chapter.

(3) A student's percentage of full-time equivalency shall be considered to be the percentage the hours of learning opportunity offered to that student is of nine hundred and twenty hours.

(M) The department of education shall reduce the amounts paid under division (D) of this section to reflect payments made to colleges under division (B) of section 3365.07 of the Revised Code.

(N)(1) No student shall be considered enrolled in any internet- or computer-based community school unless ~~the~~ both of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) The student possesses or has been provided with all required hardware and software materials and all such materials are ~~fully~~ operational ~~and the~~ so that the student is capable of fully participating in the learning opportunities specified in the contract between the school and the school's sponsor as required by division (A)(23) of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code;

(b) The school is in compliance with division (A)(1) or (2) of section 3314.032 of the Revised Code, relative to such student. ~~In~~

(2) In accordance with policies adopted jointly by the superintendent of public instruction and the auditor of state, the department shall reduce the amounts otherwise payable under division (D) of this section to any internet- or computer-based community school that includes in its program the provision of computer hardware and software materials to each student, if such hardware and software materials have not been delivered, installed, and activated for all students in a timely manner or other educational materials or services have not been provided according to the contract between the individual community school and its sponsor.

The superintendent of public instruction and the auditor of state shall jointly establish a method for auditing any community school to which this division pertains to ensure compliance with this section.

The superintendent, auditor of state, and the governor shall jointly make recommendations to the general assembly for legislative changes that may be required to assure fiscal and academic accountability for such internet- or computer-based schools.

(O)(1) If the department determines that a review of a community school's enrollment is necessary, such review shall be completed and written notice of the findings shall be provided to the governing authority of the community school and its sponsor within ninety days of the end of the community school's fiscal year, unless extended for a period not to exceed thirty additional days for one of the following reasons:

(a) The department and the community school mutually agree to the extension.

(b) Delays in data submission caused by either a community school or its sponsor.

(2) If the review results in a finding that additional funding is owed to the school, such payment shall be made within thirty days of the written notice. If the review results in a finding that the community school owes moneys to the state, the following procedure shall apply:

(a) Within ten business days of the receipt of the notice of findings, the community school may appeal the department's determination to the state board of education or its designee.

(b) The board or its designee shall conduct an informal hearing on the matter within thirty days of receipt of such an appeal and shall issue a decision within fifteen days of the conclusion of the hearing.

(c) If the board has enlisted a designee to conduct the hearing, the designee shall certify its decision to the board. The board may accept the decision of the designee or may reject the decision of the designee and issue its own decision on the matter.

(d) Any decision made by the board under this division is final.

(3) If it is decided that the community school owes moneys to the state, the department shall deduct such amount from the school's future payments in accordance with guidelines issued by the superintendent of public instruction.

Sec. 3314.083. If the department of education pays a joint vocational school district under division (G)(4) of section 3317.16 of the Revised Code for excess costs of providing special education and related services to a handicapped student who is enrolled in a community school, as calculated under division (G)(2) of that section, the department shall deduct the amount of that payment from the amount calculated for payment to the community school under section 3314.08 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3314.17. (A) Each community school established under this chapter shall participate in the statewide education management information system established under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code. All provisions of that section and the rules adopted under that section apply to each community school as if it were a school district, except as modified for community schools under division (B) of this section.

(B) The rules adopted by the state board of education under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code may distinguish methods and timelines for community schools to annually report data, which methods and timelines differ from those prescribed for school districts. Any methods and timelines prescribed for community schools shall be appropriate to the academic schedule and financing of community schools. The guidelines, however, shall not modify the actual data required to be reported under that section.

(C) Each fiscal officer appointed under section 3314.011 of the Revised Code is responsible for annually reporting the community school's data under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code. If the superintendent of public instruction determines that a community school fiscal officer has willfully failed to report data or has willfully reported erroneous, inaccurate, or incomplete data in any year, or has negligently reported erroneous, inaccurate, or incomplete data in the current and any previous year, the superintendent may impose a civil penalty of one hundred dollars on the fiscal officer after providing the officer with notice and an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The superintendent's authority to impose civil penalties under this division does not preclude the state board of education from suspending or revoking the license of a community school employee under division (N) of section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code.

(D) No community school shall acquire, change, or update its student

administration software package to manage and report data required to be reported to the department unless it converts to a student software package that is certified by the department.

Sec. 3316.031. (A) The state superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the auditor of state, shall develop guidelines for identifying fiscal practices and budgetary conditions that, if uncorrected, could result in a future declaration of a fiscal watch or fiscal emergency within a school district.

The guidelines shall not include a requirement that a school district submit financial statements according to generally accepted accounting principles.

(B)(1) If the state superintendent determines from a school district's five-year forecast submitted under section 5705.391 of the Revised Code that a district is engaging in any of those practices or that any of those conditions exist within the district, after consulting with the district board of education concerning the practices or conditions, the state superintendent may declare the district to be under a fiscal caution.

(2) If the auditor of state finds that a district is engaging in any of those practices or that any of those conditions exist within the district, the auditor of state shall report that finding to the state superintendent and, after consulting with the district board of education concerning the practices or conditions, the state superintendent may declare the district to be under a fiscal caution.

(3) Unless the auditor of state has elected to declare a state of fiscal watch under division (A)(4) of section 3316.03 of the Revised Code, the state superintendent shall declare a school district to be under a fiscal caution if the conditions described in divisions (A)(4)(a) and (b) of that section are both satisfied with respect to the school district.

(C) When the state superintendent declares a district to be under fiscal caution, the state superintendent shall promptly notify the district board of education of that declaration and shall request the board to provide written proposals for discontinuing or correcting the fiscal practices or budgetary conditions that prompted the declaration and for preventing the district from experiencing further fiscal difficulties that could result in the district being declared to be in a state of fiscal watch or fiscal emergency.

(D) The state superintendent, or a designee, may visit and inspect any district that is declared to be under a fiscal caution. The department of education shall provide technical assistance to the district board in implementing proposals to eliminate the practices or budgetary conditions that prompted the declaration of fiscal caution and may make

recommendations concerning the board's proposals.

(E) If the state superintendent finds that a school district declared to be under a fiscal caution has not made reasonable proposals or otherwise taken action to discontinue or correct the fiscal practices or budgetary conditions that prompted the declaration of fiscal caution, and if the state superintendent considers it necessary to prevent further fiscal decline, the state superintendent may determine that the district should be in a state of fiscal watch. As provided in division (A)(3) of section 3316.03 of the Revised Code, the auditor of state shall declare the district to be in a state of fiscal watch if the auditor of state finds the superintendent's determination to be reasonable.

Sec. 3316.08. During a school district's fiscal emergency period, the auditor of state shall determine annually, or at any other time upon request of the financial planning and supervision commission, whether the school district will incur an operating deficit. If the auditor of state determines that a school district will incur an operating deficit, the auditor of state shall certify that determination to the superintendent of public instruction, the financial planning and supervision commission, and the board of education of the school district. Upon receiving the auditor of state's certification, the ~~board of education or~~ commission shall adopt a resolution ~~to submit a ballot question proposing the levy of a tax~~ requesting that the board of education work with the county auditor or tax commissioner to estimate the amount and rate of a tax levy that is needed under section 5705.194 or 5705.21 or Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code to produce a positive fund balance not later than the fifth year of the five-year forecast submitted under section 5705.391 of the Revised Code. ~~Except~~

The board of education shall recommend to the commission whether the board supports or opposes a tax levy under section 5705.194 or 5705.21 or Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code and shall provide supporting documentation to the commission of its recommendation.

After considering the board of education's recommendation and supporting documentation, the commission shall adopt a resolution to either submit a ballot question proposing a tax levy or not to submit such a question.

Except as otherwise provided in this division, the tax shall be levied in the manner prescribed for a tax levied under section 5705.194 or 5705.21 or under Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code. ~~The~~ If the commission decides that a tax ~~shall~~ should be levied, the tax shall be levied for the purpose of paying current operating expenses of the school district. ~~The question shall propose that the tax be levied at the rate required to produce annual revenue~~

~~sufficient to eliminate the operating deficit as certified by the auditor of state and to repay outstanding loans or other obligations incurred by the board of education for the purpose of reducing or eliminating operating deficits, as determined by the financial planning and supervision commission.~~ The rate of a tax levied under section 5705.194 or 5705.21 of the Revised Code shall be determined by the county auditor, and the rate of a tax levied under section 5748.02 or 5748.08 of the Revised Code shall be determined by the tax commissioner, upon the request of the commission. The commission, in consultation with the board of education, shall determine the election at which the question of the tax shall appear on the ballot, and the ~~board of education or~~ commission shall submit a copy of its resolution to the board of elections not later than seventy-five days prior to the day of that election. The board of elections conducting the election shall certify the results of the election to the board of education and to the financial planning and supervision commission.

Sec. 3317.012. (A)(1) The general assembly, having analyzed school district expenditure and cost data for fiscal year 1999, performed the calculation described in division (B) of this section, adjusted the results for inflation, and added the amounts described in division (A)(2) of this section, hereby determines that the base cost of an adequate education per pupil for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, is $4,814. ~~For the five following fiscal years, the~~ The base cost per pupil ~~for each of those years~~, reflecting an annual rate of inflation of two and eight-tenths per cent, is $4,949 for fiscal year 2003~~, $5,088~~. The base cost per pupil, reflecting an annual rate of inflation of two and two-tenths per cent, is $5,058 for fiscal year 2004~~, $5,230~~ and $5,169 for fiscal year 2005~~, $5,376 for fiscal year 2006, and $5,527 for fiscal year 2007~~.

(2) The base cost per pupil amounts specified in division (A)(1) of this section include amounts to reflect the cost to school districts of increasing the minimum number of high school academic units required for graduation beginning September 15, 2001, under section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. Analysis of fiscal year 1999 data revealed that the school districts meeting the requirements of division (B) of this section on average required high school students to complete a minimum of nineteen and eight-tenths units to graduate. The general assembly determines that the cost of funding the additional two-tenths unit required by section 3313.603 of the Revised Code is $12 per pupil in fiscal year 2002. This amount was added after the calculation described in division (B) of this section and the adjustment for inflation from fiscal year 1999 to fiscal year 2002. It is this total amount, the calculated base cost plus the supplement to pay for the additional partial

unit, that constitutes the base cost amount specified in division (A)(1) of this section for fiscal year 2002 and that is inflated to produce the base cost amounts for fiscal years 2003 through ~~2007~~ 2005.

(B) In determining the base cost stated in division (A) of this section, capital and debt costs, costs paid for by federal funds, and costs covered by funds provided for disadvantaged pupil impact aid and transportation were excluded, as were the effects on the districts' state funds of the application of the cost-of-doing-business factors, assuming a seven and one-half per cent variance.

The base cost for fiscal year 1999 was calculated as the unweighted average cost per student, on a school district basis, of educating students who were not receiving vocational education or services pursuant to Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code and who were enrolled in a city, exempted village, or local school district that in fiscal year 1999 met all of the following criteria:

(1) The district met at least twenty of the following twenty-seven performance indicators:

(a) A ninety per cent or higher graduation rate;

(b) At least seventy-five per cent of fourth graders proficient on the mathematics test prescribed under former division (A)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code;

(c) At least seventy-five per cent of fourth graders proficient on the reading test prescribed under former division (A)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code;

(d) At least seventy-five per cent of fourth graders proficient on the writing test prescribed under former division (A)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code;

(e) At least seventy-five per cent of fourth graders proficient on the citizenship test prescribed under former division (A)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code;

(f) At least seventy-five per cent of fourth graders proficient on the science test prescribed under former division (A)(1) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code;

(g) At least seventy-five per cent of sixth graders proficient on the mathematics test prescribed under former division (A)(2) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code;

(h) At least seventy-five per cent of sixth graders proficient on the reading test prescribed under former division (A)(2) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code;

(i) At least seventy-five per cent of sixth graders proficient on the

writing test prescribed under former division (A)(2) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code;

(j) At least seventy-five per cent of sixth graders proficient on the citizenship test prescribed under former division (A)(2) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code;

(k) At least seventy-five per cent of sixth graders proficient on the science test prescribed under former division (A)(2) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code;

(l) At least seventy-five per cent of ninth graders proficient on the mathematics test prescribed under Section 4 of Am. Sub. S.B. 55 of the 122nd general assembly;

(m) At least seventy-five per cent of ninth graders proficient on the reading test prescribed under Section 4 of Am. Sub. S.B. 55 of the 122nd general assembly;

(n) At least seventy-five per cent of ninth graders proficient on the writing test prescribed under Section 4 of Am. Sub. S.B. 55 of the 122nd general assembly;

(o) At least seventy-five per cent of ninth graders proficient on the citizenship test prescribed under Section 4 of Am. Sub. S.B. 55 of the 122nd general assembly;

(p) At least seventy-five per cent of ninth graders proficient on the science test prescribed under Section 4 of Am. Sub. S.B. 55 of the 122nd general assembly;

(q) At least eighty-five per cent of tenth graders proficient on the mathematics test prescribed under Section 4 of Am. Sub. S.B. 55 of the 122nd general assembly;

(r) At least eighty-five per cent of tenth graders proficient on the reading test prescribed under Section 4 of Am. Sub. S.B. 55 of the 122nd general assembly;

(s) At least eighty-five per cent of tenth graders proficient on the writing test prescribed under Section 4 of Am. Sub. S.B. 55 of the 122nd general assembly;

(t) At least eighty-five per cent of tenth graders proficient on the citizenship test prescribed under Section 4 of Am. Sub. S.B. 55 of the 122nd general assembly;

(u) At least eighty-five per cent of tenth graders proficient on the science test prescribed under Section 4 of Am. Sub. S.B. 55 of the 122nd general assembly;

(v) At least sixty per cent of twelfth graders proficient on the mathematics test prescribed under former division (A)(3) of section

3301.0710 of the Revised Code;

(w) At least sixty per cent of twelfth graders proficient on the reading test prescribed under former division (A)(3) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code;

(x) At least sixty per cent of twelfth graders proficient on the writing test prescribed under former division (A)(3) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code;

(y) At least sixty per cent of twelfth graders proficient on the citizenship test prescribed under former division (A)(3) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code;

(z) At least sixty per cent of twelfth graders proficient on the science test prescribed under former division (A)(3) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code;

(aa) An attendance rate for the year of at least ninety-three per cent as defined in section 3302.01 of the Revised Code.

In determining whether a school district met any of the performance standards specified in divisions (B)(1)(a) to (aa) of this section, the general assembly used a rounding procedure previously recommended by the department of education. It is the same rounding procedure the general assembly used in 1998 to determine whether a district had met the standards of former divisions (B)(1)(a) to (r) of this section for purposes of constructing the previous model based on fiscal year 1996 data.

(2) The district was not among the five per cent of all districts with the highest income, nor among the five per cent of all districts with the lowest income.

(3) The district was not among the five per cent of all districts with the highest valuation per pupil, nor among the five per cent of all districts with the lowest valuation per pupil.

This model for calculating the base cost of an adequate education is expenditure-based. The general assembly recognizes that increases in state funding to school districts since fiscal year 1996, the fiscal year upon which the general assembly based its model for calculating state funding to school districts for fiscal years 1999 through 2001, has increased school district base cost expenditures for fiscal year 1999, the fiscal year upon which the general assembly based its model for calculating state funding for fiscal years 2002 through ~~2007~~ 2005. In the case of school districts included in the fiscal year 1999 model that also had met the fiscal year 1996 performance criteria of former division (B)(1) of this section, the increased state funding may have driven the districts' expenditures beyond the expenditures that were actually needed to maintain their educational programs at the level

necessary to maintain their ability to meet the fiscal year 1999 performance criteria of current division (B)(1) of this section. The general assembly has determined to control for this effect by stipulating in the later model that the fiscal year 1999 base cost expenditures of the districts that also met the performance criteria of former division (B)(1) of this section equals their base cost expenditures per pupil for fiscal year 1996, inflated to fiscal year 1999 using an annual rate of inflation of two and eight-tenths per cent. However, if this inflated amount exceeded the district's actual fiscal year 1999 base cost expenditures per pupil, the district's actual fiscal year 1999 base cost expenditures per pupil were used in the calculation. For districts in the 1999 model that did not also meet the performance criteria of former division (B)(1) of this section, the actual 1999 base cost per pupil expenditures were used in the calculation of the average district per pupil costs of the model districts.

~~(C) In July of 2005, and in July of every six years thereafter, the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate shall each appoint three members to a committee to reexamine the cost of an adequate education. No more than two members from any political party shall represent each house. The director of budget and management and the superintendent of public instruction shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members of the committee.~~

~~The committee shall select a rational methodology for calculating the costs of an adequate education system for the ensuing six-year period, and shall report the methodology and the resulting costs to the general assembly. In performing its function, the committee is not bound by any method used by previous general assemblies to examine and calculate costs and instead may utilize any rational method it deems suitable and reasonable given the educational needs and requirements of the state at that time.~~

~~The methodology for determining the cost of an adequate education system shall take into account the basic educational costs that all districts incur in educating regular students, the unique needs of special categories of students, and significant special conditions encountered by certain classifications of school districts.~~

~~The committee also shall redetermine, for purposes of updating the parity aid calculation under section 3317.0217 of the Revised Code, the average number of effective operating mills that school districts in the seventieth to ninetieth percentiles of valuations per pupil collect above the revenues required to finance their attributed local shares of the calculated cost of an adequate education.~~

~~Any committee appointed pursuant to this section shall make its report~~

~~to the office of budget and management and the general assembly within one year of its appointment so that the information is available for use by the office and the general assembly in preparing the next biennial appropriations act.~~

~~(D)(1) For purposes of this division, an "update year" is the first fiscal year for which the per pupil base cost of an adequate education is in effect after being recalculated by the general assembly. The first update year is fiscal year 2002. The second update year is fiscal year 2008.~~

~~(2) The general assembly shall recalculate the per pupil base cost of an adequate education every six years after considering the recommendations of the committee appointed under division (C) of this section. At the time of the recalculation, for each of the five fiscal years following the update year, the general assembly shall adjust the base cost recalculated for the update year using an annual rate of inflation that the general assembly determines appropriate.~~

~~(3) The general assembly shall include, in the act appropriating state funds for education programs for a fiscal biennium that begins with an update year, a statement of its determination of the total state share percentage of base cost and parity aid funding for the update year.~~

~~(4) During its biennial budget deliberations, the general assembly shall determine the total state share percentage of base cost and parity aid funding for each fiscal year of the upcoming biennium. This determination shall be based on the latest projections and data provided by the department of education under division (D)(6) of this section prior to the enactment of education appropriations for the upcoming biennium. If, based on those latest projections and data, the general assembly determines that the total state share percentage for either or both nonupdate fiscal years varies more than two and one-half percentage points more or less than the total state share percentage for the most recent update year, as previously stated by the general assembly under division (D)(3) of this section, the general assembly shall determine and enact a method that it considers appropriate to restrict the estimated variance for each year to within two and one-half percentage points. The general assembly's methods may include, but are not required to include and need not be limited to, reexamining the rate of millage charged off as the local share of base cost funding under divisions (A)(1) and (2) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code. Regardless of any changes in charge-off millage rates in years between update years, however, the charge-off millage rate for update years shall be twenty-three mills, unless the general assembly determines that a different millage rate is more appropriate to share the total calculated base cost between the state and~~

~~school districts.~~

~~(5) The total state share percentage of base cost and parity aid funding for any fiscal year is calculated as follows:~~

~~[(Total state base cost + total state parity aid funding) - statewide charge-off amount] / (Total state base cost + total state parity aid funding)~~

~~Where:~~

~~(a) The total state base cost equals the sum of the base costs for all school districts for the fiscal year.~~

~~(b) The base cost for each school district equals:~~

~~formula amount X cost-of-doing-business factor X~~
~~the greater of formula ADM or~~
~~three-year average formula ADM~~

~~(c) The total state parity aid funding equals the sum of the amounts paid to all school districts for the fiscal year under section 3317.0217 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(d) The statewide charge-off amount equals the sum of the charge-off amounts for all school districts.~~

~~(e) The charge-off amount for each school district is the amount calculated as its local share of base cost funding and deducted from the total calculated base cost to determine the amount of its state payment under divisions (A)(1) and (2) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code. The charge-off amount for each school district in fiscal year 2002 is the product of twenty-three mills multiplied by the district's recognized valuation as adjusted, if applicable, under division (A)(2) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code. If however, in any fiscal year, including fiscal year 2002, a school district's calculated charge-off amount exceeds its base cost calculated as described in division (D)(5)(b) of this section, the district's charge-off amount shall be deemed to equal its calculated base cost.~~

~~(6) Whenever requested by the chairperson of the standing committee of the house or representatives or the senate having primary jurisdiction over appropriations, the legislative budget officer, or the director of budget and management, the department of education shall report its latest projections for total base cost, total parity aid funding, and the statewide charge-off amount, as those terms are defined in division (D)(5) of this section, for each year of the upcoming fiscal biennium, and all data it used to make the projections.~~

Sec. 3317.013. This section does not apply to handicapped preschool students.

Analysis of special education cost data has resulted in a finding that the average special education additional cost per pupil, including the costs of

related services, can be expressed as a multiple of the base cost per pupil calculated under section 3317.012 of the Revised Code. The multiples for the following categories of special education programs, as these programs are defined for purposes of Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, and adjusted as provided in this section, are as follows:

(A) A multiple of 0.2892 for students whose primary or only identified handicap is a speech and language handicap, as this term is defined pursuant to Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code;

(B) A multiple of 0.3691 for students identified as specific learning disabled or developmentally handicapped, as these terms are defined pursuant to Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, or other health handicapped-minor;

(C) A multiple of 1.7695 for students identified as hearing handicapped, vision impaired, or severe behavior handicapped, as these terms are defined pursuant to Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code;

(D) A multiple of 2.3646 for students identified as orthopedically handicapped, as this term is defined pursuant to Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code or other health handicapped - major;

(E) A multiple of 3.1129 for students identified as multihandicapped, as this term is defined pursuant to Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code;

(F) A multiple of 4.7342 for students identified as autistic, having traumatic brain injuries, or as both visually and hearing disabled, as these terms are defined pursuant to Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code.

In fiscal year ~~2002~~ 2004, the multiples specified in divisions (A) to (F) of this section shall be adjusted by multiplying them by ~~0.825~~ 0.88. In fiscal year ~~2003~~ 2005, the multiples specified in those divisions shall be adjusted by multiplying them by ~~0.875~~ 0.90.

Not later than May 30, 2004, and May 30, 2005, the department shall submit to the office of budget and management a report that specifies for each city, local, exempted village, and joint vocational school district the fiscal year allocation of the state and local shares of special education and related services additional weighted funding and federal special education funds passed through to the district.

Sec. 3317.014. The average vocational education additional cost per pupil can be expressed as a multiple of the base cost per pupil calculated under section 3317.012 of the Revised Code. the multiples for the following categories of vocational education programs are as follows:

(A) A multiple of 0.57 for students enrolled in vocational education job-training and workforce development programs approved by the department of education in accordance with rules adopted under section

3313.90 of the Revised Code.

(B) A multiple of 0.28 for students enrolled in vocational education classes other than job-training and workforce development programs.

Vocational education associated services costs can be expressed as a multiple of 0.05 of the base cost per pupil calculated under section 3317.012 of the Revised Code.

The general assembly has adjusted the multiples specified in this section for calculating payments beginning in fiscal year 2002 in recognition that its policy change regarding the application of the cost-of-doing-business factor produces a higher base cost amount than would exist if no change were made to its application. The adjustment maintains the same weighted costs as would exist if no change were made to the application of the cost-of-doing-business factor.

The department of education shall annually report to the governor and the general assembly the amount of weighted funding for vocational education and associated services that is spent by each city, local, exempted village, and joint vocational school district specifically for vocational educational and associated services.

Sec. 3317.02. As used in this chapter:

(A) Unless otherwise specified, "school district" means city, local, and exempted village school districts.

(B) "Formula amount" means the base cost for the fiscal year specified in section 3317.012 of the Revised Code.

(C) "FTE basis" means a count of students based on full-time equivalency, in accordance with rules adopted by the department of education pursuant to section 3317.03 of the Revised Code. In adopting its rules under this division, the department shall provide for counting any student in category one, two, three, four, five, or six special education ADM or in category one or two vocational education ADM in the same proportion the student is counted in formula ADM.

(D)(1) "Formula ADM" means, for a city, local, or exempted village school district, the number reported pursuant to division (A) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code, and for a joint vocational school district, the number reported pursuant to division (D) of that section.

(2) "Three-year average formula ADM" means the average of formula ADMs for the current and preceding two fiscal years. However, as applicable in fiscal years 1999 and 2000, the three-year average for city, local, and exempted village school districts shall be determined utilizing the FY 1997 ADM or FY 1998 ADM in lieu of formula ADM for fiscal year 1997 or 1998. In fiscal years 2000 and 2001, the three-year average for joint

vocational school districts shall be determined utilizing the average daily membership reported in fiscal years 1998 and 1999 under division (D) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code in lieu of formula ADM for fiscal years 1998 and 1999.

(E) "FY 1997 ADM" or "FY 1998 ADM" means the school district's average daily membership reported for the applicable fiscal year under the version of division (A) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code in effect during that fiscal year, adjusted as follows:

(1) Minus the average daily membership of handicapped preschool children;

(2) Minus one-half of the average daily membership attending kindergarten;

(3) Minus three-fourths of the average daily membership attending a joint vocational school district;

(4) Plus the average daily membership entitled under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code to attend school in the district but receiving educational services in approved units from an educational service center or another school district under a compact or a cooperative education agreement, as determined by the department;

(5) Minus the average daily membership receiving educational services from the district in approved units but entitled under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code to attend school in another school district, as determined by the department.

(F)(1) "Category one special education ADM" means the average daily membership of handicapped children receiving special education services for the handicap specified in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code and reported under division (B)(5) or (D)(2)(b) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Category two special education ADM" means the average daily membership of handicapped children receiving special education services for those handicaps specified in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code and reported under division (B)(6) or (D)(2)(c) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Category three special education ADM" means the average daily membership of students receiving special education services for those handicaps specified in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code, and reported under division (B)(7) or (D)(2)(d) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Category four special education ADM" means the average daily membership of students receiving special education services for those

handicaps specified in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code and reported under division (B)(8) or (D)(2)(e) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Category five special education ADM" means the average daily membership of students receiving special education services for the handicap specified in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code and reported under division (B)(9) or (D)(2)(f) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Category six special education ADM" means the average daily membership of students receiving special education services for the handicap specified in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code and reported under division (B)(10) or (D)(2)(g) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(7) "Category one vocational education ADM" means the average daily membership of students receiving vocational education services described in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code and reported under division (B)(11) or (D)(2)(h) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(8) "Category two vocational education ADM" means the average daily membership of students receiving vocational education services described in division (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code and reported under division (B)(12) or (D)(2)(i) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Handicapped preschool child" means a handicapped child, as defined in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code, who is at least age three but is not of compulsory school age, as defined in section 3321.01 of the Revised Code, and who is not currently enrolled in kindergarten.

(H) "County MR/DD board" means a county board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

(I) "Recognized valuation" means the amount calculated for a school district pursuant to section 3317.015 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Transportation ADM" means the number of children reported under division (B)(13) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Average efficient transportation use cost per student" means a statistical representation of transportation costs as calculated under division (D)(2) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code.

(L) "Taxes charged and payable" means the taxes charged and payable against real and public utility property after making the reduction required by section 319.301 of the Revised Code, plus the taxes levied against tangible personal property.

(M) "Total taxable value" means the sum of the amounts certified for a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district under

divisions (A)(1) and (2) of section 3317.021 of the Revised Code.

(N) "Cost-of-doing-business factor" means the amount indicated in this division for the county in which a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district is located. If a city, local, or exempted village school district is located in more than one county, the factor is the amount indicated for the county to which the district is assigned by the state department of education. If a joint vocational school district is located in more than one county, the factor is the amount indicated for the county in which the joint vocational school with the greatest formula ADM operated by the district is located.

COUNTY	COST-OF-DOING-BUSINESS FACTOR AMOUNT
Adams	~~1.0061~~ 1.0035
Allen	~~1.0236~~ 1.0206
Ashland	~~1.0331~~ 1.0297
Ashtabula	~~1.0431~~ 1.0397
Athens	~~1.0038~~ 1.0014
Auglaize	~~1.0272~~ 1.0247
Belmont	~~1.0043~~ 1.0064
Brown	~~1.0207~~ 1.0177
Butler	~~1.0663~~ 1.0646
Carroll	~~1.0148~~ 1.0137
Champaign	~~1.0413~~ 1.0446
Clark	~~1.0443~~ 1.0447
Clermont	~~1.0532~~ 1.0541
Clinton	~~1.0296~~ 1.0329
Columbiana	~~1.0262~~ 1.0214
Coshocton	~~1.0200~~ 1.0173
Crawford	~~1.0140~~ 1.0164
Cuyahoga	~~1.0672~~ 1.0626
Darke	~~1.0343~~ 1.0338
Defiance	~~1.0165~~ 1.0146
Delaware	~~1.0479~~ 1.0528
Erie	~~1.0372~~ 1.0388
Fairfield	~~1.0354~~ 1.0366
Fayette	~~1.0258~~ 1.0319
Franklin	~~1.0519~~ 1.0608
Fulton	~~1.0361~~ 1.0330
Gallia	1.0000
Geauga	~~1.0528~~ 1.0501

Greene	~~1.0407~~ 1.0444
Guernsey	~~1.0064~~ 1.0066
Hamilton	1.0750
Hancock	1.0215
Hardin	~~1.0348~~ 1.0356
Harrison	~~1.0081~~ 1.0074
Henry	~~1.0338~~ 1.0318
Highland	~~1.0129~~ 1.0148
Hocking	~~1.0151~~ 1.0188
Holmes	~~1.0238~~ 1.0178
Huron	~~1.0305~~ 1.0293
Jackson	~~1.0118~~ 1.0138
Jefferson	~~1.0067~~ 1.0073
Knox	~~1.0258~~ 1.0279
Lake	~~1.0556~~ 1.0524
Lawrence	~~1.0122~~ 1.0081
Licking	~~1.0375~~ 1.0381
Logan	~~1.0362~~ 1.0385
Lorain	~~1.0521~~ 1.0515
Lucas	~~1.0406~~ 1.0390
Madison	~~1.0437~~ 1.0488
Mahoning	~~1.0384~~ 1.0346
Marion	~~1.0263~~ 1.0306
Medina	~~1.0595~~ 1.0536
Meigs	~~1.0018~~ 1.0026
Mercer	~~1.0199~~ 1.0203
Miami	~~1.0415~~ 1.0411
Monroe	~~1.0097~~ 1.0050
Montgomery	~~1.0476~~ 1.0453
Morgan	~~1.0128~~ 1.0089
Morrow	~~1.0276~~ 1.0301
Muskingum	~~1.0145~~ 1.0127
Noble	~~1.0103~~ 1.0073
Ottawa	~~1.0468~~ 1.0486
Paulding	~~1.0140~~ 1.0115
Perry	~~1.0154~~ 1.0160
Pickaway	~~1.0326~~ 1.0391
Pike	~~1.0094~~ 1.0103
Portage	~~1.0516~~ 1.0472
Preble	~~1.0476~~ 1.0442

Putnam	~~1.0243~~ 1.0216
Richland	~~1.0213~~ 1.0199
Ross	~~1.0085~~ 1.0151
Sandusky	~~1.0307~~ 1.0321
Scioto	~~1.0029~~ 1.0012
Seneca	1.0223
Shelby	~~1.0263~~ 1.0278
Stark	~~1.0300~~ 1.0255
Summit	~~1.0598~~ 1.0542
Trumbull	~~1.0381~~ 1.0351
Tuscarawas	~~1.0097~~ 1.0089
Union	~~1.0446~~ 1.0500
Van Wert	1.0133
Vinton	~~1.0070~~ 1.0095
Warren	~~1.0659~~ 1.0658
Washington	~~1.0075~~ 1.0060
Wayne	~~1.0404~~ 1.0348
Williams	~~1.0284~~ 1.0228
Wood	~~1.0382~~ 1.0360
Wyandot	~~1.0188~~ 1.0171

(O) "Tax exempt value" of a school district means the amount certified for a school district under division (A)(4) of section 3317.021 of the Revised Code.

(P) "Potential value" of a school district means the recognized valuation of a school district plus the tax exempt value of the district.

(Q) "District median income" means the median Ohio adjusted gross income certified for a school district. On or before the first day of July of each year, the tax commissioner shall certify to the department of education for each city, exempted village, and local school district the median Ohio adjusted gross income of the residents of the school district determined on the basis of tax returns filed for the second preceding tax year by the residents of the district.

(R) "Statewide median income" means the median district median income of all city, exempted village, and local school districts in the state.

(S) "Income factor" for a city, exempted village, or local school district means the quotient obtained by dividing that district's median income by the statewide median income.

(T) "Medically fragile child" means a child to whom all of the following apply:

(1) The child requires the services of a doctor of medicine or

osteopathic medicine at least once a week due to the instability of the child's medical condition.

(2) The child requires the services of a registered nurse on a daily basis.

(3) The child is at risk of institutionalization in a hospital, skilled nursing facility, or intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded.

(U) A child may be identified as "other health handicapped-major" if the child's condition meets the definition of "other health impaired" established in rules adopted by the state board of education prior to ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ July 1, 2001, and if either of the following apply:

(1) The child is identified as having a medical condition that is among those listed by the superintendent of public instruction as conditions where a substantial majority of cases fall within the definition of "medically fragile child." The superintendent of public instruction shall issue an initial list no later than September 1, 2001.

(2) The child is determined by the superintendent of public instruction to be a medically fragile child. A school district superintendent may petition the superintendent of public instruction for a determination that a child is a medically fragile child.

(V) A child may be identified as "other health handicapped-minor" if the child's condition meets the definition of "other health impaired" established in rules adopted by the state board of education prior to ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ July 1, 2001, but the child's condition does not meet either of the conditions specified in division (U)(1) or (2) of this section.

Sec. 3317.022. (A)(1) The department of education shall compute and distribute state base cost funding to each school district for the fiscal year in accordance with the following formula, making any adjustment required by division (A)(2) of this section and using the information obtained under section 3317.021 of the Revised Code in the calendar year in which the fiscal year begins.

Compute the following for each eligible district:

~~[~~(cost-of-doing-business factor X
the formula amount X ~~(the greater of formula ADM or three-year average~~ formula ADM)~~]~~ -
(.023 X recognized valuation)

If the difference obtained is a negative number, the district's computation shall be zero.

(2)(a) For each school district for which the tax exempt value of the district equals or exceeds twenty-five per cent of the potential value of the district, the department of education shall calculate the difference between

the district's tax exempt value and twenty-five per cent of the district's potential value.

(b) For each school district to which division (A)(2)(a) of this section applies, the department shall adjust the recognized valuation used in the calculation under division (A)(1) of this section by subtracting from it the amount calculated under division (A)(2)(a) of this section.

(B) As used in this section:

(1) The "total special education weight" for a district means the sum of the following amounts:

(a) The district's category one special education ADM multiplied by the multiple specified in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(b) The district's category two special education ADM multiplied by the multiple specified in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(c) The district's category three special education ADM multiplied by the multiple specified in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(d) The district's category four special education ADM multiplied by the multiple specified in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(e) The district's category five special education ADM multiplied by the multiple specified in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(f) The district's category six special education ADM multiplied by the multiple specified in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(2) "State share percentage" means the percentage calculated for a district as follows:

(a) Calculate the state base cost funding amount for the district for the fiscal year under division (A) of this section. If the district would not receive any state base cost funding for that year under that division, the district's state share percentage is zero.

(b) If the district would receive state base cost funding under that division, divide that amount by an amount equal to the following:

Cost-of-doing-business factor X
the formula amount X ~~(the greater of formula ADM or three-year average~~ formula ADM~~)~~

The resultant number is the district's state share percentage.

(3) "Related services" includes:

(a) Child study, special education supervisors and coordinators, speech and hearing services, adaptive physical development services, occupational or physical therapy, teacher assistants for handicapped children whose handicaps are described in division (B) of section 3317.013 or division (F)(3) of section 3317.02 of the Revised Code, behavioral intervention,

interpreter services, work study, nursing services, and specialized integrative services as those terms are defined by the department;

(b) Speech and language services provided to any student with a handicap, including any student whose primary or only handicap is a speech and language handicap;

(c) Any related service not specifically covered by other state funds but specified in federal law, including but not limited to, audiology and school psychological services;

(d) Any service included in units funded under former division (O)(1) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code;

(e) Any other related service needed by handicapped children in accordance with their individualized education plans.

(4) The "total vocational education weight" for a district means the sum of the following amounts:

(a) The district's category one vocational education ADM multiplied by the multiple specified in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(b) The district's category two vocational education ADM multiplied by the multiple specified in division (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) The department shall compute and distribute state special education and related services additional weighted costs funds to each school district in accordance with the following formula:

The district's state share percentage
X the formula amount for the year
for which the aid is calculated
X the district's total special education weight

(2) The attributed local share of special education and related services additional weighted costs equals:

(1 - the district's state share percentage) X
the district's total special education weight X
the formula amount

(3)(a) The department shall compute and pay in accordance with this division additional state aid to school districts for students in categories two through six special education ADM. If a district's costs for the fiscal year for a student in its categories two through six special education ADM exceed the threshold catastrophic cost for serving the student, the district may submit to the superintendent of public instruction documentation, as prescribed by the superintendent, of all its costs for that student. Upon submission of documentation for a student of the type and in the manner

prescribed, the department shall pay to the district an amount equal to the sum of the following:

(i) One-half of the district's costs for the student in excess of the threshold catastrophic cost;

(ii) The product of one-half of the district's costs for the student in excess of the threshold catastrophic cost multiplied by the district's state share percentage.

(b) For purposes of division (C)(3)(a) of this section, the threshold catastrophic cost for serving a student equals:

(i) For a student in the school district's category two, three, four, or five special education ADM, twenty-five thousand dollars in fiscal year 2002 and twenty-five thousand seven hundred dollars in fiscal ~~year~~ years 2003, 2004, and 2005;

(ii) For a student in the district's category six special education ADM, thirty thousand dollars in fiscal year 2002 and thirty thousand eight hundred forty dollars in fiscal ~~year~~ years 2003, 2004, and 2005.

~~The threshold catastrophic costs for fiscal year 2003 represent a two and eight-tenths per cent inflationary increase over fiscal year 2002.~~

(c) The district shall only report under division (C)(3)(a) of this section, and the department shall only pay for, the costs of educational expenses and the related services provided to the student in accordance with the student's individualized education program. Any legal fees, court costs, or other costs associated with any cause of action relating to the student may not be included in the amount.

~~(5)~~(4)(a) As used in this division, the "personnel allowance" means thirty thousand dollars in fiscal years 2002 ~~and~~, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

(b) For the provision of speech language pathology services to students, including students who do not have individualized education programs prepared for them under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, and for no other purpose, the department of education shall pay each school district an amount calculated under the following formula:

(formula ADM divided by 2000) X
the personnel allowance X the state share percentage

(5) In any fiscal year, a school district shall spend for purposes that the department designates as approved for special education and related services expenses at least the amount calculated as follows:

(cost-of-doing-business factor X
formula amount X the sum of categories
one through six special education ADM) +
(total special education weight X formula amount)

The purposes approved by the department for special education expenses shall include, but shall not be limited to, identification of handicapped children, compliance with state rules governing the education of handicapped children and prescribing the continuum of program options for handicapped children, provision of speech language pathology services, and the portion of the school district's overall administrative and overhead costs that are attributable to the district's special education student population.

The department shall require school districts to report data annually to allow for monitoring compliance with division (C)(5) of this section. The department shall annually report to the governor and the general assembly the amount of money spent by each school district for special education and related services.

(6) In any fiscal year, a school district shall spend for the provision of speech language pathology services not less than the sum of the amount calculated under division (C)(1) of this section for the students in the district's category one special education ADM and the amount calculated under division (C)(4) of this section.

(D)(1) As used in this division:

(a) "Daily bus miles per student" equals the number of bus miles traveled per day, divided by transportation base.

(b) "Transportation base" equals total student count as defined in section 3301.011 of the Revised Code, minus the number of students enrolled in preschool handicapped units, plus the number of nonpublic school students included in transportation ADM.

(c) "Transported student percentage" equals transportation ADM divided by transportation base.

(d) "Transportation cost per student" equals total operating costs for board-owned or contractor-operated school buses divided by transportation base.

(2) Analysis of student transportation cost data has resulted in a finding that an average efficient transportation use cost per student can be calculated by means of a regression formula that has as its two independent variables the number of daily bus miles per student and the transported student percentage. For fiscal year 1998 transportation cost data, the average efficient transportation use cost per student is expressed as follows:

51.79027 + (139.62626 X daily bus miles per student) +
(116.25573 X transported student percentage)

The department of education shall annually determine the average efficient transportation use cost per student in accordance with the principles

stated in division (D)(2) of this section, updating the intercept and regression coefficients of the regression formula modeled in this division, based on an annual statewide analysis of each school district's daily bus miles per student, transported student percentage, and transportation cost per student data. The department shall conduct the annual update using data, including daily bus miles per student, transported student percentage, and transportation cost per student data, from the prior fiscal year. The department shall notify the office of budget and management of such update by the fifteenth day of February of each year.

(3) In addition to funds paid under divisions (A), (C), and (E) of this section, each district with a transported student percentage greater than zero shall receive a payment equal to a percentage of the product of the district's transportation base from the prior fiscal year times the annually updated average efficient transportation use cost per student, times an inflation factor of two and eight tenths per cent to account for the one-year difference between the data used in updating the formula and calculating the payment and the year in which the payment is made. The percentage shall be the following percentage of that product specified for the corresponding fiscal year:

FISCAL YEAR	PERCENTAGE
2000	52.5%
2001	55%
2002	57.5%
2003 and thereafter	The greater of 60% or the district's state share percentage

The payments made under division (D)(3) of this section each year shall be calculated based on all of the same prior year's data used to update the formula.

(4) In addition to funds paid under divisions (D)(2) and (3) of this section, a school district shall receive a rough road subsidy if both of the following apply:

(a) Its county rough road percentage is higher than the statewide rough road percentage, as those terms are defined in division (D)(5) of this section;

(b) Its district student density is lower than the statewide student density, as those terms are defined in that division.

(5) The rough road subsidy paid to each district meeting the qualifications of division (D)(4) of this section shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

(per rough mile subsidy X total rough road miles) X
density multiplier

where:

(a) "Per rough mile subsidy" equals the amount calculated in accordance with the following formula:

0.75 - {0.75 X [(maximum rough road percentage - county rough road percentage)/(maximum rough road percentage - statewide rough road percentage)]}

(i) "Maximum rough road percentage" means the highest county rough road percentage in the state.

(ii) "County rough road percentage" equals the percentage of the mileage of state, municipal, county, and township roads that is rated by the department of transportation as type A, B, C, E2, or F in the county in which the school district is located or, if the district is located in more than one county, the county to which it is assigned for purposes of determining its cost-of-doing-business factor.

(iii) "Statewide rough road percentage" means the percentage of the statewide total mileage of state, municipal, county, and township roads that is rated as type A, B, C, E2, or F by the department of transportation.

(b) "Total rough road miles" means a school district's total bus miles traveled in one year times its county rough road percentage.

(c) "Density multiplier" means a figure calculated in accordance with the following formula:

1 - [(minimum student density - district student density)/(minimum student density - statewide student density)]

(i) "Minimum student density" means the lowest district student density in the state.

(ii) "District student density" means a school district's transportation base divided by the number of square miles in the district.

(iii) "Statewide student density" means the sum of the transportation bases for all school districts divided by the sum of the square miles in all school districts.

(6) In addition to funds paid under divisions (D)(2) to (5) of this section, each district shall receive in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education a payment for students transported by means other than board-owned or contractor-operated buses and whose transportation is not funded under division (J) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code. The rules shall include provisions for school district reporting of such students.

(E)(1) The department shall compute and distribute state vocational education additional weighted costs funds to each school district in accordance with the following formula:

state share percentage X
the formula amount X
total vocational education weight

In any fiscal year, a school district receiving funds under division (E)(1) of this section shall spend those funds only for the purposes that the department designates as approved for vocational education expenses. Vocational educational expenses approved by the department shall include only expenses connected to the delivery of career-technical programming to career-technical students. The department shall require the school district to report data annually so that the department may monitor the district's compliance with the requirements regarding the manner in which funding received under division (E)(1) of this section may be spent.

(2) The department shall compute for each school district state funds for vocational education associated services in accordance with the following formula:

state share percentage X .05 X
the formula amount X the sum of categories one and two
vocational education ADM

In any fiscal year, a school district receiving funds under division (E)(2) of this section, or through a transfer of funds pursuant to division (L) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code, shall spend those funds only for the purposes that the department designates as approved for vocational education associated services expenses, which may include such purposes as apprenticeship coordinators, coordinators for other vocational education services, vocational evaluation, and other purposes designated by the department. The department may deny payment under division (E)(2) of this section to any district that the department determines is not operating those services or is using funds paid under division (E)(2) of this section, or through a transfer of funds pursuant to division (L) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code, for other purposes.

(F) ~~Beginning in fiscal year 2003, the~~ The actual local share in any fiscal year for the combination of special education and related services additional weighted costs funding calculated under division (C)(1) of this section, transportation funding calculated under divisions (D)(2) and (3) of this section, and vocational education and associated services additional weighted costs funding calculated under divisions (E)(1) and (2) of this section shall not exceed for any school district the product of three and three-tenths mills times the district's recognized valuation. ~~Beginning in fiscal year 2003, the~~ The department annually shall pay each school district as an excess cost supplement any amount by which the sum of the district's

attributed local shares for that funding exceeds that product. For purposes of calculating the excess cost supplement:

(1) The attributed local share for special education and related services additional weighted costs funding is the amount specified in division (C)(2) of this section.

(2) The attributed local share of transportation funding equals the difference of the total amount calculated for the district using the formula developed under division (D)(2) of this section minus the actual amount paid to the district after applying the percentage specified in division (D)(3) of this section.

(3) The attributed local share of vocational education and associated services additional weighted costs funding is the amount determined as follows:

(1 - state share percentage) X
[(total vocational education weight X the formula amount) +
the payment under division (E)(2) of this section]

Sec. 3317.023. (A) Notwithstanding section 3317.022 of the Revised Code, the amounts required to be paid to a district under this chapter shall be adjusted by the amount of the computations made under divisions (B) to ~~(L)~~(M) of this section.

As used in this section:

(1) "Classroom teacher" means a licensed employee who provides direct instruction to pupils, excluding teachers funded from money paid to the district from federal sources; educational service personnel; and vocational and special education teachers.

(2) "Educational service personnel" shall not include such specialists funded from money paid to the district from federal sources or assigned full-time to vocational or special education students and classes and may only include those persons employed in the eight specialist areas in a pattern approved by the department of education under guidelines established by the state board of education.

(3) "Annual salary" means the annual base salary stated in the state minimum salary schedule for the performance of the teacher's regular teaching duties that the teacher earns for services rendered for the first full week of October of the fiscal year for which the adjustment is made under division (C) of this section. It shall not include any salary payments for supplemental teachers contracts.

(4) "Regular student population" means the formula ADM plus the number of students reported as enrolled in the district pursuant to division (A)(1) of section 3313.981 of the Revised Code; minus the number of

students reported under division (A)(2) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code; minus the FTE of students reported under division (B)~~(5),~~ (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), or (12) of that section who are enrolled in a vocational education class or receiving special education; and minus ~~one-fourth~~ twenty per cent of the students enrolled concurrently in a joint vocational school district.

(5) "State share percentage" has the same meaning as in section 3317.022 of the Revised Code.

(6) "VEPD" means a school district or group of school districts designated by the department of education as being responsible for the planning for and provision of vocational education services to students within the district or group.

(7) "Lead district" means a school district, including a joint vocational school district, designated by the department as a VEPD, or designated to provide primary vocational education leadership within a VEPD composed of a group of districts.

(B) If the district employs less than one full-time equivalent classroom teacher for each twenty-five pupils in the regular student population in any school district, deduct the sum of the amounts obtained from the following computations:

(1) Divide the number of the district's full-time equivalent classroom teachers employed by one twenty-fifth;

(2) Subtract the quotient in (1) from the district's regular student population;

(3) Multiply the difference in (2) by seven hundred fifty-two dollars.

(C) If a positive amount, add one-half of the amount obtained by multiplying the number of full-time equivalent classroom teachers by:

(1) The mean annual salary of all full-time equivalent classroom teachers employed by the district at their respective training and experience levels minus;

(2) The mean annual salary of all such teachers at their respective levels in all school districts receiving payments under this section.

The number of full-time equivalent classroom teachers used in this computation shall not exceed one twenty-fifth of the district's regular student population. In calculating the district's mean salary under this division, those full-time equivalent classroom teachers with the highest training level shall be counted first, those with the next highest training level second, and so on, in descending order. Within the respective training levels, teachers with the highest years of service shall be counted first, the next highest years of service second, and so on, in descending order.

(D) This division does not apply to a school district that has entered into an agreement under division (A) of section 3313.42 of the Revised Code. Deduct the amount obtained from the following computations if the district employs fewer than five full-time equivalent educational service personnel, including elementary school art, music, and physical education teachers, counselors, librarians, visiting teachers, school social workers, and school nurses for each one thousand pupils in the regular student population:

(1) Divide the number of full-time equivalent educational service personnel employed by the district by five one-thousandths;

(2) Subtract the quotient in (1) from the district's regular student population;

(3) Multiply the difference in (2) by ninety-four dollars.

(E) If a local school district, or a city or exempted village school district to which a governing board of an educational service center provides services pursuant to section 3313.843 of the Revised Code, deduct the amount of the payment required for the reimbursement of the governing board under section 3317.11 of the Revised Code.

(F)(1) If the district is required to pay to or entitled to receive tuition from another school district under division (C)(2) or (3) of section 3313.64 or section 3313.65 of the Revised Code, or if the superintendent of public instruction is required to determine the correct amount of tuition and make a deduction or credit under section 3317.08 of the Revised Code, deduct and credit such amounts as provided in division (I) of section 3313.64 or section 3317.08 of the Revised Code.

(2) For each child for whom the district is responsible for tuition or payment under division (A)(1) of section 3317.082 or section 3323.091 of the Revised Code, deduct the amount of tuition or payment for which the district is responsible.

(G) If the district has been certified by the superintendent of public instruction under section 3313.90 of the Revised Code as not in compliance with the requirements of that section, deduct an amount equal to ten per cent of the amount computed for the district under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code.

(H) If the district has received a loan from a commercial lending institution for which payments are made by the superintendent of public instruction pursuant to division (E)(3) of section 3313.483 of the Revised Code, deduct an amount equal to such payments.

(I)(1) If the district is a party to an agreement entered into under division (D), (E), or (F) of section 3311.06 or division (B) of section 3311.24 of the Revised Code and is obligated to make payments to another

district under such an agreement, deduct an amount equal to such payments if the district school board notifies the department in writing that it wishes to have such payments deducted.

(2) If the district is entitled to receive payments from another district that has notified the department to deduct such payments under division (I)(1) of this section, add the amount of such payments.

(J) If the district is required to pay an amount of funds to a cooperative education district pursuant to a provision described by division (B)(4) of section 3311.52 or division (B)(8) of section 3311.521 of the Revised Code, deduct such amounts as provided under that provision and credit those amounts to the cooperative education district for payment to the district under division (B)(1) of section 3317.19 of the Revised Code.

(K)(1) If a district is educating a student entitled to attend school in another district pursuant to a shared education contract, compact, or cooperative education agreement other than an agreement entered into pursuant to section 3313.842 of the Revised Code, credit to that educating district on an FTE basis both of the following:

(a) An amount equal to the formula amount times the cost of doing business factor of the school district where the student is entitled to attend school pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code;

(b) An amount equal to the formula amount times the state share percentage times any multiple applicable to the student pursuant to section 3317.013 or 3317.014 of the Revised Code.

(2) Deduct any amount credited pursuant to division (K)(1) of this section from amounts paid to the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(3) If the district is required by a shared education contract, compact, or cooperative education agreement to make payments to an educational service center, deduct the amounts from payments to the district and add them to the amounts paid to the service center pursuant to section 3317.11 of the Revised Code.

(L)(1) If a district, including a joint vocational school district, is a lead district of a VEPD, credit to that district the amounts calculated for all the school districts within that VEPD pursuant to division (E)(2) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code.

(2) Deduct from each appropriate district that is not a lead district, the amount attributable to that district that is credited to a lead district under division (L)(1) of this section.

(M) If the department pays a joint vocational school district under

division (G)(4) of section 3317.16 of the Revised Code for excess costs of providing special education and related services to a handicapped student, as calculated under division (G)(2) of that section, the department shall deduct the amount of that payment from the city, local, or exempted village school district that is responsible as specified in that section for the excess costs.

Sec. 3317.024. In addition to the moneys paid to eligible school districts pursuant to section 3317.022 of the Revised Code, moneys appropriated for the education programs in divisions (A) to (H), (J) to (L), (O), (P), and (R) of this section shall be distributed to school districts meeting the requirements of section 3317.01 of the Revised Code; in the case of divisions (J) and (P) of this section, to educational service centers as provided in section 3317.11 of the Revised Code; in the case of divisions (E), (M), and (N) of this section, to county MR/DD boards; in the case of division (R) of this section, to joint vocational school districts; in the case of division (K) of this section, to cooperative education school districts; and in the case of division (Q) of this section, to the institutions defined under section 3317.082 of the Revised Code providing elementary or secondary education programs to children other than children receiving special education under section 3323.091 of the Revised Code. The following shall be distributed monthly, quarterly, or annually as may be determined by the state board of education:

(A) A per pupil amount to each school district that establishes a summer school remediation program that complies with rules of the state board of education.

(B) 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.

(C) An amount for each school district operating classes for children of migrant workers who are unable to be in attendance in an Ohio school during the entire regular school year. The amounts shall be determined on the basis of standards adopted by the state board of education, except that payment shall be made only for subjects regularly offered by the school district providing the classes.

(D) An amount for each school district with guidance, testing, and counseling programs approved by the state board of education. The amount shall be determined on the basis of standards adopted by the state board of education.

(E) An amount for the emergency purchase of school buses as provided

for in section 3317.07 of the Revised Code;

(F) 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 average daily membership for the preceding school year.

(G) In fiscal year 2000 only, an amount to each school district for supplemental salary allowances for each licensed employee except those licensees serving as superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, or assistant principals, whose term of service in any year is extended beyond the term of service of regular classroom teachers, as described in section 3301.0725 of the Revised Code;

(H) An amount for adult basic literacy education for each district participating in programs approved by the state board of education. The amount shall be determined on the basis of standards adopted by the state board of education.

(I) Notwithstanding section 3317.01 of the Revised Code, but only until June 30, 1999, to each city, local, and exempted village school district, an amount for conducting driver education courses at high schools for which the state board of education prescribes minimum standards and to joint vocational and cooperative education school districts and educational service centers, an amount for conducting driver education courses to pupils enrolled in a high school for which the state board prescribes minimum standards. No payments shall be made under this division after June 30, 1999.

(J) An amount for the approved cost of transporting developmentally handicapped pupils whom it is impossible or impractical to transport by regular school bus in the course of regular route transportation provided by the district or 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.

(K) 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 and an amount to assist needy school districts in purchasing necessary equipment for food preparation. The amounts shall be determined on the basis of rules adopted by the state board of education.

(L) An amount to each school district, for each pupil attending a chartered nonpublic elementary or high school within the district. The amount shall equal the amount appropriated for the implementation of section 3317.06 of the Revised Code divided by the average daily membership in grades kindergarten through twelve in nonpublic elementary and high schools within the state as determined during the first full week in October of each school year.

(M) An amount for each county MR/DD board, 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 MR/DD board under section 3323.09 of the Revised Code;

(N) An amount for each county MR/DD board, distributed on the basis of standards adopted by the state board of education, for supportive home services for preschool children;

(O) An amount for each school district that establishes a mentor teacher program that complies with rules of the state board of education. No school district shall be required to establish or maintain such a program in any year unless sufficient funds are appropriated to cover the district's total costs for the program.

(P) An amount to each school district or educational service center for the total number of gifted units approved pursuant to section 3317.05 of the Revised Code. The amount for each such unit shall be the sum of the minimum salary for the teacher of the unit, calculated on the basis of the teacher's training level and years of experience pursuant to the salary schedule prescribed in the version of section 3317.13 of the Revised Code in effect prior to ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ July 1, 2001, plus fifteen per cent of that minimum salary amount, plus two thousand six hundred seventy-eight dollars.

(Q) 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.

(R) A grant to each school district and joint vocational school district that operates a "graduation, reality, and dual-role skills" (GRADS) program for pregnant and parenting students that is approved by the department. The amount of the payment shall be the district's state share percentage, as defined in section 3317.022 or 3317.16 of the Revised Code, times the

GRADS personnel allowance times the full-time-equivalent number of GRADS teachers approved by the department. The GRADS personnel allowance is ~~$46,260~~ $47,555 in fiscal years ~~2002~~ 2004 and ~~2003~~ 2005.

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. 3317.029. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "DPIA percentage" means:

(a) In fiscal years prior to fiscal year 2004, the quotient obtained by dividing the five-year average number of children ages five to seventeen residing in the school district and living in a family receiving assistance under the Ohio works first program or an antecedent program known as TANF or ADC, as certified or adjusted under section 3317.10 of the Revised Code, by the district's three-year average formula ADM.

(b) Beginning in fiscal year 2004, the unduplicated number of children ages five to seventeen residing in the school district and living in a family that has family income not exceeding the federal poverty guidelines and that receives family assistance, as certified or adjusted under section 3317.10 of the Revised Code, divided by the district's three-year average formula ADM.

(2) "Family assistance" means assistance received under one of the following:

(a) The Ohio works first program;

(b) The food stamp program;

(c) The medical assistance program, including the healthy start program, established under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code;

(d) The children's health insurance program part I established under section 5101.50 of the Revised Code or, prior to fiscal year 2000, an executive order issued under section 107.17 of the Revised Code;

(e) The disability financial assistance program established under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code;

(f) The disability medical assistance program established under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code.

(3) "Statewide DPIA percentage" means:

(a) In fiscal years prior to fiscal year 2004, the five-year average of the total number of children ages five to seventeen years residing in the state

and receiving assistance under the Ohio works first program or an antecedent program known as TANF or ADC, divided by the sum of the three-year average formula ADMs for all school districts in the state.

(b) Beginning in fiscal year 2004, the total unduplicated number of children ages five to seventeen residing in the state and living in a family that has family income not exceeding the federal poverty guidelines and that receives family assistance, divided by the sum of the three-year average formula ADMs for all school districts in the state.

(4) "DPIA index" means the quotient obtained by dividing the school district's DPIA percentage by the statewide DPIA percentage.

(5) "Federal poverty guidelines" has the same meaning as in section 5101.46 of the Revised Code.

(6) "DPIA student count" means:

(a) In fiscal years prior to fiscal year 2004, the five-year average number of children ages five to seventeen residing in the school district and living in a family receiving assistance under the Ohio works first program or an antecedent program known as TANF or ADC, as certified under section 3317.10 of the Revised Code;

(b) Beginning in fiscal year 2004, the unduplicated number of children ages five to seventeen residing in the school district and living in a family that has family income not exceeding the federal poverty guidelines and that receives family assistance, as certified or adjusted under section 3317.10 of the Revised Code.

(7) "Kindergarten ADM" means the number of students reported under section 3317.03 of the Revised Code as enrolled in kindergarten.

(8) "Kindergarten through third grade ADM" means the amount calculated as follows:

(a) Multiply the kindergarten ADM by the sum of one plus the all-day kindergarten percentage;

(b) Add the number of students in grades one through three;

(c) Subtract from the sum calculated under division (A)(6)(b) of this section the number of special education students in grades kindergarten through three.

(9) "Statewide average teacher salary" means forty-two thousand four hundred sixty-nine dollars in fiscal year 2002, and forty-three thousand six hundred fifty-eight dollars in fiscal year 2003, which includes an amount for the value of fringe benefits.

(10) "All-day kindergarten" means a kindergarten class that is in session five days per week for not less than the same number of clock hours each day as for pupils in grades one through six.

(11) "All-day kindergarten percentage" means the percentage of a district's actual total number of students enrolled in kindergarten who are enrolled in all-day kindergarten.

(12) "Buildings with the highest concentration of need" means:

(a) In fiscal years prior to fiscal year 2004, the school buildings in a district with percentages of students in grades kindergarten through three receiving assistance under Ohio works first at least as high as the district-wide percentage of students receiving such assistance.

(b) Beginning in fiscal year 2004, the school buildings in a district with percentages of students in grades kindergarten through three receiving family assistance at least as high as the district-wide percentage of students receiving family assistance.

(c) If, in any fiscal year, the information provided by the department of job and family services under section 3317.10 of the Revised Code is insufficient to determine the Ohio works first or family assistance percentage in each building, "buildings with the highest concentration of need" has the meaning given in rules that the department of education shall adopt. The rules shall base the definition of "buildings with the highest concentration of need" on family income of students in grades kindergarten through three in a manner that, to the extent possible with available data, approximates the intent of this division and division (G) of this section to designate buildings where the Ohio works first or family assistance percentage in those grades equals or exceeds the district-wide Ohio works first or family assistance percentage.

(B) In addition to the amounts required to be paid to a school district under section 3317.022 of the Revised Code, a school district shall receive the greater of the amount the district received in fiscal year 1998 pursuant to division (B) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code as it existed at that time or the sum of the computations made under divisions (C) to (E) of this section.

(C) A supplemental payment that may be utilized for measures related to safety and security and for remediation or similar programs, calculated as follows:

(1) If the DPIA index of the school district is greater than or equal to thirty-five-hundredths, but less than one, an amount obtained by multiplying the district's DPIA student count by two hundred thirty dollars;

(2) If the DPIA index of the school district is greater than or equal to one, an amount obtained by multiplying the DPIA index by two hundred thirty dollars and multiplying that product by the district's DPIA student count.

Except as otherwise provided in division (F) of this section, beginning with the school year that starts July 1, 2002, each school district annually shall use at least twenty per cent of the funds calculated for the district under this division for intervention services required by section 3313.608 of the Revised Code.

(D) A payment for all-day kindergarten if the DPIA index of the school district is greater than or equal to one or if the district's three-year average formula ADM exceeded seventeen thousand five hundred, calculated by multiplying the all-day kindergarten percentage by the kindergarten ADM and multiplying that product by the formula amount.

(E) A class-size reduction payment based on calculating the number of new teachers necessary to achieve a lower student-teacher ratio, as follows:

(1) Determine or calculate a formula number of teachers per one thousand students based on the DPIA index of the school district as follows:

(a) If the DPIA index of the school district is less than six-tenths, the formula number of teachers is 43.478, which is the number of teachers per one thousand students at a student-teacher ratio of twenty-three to one;

(b) If the DPIA index of the school district is greater than or equal to six-tenths, but less than two and one-half, the formula number of teachers is calculated as follows:

$$43.478 + \{[(\text{DPIA index} - 0.6)/ 1.9] \text{ X } 23.188\}$$

Where 43.478 is the number of teachers per one thousand students at a student-teacher ratio of twenty-three to one; 1.9 is the interval from a DPIA index of six-tenths to a DPIA index of two and one-half; and 23.188 is the difference in the number of teachers per one thousand students at a student-teacher ratio of fifteen to one and the number of teachers per one thousand students at a student-teacher ratio of twenty-three to one.

(c) If the DPIA index of the school district is greater than or equal to two and one-half, the formula number of teachers is 66.667, which is the number of teachers per one thousand students at a student-teacher ratio of fifteen to one.

(2) Multiply the formula number of teachers determined or calculated in division (E)(1) of this section by the kindergarten through third grade ADM for the district and divide that product by one thousand;

(3) Calculate the number of new teachers as follows:

(a) Multiply the kindergarten through third grade ADM by 43.478, which is the number of teachers per one thousand students at a student-teacher ratio of twenty-three to one, and divide that product by one thousand;

(b) Subtract the quotient obtained in division (E)(3)(a) of this section

from the product in division (E)(2) of this section.

(4) Multiply the greater of the difference obtained under division (E)(3) of this section or zero by the statewide average teachers salary.

(F) This division applies only to school districts whose DPIA index is one or greater.

(1) Each school district subject to this division shall first utilize funds received under this section so that, when combined with other funds of the district, sufficient funds exist to provide all-day kindergarten to at least the number of children in the district's all-day kindergarten percentage.

(2) Up to an amount equal to the district's DPIA index multiplied by its DPIA student count multiplied by two hundred thirty dollars of the money distributed under this section may be utilized for one or both of the following:

(a) Programs designed to ensure that schools are free of drugs and violence and have a disciplined environment conducive to learning;

(b) Remediation for students who have failed or are in danger of failing any of the tests administered pursuant to section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code.

Beginning with the school year that starts on July 1, 2002, each school district shall use at least twenty per cent of the funds set aside for the purposes of divisions (F)(2)(a) and (b) of this section to provide intervention services required by section 3313.608 of the Revised Code.

(3) Except as otherwise required by division (G) or permitted under division (K) of this section, all other funds distributed under this section to districts subject to this division shall be utilized for the purpose of the third grade guarantee. The third grade guarantee consists of increasing the amount of instructional attention received per pupil in kindergarten through third grade, either by reducing the ratio of students to instructional personnel or by increasing the amount of instruction and curriculum-related activities by extending the length of the school day or the school year.

School districts may implement a reduction of the ratio of students to instructional personnel through any or all of the following methods:

(a) Reducing the number of students in a classroom taught by a single teacher;

(b) Employing full-time educational aides or educational paraprofessionals issued a permit or license under section 3319.088 of the Revised Code;

(c) Instituting a team-teaching method that will result in a lower student-teacher ratio in a classroom.

Districts may extend the school day either by increasing the amount of

time allocated for each class, increasing the number of classes provided per day, offering optional academic-related after-school programs, providing curriculum-related extra curricular activities, or establishing tutoring or remedial services for students who have demonstrated an educational need. In accordance with section 3319.089 of the Revised Code, a district extending the school day pursuant to this division may utilize a participant of the work experience program who has a child enrolled in a public school in that district and who is fulfilling the work requirements of that program by volunteering or working in that public school. If the work experience program participant is compensated, the school district may use the funds distributed under this section for all or part of the compensation.

Districts may extend the school year either through adding regular days of instruction to the school calendar or by providing summer programs.

(G) Each district subject to division (F) of this section shall not expend any funds received under division (E) of this section in any school buildings that are not buildings with the highest concentration of need, unless there is a ratio of instructional personnel to students of no more than fifteen to one in each kindergarten and first grade class in all buildings with the highest concentration of need. This division does not require that the funds used in buildings with the highest concentration of need be spent solely to reduce the ratio of instructional personnel to students in kindergarten and first grade. A school district may spend the funds in those buildings in any manner permitted by division (F)(3) of this section, but may not spend the money in other buildings unless the fifteen-to-one ratio required by this division is attained.

(H)(1) By the first day of August of each fiscal year, each school district wishing to receive any funds under division (D) of this section shall submit to the department of education an estimate of its all-day kindergarten percentage. Each district shall update its estimate throughout the fiscal year in the form and manner required by the department, and the department shall adjust payments under this section to reflect the updates.

(2) Annually by the end of December, the department of education, utilizing data from the information system established under section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code and after consultation with the legislative office of education oversight, shall determine for each school district subject to division (F) of this section whether in the preceding fiscal year the district's ratio of instructional personnel to students and its number of kindergarten students receiving all-day kindergarten appear reasonable, given the amounts of money the district received for that fiscal year pursuant to divisions (D) and (E) of this section. If the department is unable

to verify from the data available that students are receiving reasonable amounts of instructional attention and all-day kindergarten, given the funds the district has received under this section and that class-size reduction funds are being used in school buildings with the highest concentration of need as required by division (G) of this section, the department shall conduct a more intensive investigation to ensure that funds have been expended as required by this section. The department shall file an annual report of its findings under this division with the chairpersons of the committees in each house of the general assembly dealing with finance and education.

(I) Any school district with a DPIA index less than one and a three-year average formula ADM exceeding seventeen thousand five hundred shall first utilize funds received under this section so that, when combined with other funds of the district, sufficient funds exist to provide all-day kindergarten to at least the number of children in the district's all-day kindergarten percentage. Such a district shall expend at least seventy per cent of the remaining funds received under this section, and any other district with a DPIA index less than one shall expend at least seventy per cent of all funds received under this section, for any of the following purposes:

(1) The purchase of technology for instructional purposes;

(2) All-day kindergarten;

(3) Reduction of class sizes;

(4) Summer school remediation;

(5) Dropout prevention programs;

(6) Guaranteeing that all third graders are ready to progress to more advanced work;

(7) Summer education and work programs;

(8) Adolescent pregnancy programs;

(9) Head start or preschool programs;

(10) Reading improvement programs described by the department of education;

(11) Programs designed to ensure that schools are free of drugs and violence and have a disciplined environment conducive to learning;

(12) Furnishing, free of charge, materials used in courses of instruction, except for the necessary textbooks or electronic textbooks required to be furnished without charge pursuant to section 3329.06 of the Revised Code, to pupils living in families participating in Ohio works first in accordance with section 3313.642 of the Revised Code;

(13) School breakfasts provided pursuant to section 3313.813 of the

Revised Code.

Each district shall submit to the department, in such format and at such time as the department shall specify, a report on the programs for which it expended funds under this division.

(J) If at any time the superintendent of public instruction determines that a school district receiving funds under division (D) of this section has enrolled less than the all-day kindergarten percentage reported for that fiscal year, the superintendent shall withhold from the funds otherwise due the district under this section a proportional amount as determined by the difference in the certified all-day kindergarten percentage and the percentage actually enrolled in all-day kindergarten.

The superintendent shall also withhold an appropriate amount of funds otherwise due a district for any other misuse of funds not in accordance with this section.

(K)(1) A district may use a portion of the funds calculated for it under division (D) of this section to modify or purchase classroom space to provide all-day kindergarten, if both of the following conditions are met:

(a) The district certifies to the department, in a manner acceptable to the department, that it has a shortage of space for providing all-day kindergarten.

(b) The district provides all-day kindergarten to the number of children in the all-day kindergarten percentage it certified under this section.

(2) A district may use a portion of the funds described in division (F)(3) of this section to modify or purchase classroom space to enable it to further reduce class size in grades kindergarten through two with a goal of attaining class sizes of fifteen students per licensed teacher. To do so, the district must certify its need for additional space to the department, in a manner satisfactory to the department.

Sec. 3317.0217. The department of education shall annually compute and pay state parity aid to school districts, as follows:

(A) Calculate the local wealth per pupil of each school district, which equals the following sum:

(1) Two-thirds times the quotient of (a) the district's recognized valuation divided by (b) its formula ADM; plus

(2) One-third times the quotient of (a) the average of the total federal adjusted gross income of the school district's residents for the three years most recently reported under section 3317.021 of the Revised Code divided by (b) its formula ADM.

(B) Rank all school districts in order of local wealth per pupil, from the district with the lowest local wealth per pupil to the district with the highest

local wealth per pupil.

(C) Compute the per pupil state parity aid funding for each school district in accordance with the following formula:

Payment percentage X (threshold local wealth per pupil - the district's local wealth per pupil) X 0.0095

Where:

(1) "Payment percentage," for purposes of division (C) of this section, equals 20% in fiscal year 2002, 40% in fiscal year 2003, ~~60%~~ 58% in fiscal year 2004, ~~80%~~ 76% in fiscal year 2005, and 100% after fiscal year 2005.

(2) Nine and one-half mills (0.0095) is the general assembly's determination of the average number of effective operating mills that districts in the seventieth to ninetieth percentiles of valuations per pupil collected in fiscal year 2001 above the revenues required to finance their attributed local shares of the calculated cost of an adequate education. This was determined by (a) adding the district revenues from operating property tax levies and income tax levies, (b) subtracting from that total the sum of (i) twenty-three mills times adjusted recognized valuation plus (ii) the attributed local shares of special education, transportation, and vocational education funding as described in divisions (F)(1) to (3) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code, and (c) converting the result to an effective operating property tax rate.

(3) The "threshold local wealth per pupil" is the local wealth per pupil of the school district with the four-hundred-ninetieth lowest local wealth per pupil.

If the result of the calculation for a school district under division (C) of this section is less than zero, the district's per pupil parity aid shall be zero.

(D) Compute the per pupil alternative parity aid for each school district that has a combination of an income factor of 1.0 or less, a DPIA index of 1.0 or greater, and a cost-of-doing-business factor of 1.0375 or greater, in accordance with the following formula:

Payment percentage X $60,000 X (1 - income factor) X 4/15 X 0.023

Where:

(1) "DPIA index" has the same meaning as in section 3317.029 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Payment percentage," for purposes of division (D) of this section, equals 50% in fiscal year 2002 and 100% after fiscal year 2002.

(E) Pay each district that has a combination of an income factor 1.0 or less, a DPIA index of 1.0 or greater, and a cost-of-doing-business factor of

1.0375 or greater, the greater of the following:

(1) The product of the district's per pupil parity aid calculated under division (C) of this section times its formula ADM;

(2) The product of its per pupil alternative parity aid calculated under division (D) of this section times its formula ADM.

(F) Pay every other district the product of its per pupil parity aid calculated under division (C) of this section times its formula ADM.

~~Every six years, the general assembly shall redetermine, after considering the report of the committee appointed under section 3317.012 of the Revised Code, the average number of effective operating mills that districts in the seventieth to ninetieth percentiles of valuations per pupil collect above the revenues required to finance their attributed local shares of the cost of an adequate education.~~

Sec. 3317.03. Notwithstanding divisions (A)(1), (B)(1), and (C) of this section, any student enrolled in kindergarten more than half time shall be reported as one-half student under this section.

(A) The superintendent of each city and exempted village school district and of each educational service center shall, for the schools under the superintendent's supervision, certify to the state board of education on or before the fifteenth day of October in each year for the first full school week in October the formula ADM, which shall consist of the average daily membership during such week of the sum of the following:

(1) On an FTE basis, 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.

(2) On an FTE basis, the number of students entitled to attend school in the district pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code, 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. 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.

(3) ~~One-fourth~~ Twenty per cent of the number of students enrolled in a joint vocational school district or under a vocational education compact, excluding any students entitled to attend school in the district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code 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 vocational education compact;

(4) The number of handicapped children, other than handicapped preschool children, entitled to attend school in the district pursuant to section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code who are placed with a county MR/DD board, minus the number of such children placed with a county MR/DD board in fiscal year 1998. If this calculation produces a negative number, the number reported under division (A)(4) of this section shall be zero.

(B) To enable the department of education to obtain the data needed to complete the calculation of payments pursuant to this chapter, in addition to the formula ADM, each superintendent shall report separately the following student counts:

(1) The total average daily membership in regular day classes included in the report under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section for kindergarten, and each of grades one through twelve in schools under the superintendent's supervision;

(2) The number of all handicapped preschool children enrolled as of the first day of December in classes in the district that are eligible for approval ~~by the state board of education~~ under division (B) of section 3317.05 of the Revised Code and the number of those classes, which shall be reported not later than the fifteenth day of December, in accordance with rules adopted under that section;

(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 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, are 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, are enrolled in an adjacent or other school district under section 3313.98 of the Revised Code, are enrolled in a community school established under 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, or are participating in a program operated by a county MR/DD board or a state institution;

(4) The number of pupils enrolled in joint vocational schools;

(5) The average daily membership of handicapped children reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for the category one handicap described in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(6) The average daily membership of handicapped children reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for category two handicaps described in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(7) The average daily membership of handicapped children reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for category three handicaps described in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(8) The average daily membership of handicapped children reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for category four handicaps described in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(9) The average daily membership of handicapped children reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for the category five handicap described in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(10) The average daily membership of handicapped children reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section receiving special education services for category six handicaps described in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(11) The average daily membership of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section enrolled in category one vocational 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, other than a joint vocational school district, or by an educational service center;

(12) The average daily membership of pupils reported under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section enrolled in category two vocational 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, other than a joint vocational school district, or by an educational service center;

(13) The average number of children transported by the school district on board-owned or contractor-owned and -operated buses, reported in accordance with rules adopted by the department of education;

(14)(a) The number of children, other than handicapped preschool children, the district placed with a county MR/DD board in fiscal year 1998;

(b) The number of handicapped children, other than handicapped preschool children, placed with a county MR/DD board in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for the category one handicap described in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(c) The number of handicapped children, other than handicapped preschool children, placed with a county MR/DD board in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for category two handicaps described in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(d) The number of handicapped children, other than handicapped preschool children, placed with a county MR/DD board in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for category three handicaps described in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(e) The number of handicapped children, other than handicapped preschool children, placed with a county MR/DD board in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for category four handicaps described in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(f) The number of handicapped children, other than handicapped preschool children, placed with a county MR/DD board in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for the category five handicap described in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(g) The number of handicapped children, other than handicapped preschool children, placed with a county MR/DD board in the current fiscal year to receive special education services for category six handicaps described in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section for kindergarten students, the average daily membership in divisions (B)(1) to (12) of this

section shall be based upon the number of full-time equivalent students. The state board of education shall adopt rules defining full-time equivalent students and for determining the average daily membership therefrom for the purposes of divisions (A), (B), and (D) of this section.

(2) A student enrolled in a community school established under Chapter 3314. 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 for purposes of section 3314.08 of the Revised Code.

(3) No child shall be counted as more than a total of one child in the sum of the average daily memberships of a school district under division (A), divisions (B)(1) to (12), or division (D) of this section, except as follows:

(a) A child with a handicap 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 or two vocational education ADM. As provided in division (C) 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 vocational education programs or classes described in section 3317.014 of the Revised Code may be counted both in formula ADM and category one or two vocational 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 or two vocational education ADM in the same proportion as the percentage of time that the child spends in the vocational 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 certify to the superintendent of public instruction on or before the fifteenth day of October in each year for the first full school week in October the formula ADM, which, except as otherwise provided in this division, shall consist of the average daily membership during such week, on an FTE basis, of the number of students receiving any educational services from the district, including students enrolled in a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code who are attending the joint vocational

district under an agreement between the district board of education and the governing authority of the community school and are entitled to attend school in a city, local, or exempted village school district whose territory is part of the territory of the joint vocational district.

The following categories of students shall not be included in the determination made under division (D)(1) of this section:

(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, in addition to the formula ADM, each superintendent shall report separately the average daily membership included in the report under division (D)(1) of this section for each of the following categories of students:

(a) Students enrolled in each grade included in the joint vocational district schools;

(b) Handicapped children receiving special education services for the category one handicap described in division (A) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(c) Handicapped children receiving special education services for the category two handicaps described in division (B) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(d) Handicapped children receiving special education services for category three handicaps described in division (C) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(e) Handicapped children receiving special education services for category four handicaps described in division (D) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(f) Handicapped children receiving special education services for the category five handicap described in division (E) of section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(g) Handicapped children receiving special education services for category six handicaps described in division (F) of section 3317.013 of the

Revised Code;

(h) Students receiving category one vocational education services, described in division (A) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code;

(i) Students receiving category two vocational education services, described in division (B) of section 3317.014 of the Revised Code.

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 membership, which record shall accurately show, for each day the school is in session, the actual membership enrolled in regular day classes. For the purpose of determining average daily membership, the membership figure of any school shall not include any pupils except those pupils described by division (A) of this section. The record of membership for each school shall be maintained in such manner that no pupil shall be counted as in membership 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 in membership from and after the date of such withdrawal. There shall not be included in the membership of any school any of the following:

(1) Any pupil who has graduated from the twelfth grade of a public 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 tests were administered under section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code but did not take one or more of the tests required by that section and was not excused pursuant to division (C)(1) 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.

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 average daily membership.

Notwithstanding division (E)(3) of this section, the membership of any

school may include a pupil who did not take a test required by section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code if the superintendent of public instruction grants a waiver from the requirement to take the test to the specific pupil. The superintendent may grant such a waiver only for good cause in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education.

Except as provided in divisions (B)(2) and (F) of this section, the average daily membership figure of any local, city, exempted village, or joint vocational school district shall be determined by dividing the figure representing the sum of the number of pupils enrolled during each day the school of attendance is actually open for instruction during the first full school week in October by the total number of days the school was actually open for instruction during that week. For purposes of state funding, "enrolled" persons are only those pupils who are attending school, those who have attended school during the current school year and are absent for authorized reasons, and those handicapped children currently receiving home instruction.

The average daily membership figure of any cooperative education school district shall be determined in accordance with rules adopted by the state board of education.

(F)(1) If the formula ADM for the first full school week in February is at least three per cent greater than that certified for the first full school week in the preceding October, the superintendent of schools of any city, exempted village, or joint vocational school district or educational service center shall certify such increase to the superintendent of public instruction. Such certification shall be submitted no later than the fifteenth day of February. For the balance of the fiscal year, beginning with the February payments, the superintendent of public instruction shall use the increased formula ADM in calculating or recalculating the amounts to be allocated in accordance with section 3317.022 or 3317.16 of the Revised Code. In no event shall the superintendent use an increased membership certified to the superintendent after the fifteenth day of February.

(2) If on the first school day of April the total number of classes or units for handicapped preschool children that are eligible for approval under division (B) of section 3317.05 of the Revised Code exceeds the number of units that have been approved for the year under that division, the superintendent of schools of any city, exempted village, or cooperative education school district or educational service center shall make the certifications required by this section for that day. If the ~~state board of education~~ department determines additional units can be approved for the fiscal year within any limitations set forth in the acts appropriating moneys

for the funding of such units, the ~~board~~ department shall approve additional units for the fiscal year on the basis of such average daily membership. For each unit so approved, the department ~~of education~~ shall pay an amount computed in the manner prescribed in section 3317.052 or 3317.19 and section 3317.053 of the Revised Code.

(3) If a student attending a community school under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code is not included in the formula ADM certified for the first full school week of October 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 community school 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. This requirement applies regardless of whether the student was enrolled, as defined in division (E) of this section, in the community school during the first full school week in October.

(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 the average daily membership of all handicapped children in classes or programs approved annually by the ~~state board~~ department of education, in the manner prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction.

(b) The superintendent of an institution with vocational education units approved under division (A) of section 3317.05 of the Revised Code shall, for the units under the superintendent's supervision, certify to the state board of education the average daily membership in those units, in the manner prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction.

(2) The superintendent of each county MR/DD board that maintains special education classes under section 3317.20 of the Revised Code or units approved ~~by the state board of education~~ pursuant to section 3317.05 of the Revised Code shall do both of the following:

(a) Certify to the state board, in the manner prescribed by the board, the average daily membership 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 number of all handicapped preschool children enrolled as of the first day of December in classes eligible for approval under division (B) of section 3317.05 of the Revised Code, and the number of those classes.

(3)(a) If on the first school day of April the number of classes or units

maintained for handicapped preschool children by the county MR/DD board that are eligible for approval under division (B) of section 3317.05 of the Revised Code is greater than the number of units approved for the year under that division, the superintendent shall make the certification required by this section for that day.

(b) If the ~~state board~~ department determines that additional classes or units can be approved for the fiscal year within any limitations set forth in the acts appropriating moneys for the funding of the classes and units described in division (G)(3)(a) of this section, the ~~board~~ department shall approve and fund additional units for the fiscal year on the basis of such average daily membership. For each unit so approved, the department ~~of education~~ shall pay an amount computed in the manner prescribed in sections 3317.052 and 3317.053 of the Revised Code.

(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 membership shall not be included in that district's membership figure used in the calculation of that district's formula ADM or included in the determination of any unit approved for the district under section 3317.05 of the Revised Code. The reporting official shall report separately the average daily membership of all pupils whose attendance in the district is unauthorized attendance, and the membership 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 average daily membership.

(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 average daily membership:

(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 any such 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 average daily memberships 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.

Sec. 3317.032. (A) Each city, local, exempted village, and cooperative education school district, each educational service center, each county MR/DD board, and each institution operating a special education program pursuant to section 3323.091 of the Revised Code shall, in accordance with procedures adopted by the state board of education, maintain a record of district membership of both of the following:

(1) All handicapped preschool children in units approved under division (B) of section 3317.05 of the Revised Code;

(2) All handicapped preschool children who are not in units approved ~~by the state board~~ under division (B) of section 3317.05 of the Revised Code but who are otherwise served by a special education program.

(B) The superintendent of each district, board, or institution subject to division (A) of this section shall certify to the state board of education, in accordance with procedures adopted by that board, membership figures of all handicapped preschool children whose membership is maintained under division (A)(2) of this section. The figures certified under this division shall be used in the determination of the ADM used to compute funds for educational service center governing boards under ~~division (B) of~~ section 3317.11 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3317.05. (A) For the purpose of calculating payments under sections 3317.052 and 3317.053 of the Revised Code, the ~~state board~~ department of education shall determine for each institution, by the last day of January of each year and based on information certified under section 3317.03 of the Revised Code, the number of vocational education units or fractions of units approved by the ~~state board~~ department on the basis of standards and rules adopted by the state board of education. As used in this division, "institution" means an institution operated by a department specified in section 3323.091 of the Revised Code and that provides vocational education programs under the supervision of the division of vocational education of the department ~~of education~~ that meet the standards and rules for these programs, including licensure of professional staff involved in the programs, as established by the state board ~~of education~~.

(B) For the purpose of calculating payments under sections 3317.052, 3317.053, 3317.11, and 3317.19 of the Revised Code, the ~~state board~~

department shall determine, based on information certified under section 3317.03 of the Revised Code, the following by the last day of January of each year for each educational service center, for each school district, including each cooperative education school district, for each institution eligible for payment under section 3323.091 of the Revised Code, and for each county MR/DD board: the number of classes operated by the school district, service center, institution, or county MR/DD board for handicapped preschool children, or fraction thereof, including in the case of a district or service center that is a funding agent, classes taught by a licensed teacher employed by that district or service center under section 3313.841 of the Revised Code, approved annually by the ~~state board~~ department on the basis of standards and rules adopted by the state board.

(C) For the purpose of calculating payments under sections 3317.052, 3317.053, 3317.11, and 3317.19 of the Revised Code, the ~~state board~~ department shall determine, based on information certified under section 3317.03 of the Revised Code, the following by the last day of January of each year for each school district, including each cooperative education school district, for each institution eligible for payment under section 3323.091 of the Revised Code, and for each county MR/DD board: the number of preschool handicapped related services units for child study, occupational, physical, or speech and hearing therapy, special education supervisors, and special education coordinators approved annually by the ~~state board~~ department on the basis of standards and rules adopted by the state board.

(D) For the purpose of calculating payments under sections 3317.052 and 3317.053 of the Revised Code, the ~~state board~~ department shall determine, based on information certified under section 3317.03 of the Revised Code, the following by the last day of January of each year for each institution eligible for payment under section 3323.091 of the Revised Code:

(1) The number of classes operated by an institution for handicapped children other than handicapped preschool children, or fraction thereof, approved annually by the ~~state board~~ department on the basis of standards and rules adopted by the state board;

(2) The number of related services units for children other than handicapped preschool children for child study, occupational, physical, or speech and hearing therapy, special education supervisors, and special education coordinators approved annually by the ~~state board~~ department on the basis of standards and rules adopted by the state board.

(E) All of the arithmetical calculations made under this section shall be carried to the second decimal place. The total number of units for school

districts, service centers, and institutions approved annually ~~by the state board~~ under this section shall not exceed the number of units included in the ~~state board's~~ estimate of cost for these units and appropriations made for them by the general assembly.

In the case of units described in division (D)(1) of this section operated by institutions eligible for payment under section 3323.091 of the Revised Code, the ~~state board~~ department shall approve only units for persons who are under age twenty-two on the first day of the academic year, but not less than six years of age on the thirtieth day of September of that year, except that such a unit may include one or more children who are under six years of age on the thirtieth day of September if such children have been admitted to the unit pursuant to rules of the state board. In the case of handicapped preschool units described in division (B) of this section ~~operated by county MR/DD boards and institutions eligible for payment under section 3323.091 of the Revised Code~~, the ~~state board~~ department shall approve only preschool units for children who are under age six but not less than age three on the ~~thirtieth~~ first day of ~~September~~ December of the academic year, except that such a unit may include one or more children who are under age three or are age six or over on the ~~thirtieth~~ first day of ~~September~~ December, as reported under division (B)(2) or (G)(2)(b) of section 3317.03 of the Revised Code, if such children have been admitted to the unit pursuant to rules of the state board ~~of education~~. The number of units for county MR/DD boards and institutions eligible for payment under section 3323.091 of the Revised Code approved ~~by the state board~~ under this section shall not exceed the number that can be funded with appropriations made for such purposes by the general assembly.

No unit shall be approved under divisions (B) to (D) of this section unless a plan has been submitted and approved under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code.

(F) The department shall approve units or fractions thereof for gifted children on the basis of standards and rules adopted by the state board.

Sec. 3317.064. (A) There is hereby established in the state treasury the auxiliary services ~~mobile unit replacement and repair~~ reimbursement fund. By the thirtieth day of January of each odd-numbered year, the director of job and family services and the superintendent of public instruction shall determine the amount of any excess moneys in the auxiliary services personnel unemployment compensation fund not reasonably necessary for the purposes of section 4141.47 of the Revised Code, and shall certify such amount to the director of budget and management for transfer to the auxiliary services ~~mobile unit replacement and repair~~ reimbursement fund.

If the director of job and family services and the superintendent disagree on such amount, the director of budget and management shall determine the amount to be transferred.

(B) Moneys in the auxiliary services ~~mobile unit replacement and repair~~ reimbursement fund shall be used for the relocation or for the replacement and repair of mobile units used to provide the services specified in division (E), (F), (G), or (I) of section 3317.06 of the Revised Code. The state board of education shall adopt guidelines and procedures for replacement, repair, and relocation of mobile units and the procedures under which a school district may apply to receive moneys with which to repair or replace or relocate such units.

(C) School districts may apply to the department for moneys from the auxiliary services ~~mobile unit replacement and repair~~ reimbursement fund for payment of incentives for early retirement and severance for school district personnel assigned to provide services authorized by section 3317.06 of the Revised Code at chartered nonpublic schools. The portion of the cost of any early retirement or severance incentive for any employee that is paid using money from the auxiliary services ~~mobile unit replacement and repair~~ reimbursement fund shall not exceed the percentage of such employee's total service credit that the employee spent providing services to chartered nonpublic school students under section 3317.06 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3317.07. The state board of education shall establish rules for the purpose of distributing subsidies for the purchase of school buses under division (E) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code.

No school bus subsidy payments shall be paid to any district unless such district can demonstrate that pupils residing more than one mile from the school could not be transported without such additional aid.

The amount paid to a county MR/DD board for buses purchased for transportation of children in special education programs operated by the board shall be one hundred per cent of the board's net cost.

The amount paid to a school district for buses purchased for transportation of handicapped and nonpublic school pupils shall be one hundred per cent of the school district's net cost.

The state board of education shall adopt a formula to determine the amount of payments that shall be distributed to school districts to purchase school buses for pupils other than handicapped or nonpublic school pupils.

If any district or MR/DD board obtains bus services for pupil transportation pursuant to a contract, such district or board may use payments received under this section to defray the costs of contracting for bus services in lieu of for purchasing buses.

If the department of education determines that a county MR/DD board no longer needs a school bus because the board no longer transports children to a special education program operated by the board, or if the department determines that a school district no longer needs a school bus to transport pupils to a nonpublic school or special education program, the department may reassign a bus that was funded with payments provided pursuant to this section for the purpose of transporting such pupils. The department may reassign a bus to a county MR/DD board or school district that transports children to a special education program designated in the children's individualized education plans, or to a school district that transports pupils to a nonpublic school, and needs an additional school bus.

Sec. 3317.09. All moneys distributed to a school district, including any cooperative education or joint vocational school district and all moneys distributed to any educational service center, by the state whether from a state or federal source, shall be accounted for by the division of school finance of the department of education. All moneys distributed shall be coded as to county, school district or educational service center, source, and other pertinent information, and at the end of each month, a report of such distribution shall be made by such division of school finance to the clerk of the senate and the chief administrative officer of the house of representatives, to the Ohio legislative service commission to be available for examination by any member of either house, to each school district and educational service center, and to the governor.

On or before the first day of September in each year, a copy of the annual statistical report required in ~~sections~~ section 3319.33 ~~and 3319.34~~ of the Revised Code shall be filed by the state board of education with the clerk of the senate and the chief administrative officer of the house of representatives, the Ohio legislative service commission, the governor, and the auditor of state. The report shall contain an analysis for the prior fiscal year on an accrual basis of revenue receipts from all sources and expenditures for all purposes for each school district ~~and each educational service center~~, including each joint vocational and cooperative education school district, in the state. If any board of education ~~or any educational service center governing board~~ fails to make the report required in ~~sections~~ section 3319.33 ~~and 3319.34~~ of the Revised Code, the superintendent of public instruction shall be without authority to distribute funds to that school district or educational service center pursuant to sections 3317.022 to 3317.0212, 3317.11, 3317.16, 3317.17, or 3317.19 of the Revised Code until such time as the required reports are filed with all specified officers, boards, or agencies.

Sec. 3317.10. (A) On or before the first day of March of each year, the department of job and family services shall certify to the state board of education the unduplicated number of children ages five through seventeen residing in each school district and living in a family that, during the preceding October, had family income not exceeding the federal poverty guidelines as defined in section 5101.46 of the Revised Code and participated in one of the following:

(1) Ohio works first;

(2) The food stamp program;

(3) The medical assistance program, including the healthy start program, established under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code;

(4) The children's health insurance program part I established under section 5101.50 of the Revised Code;

(5) The disability financial assistance program established under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code;

(6) The disability medical assistance program established under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code.

The department of job and family services shall certify this information according to the school district of residence for each child. Except as provided under division (B) of this section, the number of children so certified in any year shall be used by the department of education in calculating the distribution of moneys for the ensuing fiscal year as provided in section 3317.029 of the Revised Code.

(B) Upon the transfer of part of the territory of one school district to the territory of one or more other school districts, the department of education may adjust the number of children certified under division (A) of this section for any district gaining or losing territory in such a transfer in order to take into account the effect of the transfer on the number of such children who reside in the district. Within sixty days of receipt of a request for information from the department of education, the department of job and family services shall provide any information the department of education determines is necessary to make such adjustments. The department of education may use the adjusted number for any district for the applicable fiscal year, in lieu of the number certified for the district for that fiscal year under division (A) of this section, in the calculation of the distribution of moneys provided in section 3317.029 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3317.11. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Client school district" means a city or exempted village school district that has entered into an agreement under section 3313.843 of the Revised Code to receive any services from an educational service center.

(2) "Service center ADM" means the sum of the total student counts of all local school districts within an educational service center's territory and all of the service center's client school districts.

(3) "Total student count" has the same meaning as in section 3301.011 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) The governing board of each educational service center shall provide supervisory services to each local school district within the service center's territory. Each city or exempted village school district that enters into an agreement under section 3313.843 of the Revised Code for a governing board to provide any services also is considered to be provided supervisory services by the governing board. Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, the supervisory services shall not exceed one supervisory teacher for the first fifty classroom teachers required to be employed in the districts, as calculated under section 3317.023 of the Revised Code, and one for each additional one hundred required classroom teachers, as so calculated.

The supervisory services shall be financed annually through supervisory units. Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, the number of supervisory units assigned to each district shall not exceed one unit for the first fifty classroom teachers required to be employed in the district, as calculated under section 3317.023 of the Revised Code, and one for each additional one hundred required classroom teachers, as so calculated. The cost of each supervisory unit shall be the sum of:

(a) The minimum salary prescribed by section 3317.13 of the Revised Code for the licensed supervisory employee of the governing board;

(b) An amount equal to fifteen per cent of the salary prescribed by section 3317.13 of the Revised Code;

(c) An allowance for necessary travel expenses, limited to the lesser of two hundred twenty-three dollars and sixteen cents per month or two thousand six hundred seventy-eight dollars per year.

(2) If a majority of the boards of education, or superintendents acting on behalf of the boards, of the local and client school districts receiving services from the educational service center agree to receive additional supervisory services and to pay the cost of a corresponding number of supervisory units in excess of the services and units specified in division (B)(1) of this section, the service center shall provide the additional services as agreed to by the majority of districts to, and the department of education shall apportion the cost of the corresponding number of additional supervisory units pursuant to division (B)(3) of this section among, all of the service center's local and client school districts.

(3) The department shall apportion the total cost for all supervisory units among the service center's local and client school districts based on each district's total student count. The department shall deduct each district's apportioned share pursuant to division (E) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code and pay the apportioned share to the service center.

(C) The department annually shall deduct from each local and client school district of each educational service center, pursuant to division (E) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code, and pay to the service center an amount equal to six dollars and fifty cents times the school district's total student count. The board of education, or the superintendent acting on behalf of the board, of any local or client school district may agree to pay an amount in excess of six dollars and fifty cents per student in total student count. If a majority of the boards of education, or superintendents acting on behalf of the boards, of the local school districts within a service center's territory approve an amount in excess of six dollars and fifty cents per student in total student count, the department shall deduct the approved excess per student amount from all of the local school districts within the service center's territory and pay the excess amount to the service center.

(D) The department shall pay each educational service center the amounts due to it from school districts pursuant to contracts, compacts, or agreements under which the service center furnishes services to the districts or their students. In order to receive payment under this division, an educational service center shall furnish either a copy of the contract, compact, or agreement clearly indicating the amounts of the payments, or a written statement that clearly indicates the payments owed and is signed by the superintendent or treasurer of the responsible school district. The amounts paid to service centers under this division shall be deducted from payments to school districts pursuant to division (K)(3) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code.

(E) Each school district's deduction under this section and divisions (E) and (K)(3) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code shall be made from the total payment computed for the district under this chapter, after making any other adjustments in that payment required by law.

(F)(1) Except as provided in division (F)(2) of this section, the department annually shall pay the governing board of each educational service center state funds equal to thirty-seven dollars times its service center ADM.

(2) The department annually shall pay state funds equal to forty dollars and fifty-two cents times the service center ADM to each educational service center comprising territory that was included in the territory of at

least three former service centers or county school districts, which former centers or districts engaged in one or more mergers under section 3311.053 of the Revised Code to form the present center.

(G) Each city, exempted village, local, joint vocational, or cooperative education school district shall pay to the governing board of an educational service center any amounts agreed to for each child enrolled in the district who receives special education and related services or career-technical education from the educational service center, unless these educational services are provided pursuant to a contract, compact, or agreement for which the department deducts and transfers payments under division (D) of this section and division (K)(3) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code.

(H) An educational service center:

(1) May provide special education and career-technical education to students in its local or client school districts;

(2) Is eligible for transportation funding under division (J) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code and for state subsidies for the purchase of school buses under section 3317.07 of the Revised Code;

(3) May apply for and receive gifted education units and provide gifted education services to students in its local or client school districts;

(4) May conduct driver education for high school students in accordance with Chapter 4508. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3317.16. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "State share percentage" means the percentage calculated for a joint vocational school district as follows:

(a) Calculate the state base cost funding amount for the district under division (B) of this section. If the district would not receive any base cost funding for that year under that division, the district's state share percentage is zero.

(b) If the district would receive base cost funding under that division, divide that base cost amount by an amount equal to the following:

cost-of-doing-business factor X
the formula amount X
~~the greater of formula ADM or~~
~~three-year average~~ formula ADM

The resultant number is the district's state share percentage.

(2) The "total special education weight" for a joint vocational school district shall be calculated in the same manner as prescribed in division (B)(1) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code.

(3) The "total vocational education weight" for a joint vocational school district shall be calculated in the same manner as prescribed in division

(B)(4) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code.

(4) The "total recognized valuation" of a joint vocational school district shall be determined by adding the recognized valuations of all its constituent school districts for the applicable fiscal year.

(5) "Resident district" means the city, local, or exempted village school district in which a student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Community school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code.

(B) The department of education shall compute and distribute state base cost funding to each joint vocational school district for the fiscal year in accordance with the following formula:

(cost-of-doing-business factor X
formula amount X ~~the greater of formula ADM or three-year average~~ formula ADM) -
(.0005 X total recognized valuation)

If the difference obtained under this division is a negative number, the district's computation shall be zero.

(C)(1) The department shall compute and distribute state vocational education additional weighted costs funds to each joint vocational school district in accordance with the following formula:

state share percentage X formula amount X
total vocational education weight

In each fiscal year, a joint vocational school district receiving funds under division (C)(1) of this section shall spend those funds only for the purposes the department designates as approved for vocational education expenses. Vocational educational expenses approved by the department shall include only expenses connected to the delivery of career-technical programming to career-technical students. The department shall require the joint vocational school district to report data annually so that the department may monitor the district's compliance with the requirements regarding the manner in which funding received under division (C)(1) of this section may be spent.

(2) The department shall compute for each joint vocational school district state funds for vocational education associated services costs in accordance with the following formula:

state share percentage X .05 X
the formula amount X the sum of
categories one and two vocational
education ADM

In any fiscal year, a joint vocational school district receiving funds under division (C)(2) of this section, or through a transfer of funds pursuant to division (L) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code, shall spend those funds only for the purposes that the department designates as approved for vocational education associated services expenses, which may include such purposes as apprenticeship coordinators, coordinators for other vocational education services, vocational evaluation, and other purposes designated by the department. The department may deny payment under division (C)(2) of this section to any district that the department determines is not operating those services or is using funds paid under division (C)(2) of this section, or through a transfer of funds pursuant to division (L) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code, for other purposes.

(D)(1) The department shall compute and distribute state special education and related services additional weighted costs funds to each joint vocational school district in accordance with the following formula:

state share percentage X formula amount X
total special education weight

(2)(a) As used in this division, the "personnel allowance" means thirty thousand dollars in fiscal years 2002 ~~and~~, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

(b) For the provision of speech language pathology services to students, including students who do not have individualized education programs prepared for them under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, and for no other purpose, the department shall pay each joint vocational school district an amount calculated under the following formula:

(formula ADM divided by 2000) X the personnel
allowance X state share percentage

(3) In any fiscal year, a joint vocational school district shall spend for purposes that the department designates as approved for special education and related services expenses at least the amount calculated as follows:

(cost-of-doing-business factor X formula amount
X the sum of categories one through
six special education ADM) +
(total special education weight X
formula amount)

The purposes approved by the department for special education expenses shall include, but shall not be limited to, compliance with state rules governing the education of handicapped children, providing services identified in a student's individualized education program as defined in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code, provision of speech language pathology services, and the portion of the district's overall administrative

and overhead costs that are attributable to the district's special education student population.

The department shall require joint vocational school districts to report data annually to allow for monitoring compliance with division (D)(3) of this section. The department shall annually report to the governor and the general assembly the amount of money spent by each joint vocational school district for special education and related services.

(4) In any fiscal year, a joint vocational school district shall spend for the provision of speech language pathology services not less than the sum of the amount calculated under division (D)(1) of this section for the students in the district's category one special education ADM and the amount calculated under division (D)(2) of this section.

(E)~~(2)~~(1) If a joint vocational school district's costs for a fiscal year for a student in its categories ~~one~~ two through six special education ADM exceed the threshold catastrophic cost for serving the student, as specified in division (C)(3)(b) of section 3317.022 of the Revised Code, the district may submit to the superintendent of public instruction documentation, as prescribed by the superintendent, of all of its costs for that student. Upon submission of documentation for a student of the type and in the manner prescribed, the department shall pay to the district an amount equal to the sum of the following:

(a) One-half of the district's costs for the student in excess of the threshold catastrophic cost;

(b) The product of one-half of the district's costs for the student in excess of the threshold catastrophic cost multiplied by the district's state share percentage.

(2) The district shall only report under division (E)(1) of this section, and the department shall only pay for, the costs of educational expenses and the related services provided to the student in accordance with the student's individualized education program. Any legal fees, court costs, or other costs associated with any cause of action relating to the student may not be included in the amount.

(F) Each fiscal year, the department shall pay each joint vocational school district an amount for adult technical and vocational education and specialized consultants.

(G)(1) A joint vocational school district's local share of special education and related services additional weighted costs equals:

(1 - state share percentage) X
Total special education weight X
the formula amount

(2) For each handicapped student receiving special education and related services under an individualized education program, as defined in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code, at a joint vocational district, the resident district or, if the student is enrolled in a community school, the community school shall be responsible for the amount of any costs of providing those special education and related services to that student that exceed the sum of the amount calculated for those services attributable to that student under divisions (B), (D), (E), and (G)(1) of this section.

Those excess costs shall be calculated by subtracting the sum of the following from the actual cost to provide special education and related services to the student:

(a) The product of the formula amount times the cost-of-doing-business factor;

(b) The product of the formula amount times the applicable multiple specified in section 3317.013 of the Revised Code;

(c) Any funds paid under division (E) of this section for the student;

(d) Any other funds received by the joint vocational school district under this chapter to provide special education and related services to the student, not including the amount calculated under division (G)(2) of this section.

(3) The board of education of the joint vocational school district shall report the excess costs calculated under division (G)(2) of this section to the department of education.

(4) The department shall pay the amount of excess cost calculated under division (G)(2) of this section to the joint vocational school district and shall deduct that amount as provided in division (G)(4)(a) or (b) of this section, as applicable:

(a) If the student is not enrolled in a community school, the department shall deduct the amount from the account of the student's resident district pursuant to division (M) of section 3317.023 of the Revised Code.

(b) If the student is enrolled in a community school, the department shall deduct the amount from the account of the community school pursuant to section 3314.083 of the Revised Code.

(H) In any fiscal year, if the total of all payments made to a joint vocational school district under divisions (B) to (D) of this section and division (R) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code is less than the amount that district received in fiscal year 1999 under the version of this section in effect that year, plus the amount that district received under the version of section 3317.162 of the Revised Code in effect that year and minus the amounts received that year for driver education and adult education, the

department shall pay the district an additional amount equal to the difference between those two amounts.

Sec. 3318.01. As used in sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Ohio school facilities commission" means the commission created pursuant to section 3318.30 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 day-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 and 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, ~~3318.033,~~ 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, 3318.19, 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, 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 par value of bonds authorized by the electors but not yet issued, the proceeds of which can lawfully be used for the project, 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.

(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 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 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 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 school facilities 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 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.

~~"Basic project cost" also includes the value of classroom facilities authorized in a pre-existing bond issue as described in section 3318.033 of the Revised Code.~~

(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 day-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 district as listed and assessed for taxation on the tax duplicates.

(Q) "Percentile" means the percentile in which the district is ranked pursuant to division (D) of 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.

Sec. 3318.024. In the first year of a capital biennium, any funds appropriated to the Ohio school facilities commission for classroom facilities projects under this chapter in the previous capital biennium that were not spent or encumbered, or for which an encumbrance has been

canceled under section 3318.05 of the Revised Code, shall be used by the commission only for projects under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code, subject to appropriation by the general assembly.

In the second year of a capital biennium, any funds appropriated to the Ohio school facilities commission for classroom facilities projects under this chapter that were not spent or encumbered in the first year of the biennium and which are in excess of an amount equal to half of the appropriations for the capital biennium, or for which an encumbrance has been canceled under section 3318.05 of the Revised Code, shall be used by the commission only for projects under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code, subject to appropriation by the general assembly.

Sec. 3318.03. (A) Before conducting an on-site evaluation of a school district under section 3318.02 of the Revised Code, at the request of the district board of education, the Ohio school facilities commission shall examine any classroom facilities needs assessment that has been conducted by the district and any master plan developed for meeting the facility needs of the district.

(B) Upon conducting the on-site evaluation under section 3318.02 of the Revised Code, the Ohio school facilities commission shall make a determination of all of the following:

(1) The needs of the school district for additional classroom facilities;

(2) The number of classroom facilities to be included in a project~~, including classroom facilities authorized by a bond issue described in section 3318.033 of the Revised Code,~~ and the basic project cost of constructing, acquiring, reconstructing, or making additions to each such facility;

(3) The amount of such cost that the school district can supply from available funds, by the issuance of bonds previously authorized by the electors of the school district the proceeds of which can lawfully be used for the project~~, including bonds authorized by the district's electors as described in section 3318.033 of the Revised Code,~~ and by the issuance of bonds under section 3318.05 of the Revised Code;

(4) The remaining amount of such cost that shall be supplied by the state;

(5) The amount of the state's portion to be encumbered in accordance with section 3318.11 of the Revised Code in the current and subsequent fiscal bienniums from funds appropriated for purposes of sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code.

(C) The commission shall make a determination in favor of constructing, acquiring, reconstructing, or making additions to a classroom

facility only upon evidence that the proposed project conforms to sound educational practice, that it is in keeping with the orderly process of school district reorganization and consolidation, and that the actual or projected enrollment in each classroom facility proposed to be included in the project is at least three hundred fifty pupils. Exceptions shall be authorized only in those districts where topography, sparsity of population, and other factors make larger schools impracticable.

If the school district board determines that an existing facility has historical value or for other good cause determines that an existing facility should be renovated in lieu of acquiring a comparable facility by new construction, the commission may approve the expenditure of project funds for the renovation of that facility up to but not exceeding one hundred per cent of the estimated cost of acquiring a comparable facility by new construction, as long as the commission determines that the facility when renovated can be operationally efficient, will be adequate for the future needs of the district, and will comply with the other provisions of this division.

(D) Sections 125.81 and 153.04 of the Revised Code shall not apply to classroom facilities constructed under either sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 or sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3318.042. (A) The board of education of any school district that is receiving assistance under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code after May 20, 1997, or under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, and whose project is still under construction, may request that the Ohio school facilities commission examine whether the circumstances prescribed in either division (B)(1) or (2) of this section exist in the school district. If the commission so finds, the commission shall review the school district's original assessment and approved project and consider providing additional assistance to the school district to correct the prescribed conditions found to exist in the district. Additional assistance under this section shall be limited to additions to one or more buildings, remodeling of one or more buildings, or changes to the infrastructure of one or more buildings.

(B) Consideration of additional assistance to a school district under this section is warranted in either of the following circumstances:

(1) Additional work is needed to correct an oversight or deficiency not identified or included in the district's initial assessment.

(2) Other conditions exist that, in the opinion of the commission, warrant additions or remodeling of the project facilities or changes to infrastructure associated with the district's project that were not identified in

the initial assessment and plan.

(C) If the commission decides in favor of providing additional assistance to any school district under this section, the school district shall be responsible for paying for its portion of the cost of the additions, remodeling, or infrastructure changes pursuant to section 3318.083 of the Revised Code. If, after making a financial evaluation of the school district, the commission determines that the school district is unable without undue hardship, according to the guidelines adopted by the commission, to fund the school district portion of the increase, then the state and the school district shall enter into an agreement whereby the state shall pay the portion of the cost increase attributable to the school district which is determined to be in excess of any local resources available to the district and the district shall thereafter reimburse the state. The commission shall establish the district's schedule for reimbursing the state, which shall not extend beyond ~~five~~ ten years. The commission may lengthen the reimbursement schedule of a school district that has entered into an agreement under this section prior to the effective date of this amendment as long as the total term of that schedule does not extend beyond ten years. Debt incurred under this section shall not be included in the calculation of the net indebtedness of the school district under section 133.06 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3318.05. The conditional approval of the Ohio school facilities commission for a project shall lapse and the amount reserved and encumbered for such project shall be released unless the school district board accepts such conditional approval within one hundred twenty days following the date of certification of the conditional approval to the school district board and the electors of the school district vote favorably on both of the propositions described in divisions (A) and (B) of this section within one year of the date of such certification, except that a school district described in division (C) of this section does not need to submit the proposition described in division (B) of this section. The propositions described in divisions (A) and (B) of this section shall be combined in a single proposal. If the district board or the district's electors fail to meet such requirements and the amount reserved and encumbered for the district's project is released, the district shall be given first priority for project funding as such funds become available.

(A) On the question of issuing bonds of the school district board, for the school district's portion of the basic project cost, in an amount equal to the school district's portion of the basic project cost ~~less any deduction made under section 3318.033 of the Revised Code and~~ less the amount of the proceeds of any securities authorized or to be authorized under division (J)

of section 133.06 of the Revised Code and dedicated by the school district board to payment of the district's portion of the basic project cost; and

(B) On the question of levying a tax the proceeds of which shall be used to pay the cost of maintaining the classroom facilities included in the project. Such tax shall be at the rate of not less than one-half mill for each dollar of valuation for a period of twenty-three years, subject to any extension approved under section 3318.061 of the Revised Code.

(C) If a school district has in place a tax levied under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code for general ongoing permanent improvements ~~of at least two mills for each dollar of valuation~~ and the proceeds of such tax can be used for maintenance, the school district need not levy the additional tax required under division (B) of this section, provided the school district board includes in the agreement entered into under section 3318.08 of the Revised Code provisions earmarking an amount from the proceeds of that permanent improvement tax for maintenance of classroom facilities equivalent to the amount of the additional tax and for the equivalent number of years otherwise required under this section.

(D) Proceeds of the tax to be used for maintenance of the classroom facilities under either division (B) or (C) of this section shall be deposited into a separate fund established by the school district for such purpose.

Sec. 3318.052. At any time after the electors of a school district have approved either or both a property tax levied under section 5705.21 or 5705.218 of the Revised Code for the purpose of general ongoing permanent improvements or a school district income tax levied under Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code, the proceeds of which, pursuant to the ballot measures approved by the electors, are not so restricted that they cannot be used to pay the costs of a project or maintaining classroom facilities, the school district board may:

(A) Within one year following the date of the certification of the conditional approval of the school district's classroom facilities project by the Ohio school facilities commission, enter into a written agreement with the commission, which may be part of an agreement entered into under section 3318.08 of the Revised Code, and in which the school district board covenants and agrees to do one or both of the following:

(1) Apply a specified amount of available proceeds of that property tax levy, of that school district income tax, or of securities issued under this section, or of proceeds from any two or more of those sources, to pay all or part of the district's portion of the basic project cost of its classroom facilities project;

(2) Apply available proceeds of either or both a property tax levied

under section 5705.21 or 5705.218 of the Revised Code in effect for a continuing period of time, or of a school district income tax levied under Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code in effect for a continuing period of time to the payment of costs of maintaining the classroom facilities.

(B) Receive, as a credit against the amount of bonds required under sections 3318.05 and 3318.06 of the Revised Code, to be approved by the electors of the district and issued by the district board for the district's portion of the basic project cost of its classroom facilities project in order for the district to receive state assistance for the project, an amount equal to the specified amount that the district board covenants and agrees with the commission to apply as set forth in division (A)(1) of this section;

(C) Receive, as a credit against the amount of the tax levy required under sections 3318.05 and 3318.06 of the Revised Code, to be approved by the electors of the district to pay the costs of maintaining the classroom facilities in order to receive state assistance for the classroom facilities project, an amount equivalent to the specified amount of proceeds the school district board covenants and agrees with the commission to apply as referred to in division (A)(2) of this section;

(D) Apply proceeds of either or both a school district income tax levied under Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code that may lawfully be used to pay the costs of a classroom facilities project or of a tax levied under section 5705.21 or 5705.218 of the Revised Code to the payment of debt charges on and financing costs related to securities issued under this section;

(E) Issue securities to provide moneys to pay all or part of the district's portion of the basic project cost of its classroom facilities project in accordance with an agreement entered into under division (A) of this section. Securities issued under this section shall be Chapter 133. securities and may be issued as general obligation securities or issued in anticipation of a school district income tax or as property tax anticipation notes under section 133.24 of the Revised Code. The district board's resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation securities under this section shall conform to the applicable requirements of section 133.22 or 133.23 of the Revised Code. Securities issued under this section shall have principal payments during each year after the year of issuance over a period of not more than twenty-three years and, if so determined by the district board, during the year of issuance. Securities issued under this section shall not be included in the calculation of net indebtedness of the district under section 133.06 of the Revised Code, if the resolution of the district board authorizing their issuance and sale includes covenants to appropriate annually from lawfully available proceeds of a property tax levied under

section 5705.21 or 5705.218 of the Revised Code or of a school district income tax levied under Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code and to continue to levy and collect the tax in amounts necessary to pay the debt charges on and financing costs related to the securities as they become due. No property tax levied under section 5705.21 or 5705.218 of the Revised Code and no school district income tax levied under Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code that is pledged, or that the school district board has covenanted to levy, collect, and appropriate annually, to pay the debt charges on and financing costs related to securities issued under this section shall be repealed while those securities are outstanding. If such a tax is reduced by the electors of the district or by the district board while those securities are outstanding, the school district board shall continue to levy and collect the tax under the authority of the original election authorizing the tax at a rate in each year that the board reasonably estimates will produce an amount in that year equal to the debt charges on the securities in that year, except that in the case of a school district income tax that amount shall be rounded up to the nearest one-fourth of one per cent.

No state moneys shall be released for a project to which this section applies until the proceeds of the tax securities issued under this section that are dedicated for the payment of the district portion of the basic project cost of its classroom facilities project are first deposited into the district's project construction fund.

Sec. 3318.06. (A) After receipt of the conditional approval of the Ohio school facilities 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~~, including bonds previously authorized by the district's electors as described in section 3318.033 of the Revised Code,~~ the district is unable to provide adequate classroom facilities without assistance from the state;

(2) Unless the school district board has resolved 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 ~~is of at least two mills for each dollar of valuation and~~ 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 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 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, 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 seventy-five 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 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.

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, 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 division (E)(3)(a) to (e) 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 average over the repayment period of the bond issue ..... (here insert the number of mills estimated) mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amounts to ..... (rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "thirty-six cents" or "$0.36") for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation 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 at the rate of ..... (here insert the number of mills, which shall not be less than one-half mill) mills for each one dollar of valuation?

	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 average over the repayment period of the bond issue ..... (here insert number of mills)

mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which amount to ..... (here insert rate expressed in cents or dollars and cents, such as "thirty-six cents" or "$0.36") for each one hundred dollars of valuation 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 of valuation, 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. 3318.08. Except in the case of a joint vocational school district that receives assistance under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, if the requisite favorable vote on the election is obtained, or if the school district board has resolved to apply the proceeds of a property tax levy or the

proceeds of an income tax, or a combination of proceeds from such taxes, as authorized in section 3318.052 of the Revised Code, the Ohio school facilities commission, upon certification to it of either the results of the election or the resolution under section 3318.052 of the Revised Code, shall enter into a written agreement with the school district board for the construction and sale of the project. In the case of a joint vocational school district that receives assistance under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, if the school district board of education and the school district electors have satisfied the conditions prescribed in division (D)(1) of section 3318.41 of the Revised Code, the commission shall enter into an agreement with the school district board for the construction and sale of the project. In either case, the agreement shall include, but need not be limited to, the following provisions:

(A) The sale and issuance of bonds or notes in anticipation thereof, as soon as practicable after the execution of the agreement, in an amount equal to the school district's portion of the basic project cost, including ~~any bonds previously authorized by the district's electors as described in section 3318.033 of the Revised Code and~~ any securities authorized under division (J) of section 133.06 of the Revised Code and dedicated by the school district board to payment of the district's portion of the basic project cost of the project; provided, that if at that time the county treasurer of each county in which the school district is located has not commenced the collection of taxes on the general duplicate of real and public utility property for the year in which the controlling board approved the project, the school district board shall authorize the issuance of a first installment of bond anticipation notes in an amount specified by the agreement, which amount shall not exceed an amount necessary to raise the net bonded indebtedness of the school district as of the date of the controlling board's approval to within five thousand dollars of the required level of indebtedness for the preceding year. In the event that a first installment of bond anticipation notes is issued, the school district board shall, as soon as practicable after the county treasurer of each county in which the school district is located has commenced the collection of taxes on the general duplicate of real and public utility property for the year in which the controlling board approved the project, authorize the issuance of a second and final installment of bond anticipation notes or a first and final issue of bonds.

The combined value of the first and second installment of bond anticipation notes or the value of the first and final issue of bonds shall be equal to the school district's portion of the basic project cost. The proceeds of any such bonds shall be used first to retire any bond anticipation notes.

Otherwise, the proceeds of such bonds and of any bond anticipation notes, except the premium and accrued interest thereon, shall be deposited in the school district's project construction fund. In determining the amount of net bonded indebtedness for the purpose of fixing the amount of an issue of either bonds or bond anticipation notes, gross indebtedness shall be reduced by moneys in the bond retirement fund only to the extent of the moneys therein on the first day of the year preceding the year in which the controlling board approved the project. Should there be a decrease in the tax valuation of the school district so that the amount of indebtedness that can be incurred on the tax duplicates for the year in which the controlling board approved the project is less than the amount of the first installment of bond anticipation notes, there shall be paid from the school district's project construction fund to the school district's bond retirement fund to be applied against such notes an amount sufficient to cause the net bonded indebtedness of the school district, as of the first day of the year following the year in which the controlling board approved the project, to be within five thousand dollars of the required level of indebtedness for the year in which the controlling board approved the project. The maximum amount of indebtedness to be incurred by any school district board as its share of the cost of the project is either an amount that will cause its net bonded indebtedness, as of the first day of the year following the year in which the controlling board approved the project, to be within five thousand dollars of the required level of indebtedness, or an amount equal to the required percentage of the basic project costs, whichever is greater. All bonds and bond anticipation notes shall be issued in accordance with Chapter 133. of the Revised Code, and notes may be renewed as provided in section 133.22 of the Revised Code.

(B) The transfer of such funds of the school district board available for the project, together with the proceeds of the sale of the bonds or notes, except premium, accrued interest, and interest included in the amount of the issue, to the school district's project construction fund;

(C) For all school districts except joint vocational school districts that receive assistance under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, the following provisions as applicable:

(1) If section 3318.052 of the Revised Code applies, the earmarking of the proceeds of a tax levied under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code for general ongoing permanent or under section 5705.218 of the Revised Code for the purpose of permanent improvements, or the proceeds of a school district income tax levied under Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code, or the proceeds from a combination of those two taxes, in an amount to pay all or

part of the service charges on bonds issued to pay the school district portion of the project and an amount equivalent to all or part of the tax required under division (B) of section 3318.05 of the Revised Code;

(2) If section 3318.052 of the Revised Code does not apply, either of the following:

(a) The levy of the tax authorized at the election for the payment of maintenance costs, as specified in division (B) of section 3318.05 of the Revised Code;

(b) If the school district electors have approved a continuing tax ~~of at least two mills for each dollar of valuation~~ for general ongoing permanent improvements under section 5705.21 of the Revised Code and that tax can be used for maintenance, the earmarking of an amount of the proceeds from such tax for maintenance of classroom facilities as specified in division (B) of section 3318.05 of the Revised Code.

(D) For joint vocational school districts that receive assistance under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, provision for deposit of school district moneys dedicated to maintenance of the classroom facilities acquired under those sections as prescribed in section 3318.43 of the Revised Code;

(E) Dedication of any local donated contribution as provided for under section 3318.084 of the Revised Code, including a schedule for depositing such moneys applied as an offset of the district's obligation to levy the tax described in division (B) of section 3318.05 of the Revised Code as required under division (D)(2) of section 3318.084 of the Revised Code;

(F) Ownership of or interest in the project during the period of construction, which shall be divided between the commission and the school district board in proportion to their respective contributions to the school district's project construction fund;

(G) Maintenance of the state's interest in the project until any obligations issued for the project under section 3318.26 of the Revised Code are no longer outstanding;

(H) The insurance of the project by the school district from the time there is an insurable interest therein and so long as the state retains any ownership or interest in the project pursuant to division (F) of this section, in such amounts and against such risks as the commission shall require; provided, that the cost of any required insurance until the project is completed shall be a part of the basic project cost;

(I) The certification by the director of budget and management that funds are available and have been set aside to meet the state's share of the basic project cost as approved by the controlling board pursuant to either

section 3318.04 or division (B)(1) of section 3318.41 of the Revised Code;

(J) Authorization of the school district board to advertise for and receive construction bids for the project, for and on behalf of the commission, and to award contracts in the name of the state subject to approval by the commission;

(K) Provisions for the disbursement of moneys from the school district's project account upon issuance by the commission or the commission's designated representative of vouchers for work done to be certified to the commission by the treasurer of the school district board;

(L) Disposal of any balance left in the school district's project construction fund upon completion of the project;

(M) Limitations upon use of the project or any part of it so long as any obligations issued to finance the project under section 3318.26 of the Revised Code are outstanding;

(N) Provision for vesting the state's interest in the project to the school district board when the obligations issued to finance the project under section 3318.26 of the Revised Code are outstanding;

(O) Provision for deposit of an executed copy of the agreement in the office of the commission;

(P) Provision for termination of the contract and release of the funds encumbered at the time of the conditional approval, if the proceeds of the sale of the bonds of the school district board are not paid into the school district's project construction fund and if bids for the construction of the project have not been taken within such period after the execution of the agreement as may be fixed by the commission;

(Q) Provision for the school district to maintain the project in accordance with a plan approved by the commission;

(R)(1) For all school districts except a district undertaking a project under section 3318.38 of the Revised Code or a joint vocational school district undertaking a project under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, provision that all state funds reserved and encumbered to pay the state share of the cost of the project pursuant to section 3318.03 of the Revised Code be spent on the construction or acquisition of the project prior to the expenditure of any funds provided by the school district to pay for its share of the project cost, unless the school district certifies to the commission that expenditure by the school district is necessary to maintain the tax-exempt status of notes or bonds issued by the school district to pay for its share of the project cost or to comply with applicable temporary investment periods or spending exceptions to rebate as provided for under federal law in regard to those notes or bonds, in which cases, the school

district may commit to spend, or spend, a portion of the funds it provides;

(2) For a school district undertaking a project under section 3318.38 of the Revised Code or a joint vocational school district undertaking a project under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, provision that the state funds reserved and encumbered and the funds provided by the school district to pay the basic project cost of any segment of the project, or of the entire project if it is not divided into segments, be spent on the construction and acquisition of the project simultaneously in proportion to the state's and the school district's respective shares of that basic project cost as determined under section 3318.032 of the Revised Code or, if the district is a joint vocational school district, under section 3318.42 of the Revised Code.

(S) A provision stipulating that the commission may prohibit the district from proceeding with any project if the commission determines that the site is not suitable for construction purposes. The commission may perform soil tests in its determination of whether a site is appropriate for construction purposes.

(T) A provision stipulating that, unless otherwise authorized by the commission, any contingency reserve portion of the construction budget prescribed by the commission shall be used only to pay costs resulting from unforeseen job conditions, to comply with rulings regarding building and other codes, to pay costs related to design clarifications or corrections to contract documents, and to pay the costs of settlements or judgments related to the project as provided under section 3318.086 of the Revised Code;

(U) Provision stipulating that for continued release of project funds the school district board shall comply with section 3313.41 of the Revised Code throughout the project and shall notify the department of education and the Ohio community school association when the board plans to dispose of facilities by sale under that section;

(V) Provision that the commission shall not approve a contract for demolition of a facility until the school district board has complied with section 3313.41 of the Revised Code relative to that facility, unless demolition of that facility is to clear a site for construction of a replacement facility included in the district's project.

Sec. 3318.30. (A) There is hereby created the Ohio school facilities commission. The commission shall administer the provision of financial assistance to school districts for the acquisition or construction of classroom facilities in accordance with sections 3318.01 to 3318.33 of the Revised Code.

The commission is a body corporate and politic, an agency of state government and an instrumentality of the state, performing essential

governmental functions of this state. The carrying out of the purposes and the exercise by the commission of its powers conferred by sections 3318.01 to 3318.33 of the Revised Code are essential public functions and public purposes of the state. The commission may, in its own name, sue and be sued, enter into contracts, and perform all the powers and duties given to it by sections 3318.01 to 3318.33 of the Revised Code, but it does not have and shall not exercise the power of eminent domain. In its discretion and as it determines appropriate, the commission may delegate to any of its members, executive director, or other employees any of the commission's powers and duties to carry out its functions.

(B) The commission shall consist of seven members, three of whom are voting members. The voting members of the commission shall be the director of the office of budget and management, the director of administrative services, and the superintendent of public instruction, or their designees. Of the nonvoting members, two shall be members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate, and two shall be members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house. Each of the appointees of the president, and each of the appointees of the speaker, shall be members of different political parties.

Nonvoting members shall serve as members of the commission during the legislative biennium for which they are appointed, except that any such member who ceases to be a member of the legislative house from which the member was appointed shall cease to be a member of the commission. Each nonvoting member shall be appointed within thirty-one days of the end of the term of that member's predecessor. Such members may be reappointed. Vacancies of nonvoting members shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments.

Members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

After the initial nonvoting members of the commission have been appointed, the commission shall meet and organize by electing voting members as the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the commission, who shall hold their offices until the next organizational meeting of the commission. Organizational meetings of the commission shall be held at the first meeting of each calendar year. At each organizational meeting, the commission shall elect from among its voting members a chairperson and vice-chairperson, who shall serve until the next annual organizational meeting. The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code for the conduct of its internal business and shall keep a journal of its proceedings. Including the organizational meeting, the commission shall meet at least once each calendar quarter.

Two voting members of the commission constitute a quorum, and the affirmative vote of two members is necessary for approval of any action taken by the commission. A vacancy in the membership of the commission does not impair a quorum from exercising all the rights and performing all the duties of the commission. Meetings of the commission may be held anywhere in the state and shall be held in compliance with section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

(C) The commission shall file an annual report of its activities and finances with the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, president of the senate, and chairpersons of the house and senate finance committees.

(D) The commission shall be exempt from the requirements of sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3318.31. (A) The Ohio school facilities commission may perform any act and ensure the performance of any function necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of, and exercise the powers granted under, Chapter 3318. of the Revised Code, including any of the following:

(1) Adopt, amend, and rescind, pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code, rules for the administration of programs authorized under Chapter 3318. of the Revised Code.

(2) Contract with, retain the services of, or designate, and fix the compensation of, such agents, accountants, consultants, advisers, and other independent contractors as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the programs authorized under Chapter 3318. of the Revised Code, or authorize the executive director to perform such powers and duties.

(3) Receive and accept any gifts, grants, donations, and pledges, and receipts therefrom, to be used for the programs authorized under Chapter 3318. of the Revised Code.

(4) Make and enter into all contracts, commitments, and agreements, and execute all instruments, necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its rights and powers under Chapter 3318. of the Revised Code, or authorize the executive director to perform such powers and duties.

(B) The commission shall appoint and fix the compensation of an executive director who shall serve at the pleasure of the commission. The executive director shall supervise the operations of the commission and perform such other duties as delegated by the commission. The executive director also shall employ and fix the compensation of such employees as will facilitate the activities and purposes of the commission, who shall serve at the pleasure of the executive director. The employees of the commission

shall be exempt from Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code and shall not be public employees as defined in section 4117.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) The attorney general shall serve as the legal representative for the commission and may appoint other counsel as necessary for that purpose in accordance with section 109.07 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3318.37. (A)(1) As used in this section:

~~(1)~~(a) "Large land area school district" means a school district with a territory of greater than three hundred square miles in any percentile as determined under section 3318.011 of the Revised Code.

(b) "Low wealth school district" means a school district in the first through fiftieth percentiles as determined under section 3318.011 of the Revised Code.

~~(2)~~(c) A "school district with an exceptional need for immediate classroom facilities assistance" means a low wealth or large land area school district with an exceptional need for new facilities in order to protect the health and safety of all or a portion of its students. ~~School~~

(2) School districts reasonably expected to be eligible for state assistance under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code within three fiscal years after the year of the application for assistance under this section ~~is being considered by the Ohio school facilities commission,~~ and school districts that participate in the school building assistance expedited local partnership program under section 3318.36 of the Revised Code, except for such districts described in division (A)(3) of this section, shall not be eligible for assistance under this section.

(3) School districts that participate in the school building assistance expedited local partnership program under section 3318.36 of the Revised Code may receive assistance under the program established under this section only if the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) The district board adopted a resolution certifying its intent to participate in the school building assistance expedited local partnership program under section 3318.36 of the Revised Code prior to September 14, 2000.

(b) The district was selected by the Ohio school facilities commission for participation in the school building assistance expedited local partnership program under section 3318.36 of the Revised Code in the manner prescribed by the commission under that section as it existed prior to September 14, 2000.

(B)(1) There is hereby established the exceptional needs school facilities assistance program. Under the program, the Ohio school facilities commission may set aside from the moneys annually appropriated to it for

classroom facilities assistance projects up to twenty-five per cent for assistance to school districts with exceptional needs for immediate classroom facilities assistance.

(2)(a) After consulting with education and construction experts, the commission shall adopt guidelines for identifying school districts with an exceptional need for immediate classroom facilities assistance.

(b) The guidelines shall include application forms and instructions for school districts ~~that believe they have an exceptional need for immediate classroom facilities~~ to use in applying for assistance under this section.

(3) The commission shall evaluate the classroom facilities, and the need for replacement classroom facilities from the applications received under this section. The commission, utilizing the guidelines adopted under division (B)(2)(a) of this section, shall prioritize the school districts to be assessed.

Notwithstanding section 3318.02 of the Revised Code, the commission may conduct on-site evaluation of the school districts prioritized under this section and approve and award funds until such time as all funds set aside under division (B)(1) of this section have been encumbered ~~under section 3318.04 of the Revised Code~~. However, the commission need not conduct the evaluation of facilities if the commission determines that a district's assessment conducted under section 3318.36 of the Revised Code is sufficient for purposes of this section.

(4) Notwithstanding division (A) of section 3318.05 of the Revised Code, the school district's portion of the basic project cost under this section shall be the "required percentage of the basic project costs," as defined in division (K) of section 3318.01 of the Revised Code.

(5) Except as otherwise specified in this section, any project undertaken with assistance under this section shall comply with all provisions of sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code. A school district may receive assistance under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code for the remainder of the district's classroom facilities needs as assessed under this section when the district is eligible for such assistance pursuant to section 3318.02 of the Revised Code, but any classroom facility constructed with assistance under this section shall not be included in a district's project at that time unless the commission determines the district has experienced the increased enrollment specified in division (B)(1) of section 3318.04 of the Revised Code.

(C) No school district shall receive assistance under this section for a classroom facility that has been included in the discrete part of the district's classroom facilities needs identified and addressed in the district's project pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 3318.36 of the Revised

Code.

Sec. 3318.41. (A)(1) The Ohio school facilities commission annually shall assess the classroom facilities needs of the number of joint vocational school districts that the commission reasonably expects to be able to provide assistance to in a fiscal year, based on the amount set aside for that fiscal year under division (B) of section 3318.40 of the Revised Code and the order of priority prescribed in division (B) of section 3318.42 of the Revised Code, except that in fiscal year 2004 the commission shall conduct at least the five assessments prescribed in division (E) of section 3318.40 of the Revised Code.

Upon conducting an assessment of the classroom facilities needs of a school district, the commission shall make a determination of all of the following:

(a) The number of classroom facilities to be included in a project~~, including classroom facilities authorized by a bond issuedescribed in section 3318.033 of the Revised Code,~~ and the basic project cost of acquiring the classroom facilities included in the project. The number of facilities and basic project cost shall be determined in accordance with the specifications adopted under section 3318.311 of the Revised Code except to the extent that compliance with such specifications is waived by the commission pursuant to the rule of the commission adopted under division (F) of section 3318.40 of the Revised Code.

(b) The school district's portion of the basic project cost as determined under division (C) of section 3318.42 of the Revised Code;

(c) The remaining portion of the basic project cost that shall be supplied by the state;

(d) The amount of the state's portion of the basic project cost to be encumbered in accordance with section 3318.11 of the Revised Code in the current and subsequent fiscal bienniums from funds set aside under division (B) of section 3318.40 of the Revised Code.

(2) Divisions (A), (C), and (D) of section 3318.03 of the Revised Code apply to any project under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) If the commission makes a determination under division (A) of this section in favor of the acquisition of classroom facilities for a project under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, such project shall be conditionally approved. Such conditional approval shall be submitted to the controlling board for approval. The controlling board shall immediately approve or reject the commission's determination, conditional approval, the amount of the state's portion of the basic project cost, and the amount of the state's portion of the basic project cost to be encumbered in the current fiscal

biennium. In the event of approval by the controlling board, the commission shall certify the conditional approval to the joint vocational school district board of education and shall encumber the approved funds for the current fiscal year.

(2) No school district that receives assistance under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code shall have another such project conditionally approved until the expiration of twenty years after the school district's prior project was conditionally approved, unless the school district board demonstrates to the satisfaction of the commission that the school district has experienced since conditional approval of its prior project an exceptional increase in enrollment or program requirements significantly above the school district's design capacity under that prior project as determined by rule of the commission. Any rule adopted by the commission to implement this division shall be tailored to address the classroom facilities needs of joint vocational school districts.

(C) In addition to generating the amount of the school district's portion of the basic project cost as determined under division (C) of section 3318.42 of the Revised Code, in order for a school district to receive assistance under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, the school district board shall set aside school district moneys for the maintenance of the classroom facilities included in the school district's project in the amount and manner prescribed in section 3318.43 of the Revised Code.

(D)(1) The conditional approval for a project certified under division (B)(1) of this section shall lapse and the amount reserved and encumbered for such project shall be released unless both of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) Within one hundred twenty days following the date of certification of the conditional approval to the joint vocational school district board, the school district board accepts the conditional approval and certifies to the commission the school district board's plan to generate the school district's portion of the basic project cost, as determined under division (C) of section 3318.42 of the Revised Code, and to set aside moneys for maintenance of the classroom facilities acquired under the project, as prescribed in section 3318.43 of the Revised Code.

(b) Within one year following the date of certification of the conditional approval to the school district board, the electors of the school district vote favorably on any ballot measures proposed by the school district board to generate the school district's portion of the basic project cost.

(2) If the school district board or electors fail to satisfy the conditions prescribed in division (D)(1) of this section and the amount reserved and

encumbered for the school district's project is released, the school district shall be given first priority over other joint vocational school districts for project funding under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code as such funds become available.

(E) If the conditions prescribed in division (D)(1) of this section are satisfied, the commission and the school district board shall enter into an agreement as prescribed in section 3318.08 of the Revised Code and shall proceed with the development of plans, cost estimates, designs, drawings, and specifications as prescribed in section 3318.091 of the Revised Code.

(F) Costs in excess of those approved by the commission under section 3318.091 of the Revised Code shall be payable only as provided in sections 3318.042 and 3318.083 of the Revised Code.

(G) Advertisement for bids and the award of contracts for construction of any project under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code shall be conducted in accordance with section 3318.10 of the Revised Code.

(H) The state funds reserved and encumbered and the funds provided by the school district to pay the basic project cost of a project under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code shall be spent simultaneously in proportion to the state's and the school district's respective portions of that basic project cost.

(I) Sections 3318.13, 3318.14, and 3318.16 of the Revised Code apply to projects under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3319.01. Except in an island school district, where the superintendent of an educational service center otherwise may serve as superintendent of the district and except as otherwise provided for any cooperative education school district pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 3311.52 or division (B)(3) of section 3311.521 of the Revised Code, the board of education in each school district and the governing board of each service center shall, at a regular or special meeting held not later than the first day of May of the calendar year in which the term of the superintendent expires, appoint a person possessed of the qualifications provided in this section to act as superintendent, for a term not longer than five years beginning the first day of August and ending on the thirty-first day of July. Such superintendent is, at the expiration of a current term of employment, deemed reemployed for a term of one year at the same salary plus any increments that may be authorized by the board, unless such board, on or before the first day of March of the year in which the contract of employment expires, either reemploys the superintendent for a succeeding term as provided in this section or gives to the superintendent written notice of its intention not to reemploy the superintendent. A superintendent may

not be transferred to any other position during the term of the superintendent's employment or reemployment except by mutual agreement by the superintendent and the board. If a vacancy occurs in the office of superintendent, the board shall appoint a superintendent for a term not to exceed five years from the next preceding first day of August.

~~Except as otherwise provided in this section, the employment or reemployment of a superintendent of a local school district shall be only upon the recommendation of the service center superintendent, except that a local board of education, by a three-fourths vote of its full membership, may, after considering two nominations for the position of local superintendent made by the service center superintendent, employ or reemploy a person not so nominated for such position.~~

A board may at any regular or special meeting held during the period beginning on the first day of January of the calendar year immediately preceding the year the contract of employment of a superintendent expires and ending on the first day of March of the year it expires, reemploy such superintendent for a succeeding term for not longer than five years, beginning on the first day of August immediately following the expiration of the superintendent's current term of employment and ending on the thirty-first day of July of the year in which such succeeding term expires. No person shall be appointed to the office of superintendent of a city, or exempted village school district or a service center who does not hold a license designated for being a superintendent issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code, unless such person had been employed as a county, city, or exempted village superintendent prior to August 1, 1939. No person shall be appointed to the office of local superintendent who does not hold a license designated for being a superintendent issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code, unless such person held or was qualified to hold the position of executive head of a local school district on September 16, 1957. At the time of making such appointment or designation of term, such board shall fix the compensation of the superintendent, which may be increased or decreased during such term, provided such decrease is a part of a uniform plan affecting salaries of all employees of the district, and shall execute a written contract of employment with such superintendent.

Each board shall adopt procedures for the evaluation of its superintendent and shall evaluate its superintendent in accordance with those procedures. An evaluation based upon such procedures shall be considered by the board in deciding whether to renew the superintendent's contract. The establishment of an evaluation procedure shall not create an expectancy of continued employment. Nothing in this section shall prevent a

board from making the final determination regarding the renewal or failure to renew of a superintendent's contract.

Termination of a superintendent's contract shall be pursuant to section 3319.16 of the Revised Code.

A board may establish vacation leave for its superintendent. Upon the superintendent's separation from employment a board that has such leave may provide compensation at the superintendent's current rate of pay for all lawfully accrued and unused vacation leave to the superintendent's credit at the time of separation, not to exceed the amount accrued within three years before the date of separation. In case of the death of a superintendent, such unused vacation leave as the board would have paid to this superintendent upon separation shall be paid in accordance with section 2113.04 of the Revised Code, or to the superintendent's estate.

The superintendent shall be the executive officer for the board. ~~Except as otherwise provided in this section for local school districts, the~~ The superintendent shall direct and assign teachers and other employees of the district or service center, except as provided in section 3319.04 of the Revised Code; assign the pupils to the proper schools and grades, provided that the assignment of a pupil to a school outside of the pupil's district of residence is approved by the board of the district of residence of such pupil; and perform such other duties as the board determines. ~~The service center superintendent shall exercise the responsibilities of this section with regard to the assignment of pupils and teachers for local school districts under the supervision of the service center, except that the board of education of a local school district and the governing board of the educational service center of which the local district is a part may enter into an agreement requiring the local superintendent, instead of the superintendent of the educational service center, to exercise the responsibilities of this section with regard to the assignment of pupils and teachers for the local school district.~~

The board of education of any school district may contract with the governing board of the educational service center from which it otherwise receives services to conduct searches and recruitment of candidates for the superintendent position authorized under this section.

Sec. 3319.02. (A)(1) As used in this section, "other administrator" means ~~either~~ any of the following:

(a) Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, any employee in a position for which a board of education requires a license designated by rule of the department of education for being an administrator issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code, including a professional pupil services

employee or administrative specialist or an equivalent of either one who is not employed as a school counselor and spends less than fifty per cent of the time employed teaching or working with students;

(b) Any nonlicensed employee whose job duties enable such employee to be considered as either a "supervisor" or a "management level employee," as defined in section 4117.01 of the Revised Code;

(c) A business manager appointed under section 3319.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) As used in this section, "other administrator" does not include a superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal, or assistant principal.

(B) The board of education of each school district and the governing board of an educational service center may appoint one or more assistant superintendents and such other administrators as are necessary. An assistant educational service center superintendent or service center supervisor employed on a part-time basis may also be employed by a local board as a teacher. The board of each city, exempted village, and local school district shall employ principals for all high schools and for such other schools as the board designates, and those boards may appoint assistant principals for any school that they designate.

(C) In educational service centers and in city ~~and~~, exempted village, and local school districts, assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, and other administrators shall only be employed or reemployed in accordance with nominations of the superintendent, except that a ~~city or exempted village~~ board of education of a school district or the governing board of a service center, by a three-fourths vote of its full membership, may reemploy any assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator whom the superintendent refuses to nominate. ~~In local school districts, assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, and other administrators shall only be employed or reemployed in accordance with nominations of the superintendent of the service center of which the local district is a part, except that a local board of education, by a three-fourths vote of its full membership, may reemploy any assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator whom such superintendent refuses to nominate.~~

The board of education or governing board shall execute a written contract of employment with each assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, and other administrator it employs or reemploys. The term of such contract shall not exceed three years except that in the case of a person who has been employed as an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator in the district or center for three

years or more, the term of the contract shall be for not more than five years and, unless the superintendent of the district recommends otherwise, not less than two years. If the superintendent so recommends, the term of the contract of a person who has been employed by the district or service center as an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator for three years or more may be one year, but all subsequent contracts granted such person shall be for a term of not less than two years and not more than five years. When a teacher with continuing service status becomes an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator with the district or service center with which the teacher holds continuing service status, the teacher retains such status in the teacher's nonadministrative position as provided in sections 3319.08 and 3319.09 of the Revised Code.

A board of education or governing board may reemploy an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator at any regular or special meeting held during the period beginning on the first day of January of the calendar year immediately preceding the year of expiration of the employment contract and ending on the last day of March of the year the employment contract expires.

Except by mutual agreement of the parties thereto, no assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator shall be transferred during the life of a contract to a position of lesser responsibility. No contract may be terminated by a board except pursuant to section 3319.16 of the Revised Code. No contract may be suspended except pursuant to section 3319.17 or 3319.171 of the Revised Code. The salaries and compensation prescribed by such contracts shall not be reduced by a board unless such reduction is a part of a uniform plan affecting the entire district or center. The contract shall specify the employee's administrative position and duties as included in the job description adopted under division (D) of this section, the salary and other compensation to be paid for performance of duties, the number of days to be worked, the number of days of vacation leave, if any, and any paid holidays in the contractual year.

An assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator is, at the expiration of the current term of employment, deemed reemployed at the same salary plus any increments that may be authorized by the board, unless such employee notifies the board in writing to the contrary on or before the first day of June, or unless such board, on or before the last day of March of the year in which the contract of employment expires, either reemploys such employee for a succeeding term or gives written notice of its intention not to reemploy the employee. The

term of reemployment of a person reemployed under this paragraph shall be one year, except that if such person has been employed by the school district or service center as an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator for three years or more, the term of reemployment shall be two years.

(D)(1) Each board shall adopt procedures for the evaluation of all assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, and other administrators and shall evaluate such employees in accordance with those procedures. The evaluation based upon such procedures shall be considered by the board in deciding whether to renew the contract of employment of an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator.

(2) The evaluation shall measure each assistant superintendent's, principal's, assistant principal's, and other administrator's effectiveness in performing the duties included in the job description and the evaluation procedures shall provide for, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) Each assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, and other administrator shall be evaluated annually through a written evaluation process.

(b) The evaluation shall be conducted by the superintendent or designee.

(c) In order to provide time to show progress in correcting the deficiencies identified in the evaluation process, the evaluation process shall be completed as follows:

(i) In any school year that the employee's contract of employment is not due to expire, at least one evaluation shall be completed in that year. A written copy of the evaluation shall be provided to the employee no later than the end of the employee's contract year as defined by the employee's annual salary notice.

(ii) In any school year that the employee's contract of employment is due to expire, at least a preliminary evaluation and at least a final evaluation shall be completed in that year. A written copy of the preliminary evaluation shall be provided to the employee at least sixty days prior to any action by the board on the employee's contract of employment. The final evaluation shall indicate the superintendent's intended recommendation to the board regarding a contract of employment for the employee. A written copy of the evaluation shall be provided to the employee at least five days prior to the board's acting to renew or not renew the contract.

(3) Termination of an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator's contract shall be pursuant to section 3319.16 of the Revised Code. Suspension of any such employee shall be pursuant to section 3319.17 or 3319.171 of the Revised Code.

(4) Before taking action to renew or nonrenew the contract of an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator under this section and prior to the last day of March of the year in which such employee's contract expires, the board shall notify each such employee of the date that the contract expires and that the employee may request a meeting with the board. Upon request by such an employee, the board shall grant the employee a meeting in executive session. In that meeting, the board shall discuss its reasons for considering renewal or nonrenewal of the contract. The employee shall be permitted to have a representative, chosen by the employee, present at the meeting.

(5) The establishment of an evaluation procedure shall not create an expectancy of continued employment. Nothing in division (D) of this section shall prevent a board from making the final determination regarding the renewal or nonrenewal of the contract of any assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator. However, if a board fails to provide evaluations pursuant to division (D)(2)(c)(i) or (ii) of this section, or if the board fails to provide at the request of the employee a meeting as prescribed in division (D)(4) of this section, the employee automatically shall be reemployed at the same salary plus any increments that may be authorized by the board for a period of one year, except that if the employee has been employed by the district or service center as an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrator for three years or more, the period of reemployment shall be for two years.

(E) On nomination of the superintendent of a service center a governing board may employ supervisors who shall be employed under written contracts of employment for terms not to exceed five years each. Such contracts may be terminated by a governing board pursuant to section 3319.16 of the Revised Code. Any supervisor employed pursuant to this division may terminate the contract of employment at the end of any school year after giving the board at least thirty days' written notice prior to such termination. On the recommendation of the superintendent the contract or contracts of any supervisor employed pursuant to this division may be suspended for the remainder of the term of any such contract pursuant to section 3319.17 or 3319.171 of the Revised Code.

(F) A board may establish vacation leave for any individuals employed under this section. Upon such an individual's separation from employment, a board that has such leave may compensate such an individual at the individual's current rate of pay for all lawfully accrued and unused vacation leave credited at the time of separation, not to exceed the amount accrued within three years before the date of separation. In case of the death of an

individual employed under this section, such unused vacation leave as the board would have paid to the individual upon separation under this section shall be paid in accordance with section 2113.04 of the Revised Code, or to the estate.

(G) The board of education of any school district may contract with the governing board of the educational service center from which it otherwise receives services to conduct searches and recruitment of candidates for assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, and other administrator positions authorized under this section.

Sec. 3319.03. The board of education of each city, exempted village, and local school district may create the position of business manager. The board shall ~~elect~~ appoint such business manager who shall serve ~~for a term not to exceed four years unless earlier removed for cause~~ pursuant to a contract in accordance with section 3319.02 of the Revised Code. ~~A vacancy in this office shall be filled only for the unexpired term thereof.~~ In the discharge of all ~~his~~ official duties, the business manager may be directly responsible to the board, or to the superintendent of schools, as the board directs at the time of ~~election~~ appointment to the position. Where such business manager is responsible to the superintendent ~~he~~ the business manager shall be appointed by the superintendent and confirmed by the board.

No board of education shall ~~elect~~ appoint or confirm as business manager any person who does not hold a valid business manager's license issued under section 3301.074 of the Revised Code. If the business manager fails to maintain a valid license, ~~he~~ the business manager shall be removed by the board.

Sec. 3319.07. (A) The board of education of each city, exempted village, ~~and~~ local, and joint vocational school district shall employ the teachers of the public schools of their respective districts.

The governing board of each educational service center may employ special instruction teachers, special education teachers, and teachers of academic courses in which there are too few students in each of the constituent local school districts or in city or exempted village school districts entering into agreements pursuant to section 3313.843 of the Revised Code to warrant each district's employing teachers for those courses.

When any board makes appointments of teachers, the teachers in the employ of the board shall be considered before new teachers are chosen in their stead. In ~~city, exempted village, and joint vocational~~ all school districts and in service centers no teacher shall be employed unless such person is

nominated by the superintendent of such district or center. Such board, by a three-fourths vote of its full membership, may re-employ any teacher whom the superintendent refuses to appoint. ~~In local school districts, no teacher shall be employed, except as provided in division (B) of this section, unless nominated by the superintendent of the service center of which such local school district is a part; by a majority vote of the full membership of such board, the board of education of any local school district may, after considering two nominations for any position made by the service center superintendent, reemploy a person not so nominated for such position.~~

(B) The board of education of ~~a local~~ any school district ~~and the board of education of the county school district of which the local district is a part may enter into an agreement authorizing the superintendent of the local district, in lieu of the superintendent of the county district, to make nominations under this section for the employment of teachers in the local district. While such an agreement is in effect the board of education of the local district shall not employ any teacher unless the person is nominated by the superintendent of the district except that, by a three-fourths vote of its full membership, it may re-employ any teacher whom the superintendent refuses to nominate~~ may contract with the governing board of the educational service center from which it otherwise receives services to conduct searches and recruitment of candidates for teacher positions.

Sec. 3319.19. (A) Except as provided in division (D) of this section or division (A)(2) of section 3313.37 of the Revised Code, upon request, the board of county commissioners shall provide and equip offices in the county for the use of the superintendent of an educational service center, and shall provide heat, light, water, and janitorial services for such offices. Such offices shall be the permanent headquarters of the superintendent and shall be used by the governing board of the service center when it is in session. Except as provided in division (B) of this section, such offices shall be located in the county seat or, upon the approval of the governing board, may be located outside of the county seat.

(B) In the case of a service center formed under section 3311.053 or 3311.059 of the Revised Code, the governing board shall designate the site of its offices. Except as provided in division (D) of this section or division (A)(2) of section 3313.37 of the Revised Code, the board of county commissioners of the county in which the designated site is located shall provide and equip the offices as under division (A) of this section, but the costs of such offices and equipment shall be apportioned among the boards of county commissioners of all counties having any territory in the area under the control of the governing board, according to the proportion of

local school district pupils under the supervision of such board residing in the respective counties. Where there is a dispute as to the amount any board of county commissioners is required to pay, the probate judge of the county in which the greatest number of pupils under the supervision of the governing board reside shall apportion such costs among the boards of county commissioners and notify each such board of its share of the costs.

(C) ~~Not~~ As used in division (C) of this section, in the case of a building, facility, or office space that a board of county commissioners leases or rents, "actual cost per square foot" means all cost on a per square foot basis incurred by the board under the lease or rental agreement. In the case of a building, facility, or office space that the board owns in fee simple, "actual cost per square foot" means the fair rental value on a per square foot basis of the building, facility, or office space either as compared to a similarly situated building, facility, or office space in the general vicinity or as calculated under a formula that accounts for depreciation, amortization of improvements, and other reasonable factors, including, but not limited to, parking space and other amenities.

Not later than the thirty-first day of March of 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 a board of county commissioners required to provide or equip offices pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section shall make a written estimate of the total cost it will incur for the ensuing fiscal year to provide and equip the offices and to provide heat, light, water, and janitorial services for such offices. The total estimate of cost shall include:

(1) The total square feet of space to be utilized by the educational service center;

(2) The total square feet of any common areas that should be reasonably allocated to the center and the methodology for making this allocation;

(3) The actual cost per square foot for both the space utilized by and the common area allocated to the center;

(4) An explanation of the methodology used to determine the actual cost per square foot ~~cost~~;

(5) The estimated cost of providing heat, light, and water, including an explanation of how these costs were determined;

(6) The estimated cost of providing janitorial services including an explanation of the methodology used to determine this cost;

(7) Any other estimated costs that the board anticipates it will occur and a detailed explanation of the costs and the rationale used to determine such costs.

A copy of the total estimate of costs under this division shall be sent to the superintendent of the educational service center not later than the fifth

day of April. The superintendent shall review the total estimate and shall notify the board of county commissioners not later than twenty days after receipt of the estimate of either agreement with the estimate or any specific objections to the estimates and the reasons for the objections. If the superintendent agrees with the estimate, it shall become the final total estimate of cost. Failure of the superintendent to make objections to the estimate by the twentieth day after receipt of it shall be deemed to mean that the superintendent is in agreement with the estimate.

If the superintendent provides specific objections to the board of county commissioners, the board shall review the objections and may modify the original estimate and shall send a revised total estimate to the superintendent within ten days after the receipt of the superintendent's objections. The superintendent shall respond to the revised estimate within ten days after its receipt. If the superintendent agrees with it, it shall become the final total estimated cost. If the superintendent fails to respond within the required time, the superintendent shall be deemed to have agreed with the revised estimate. If the superintendent disagrees with the revised estimate, the superintendent shall send specific objections to the county commissioners.

If a superintendent has sent specific objections to the revised estimate within the required time, the probate judge of the county which has the greatest number of resident local school district pupils under the supervision of the educational service center shall determine the final estimated cost and certify this amount to the superintendent and the board of county commissioners prior to the first day of July.

(D)(1) A board of county commissioners shall be responsible for the following percentages of the final total estimated cost established by division (C) of this section:

(a) Eighty per cent for fiscal year 2003;

(b) Sixty per cent for fiscal year 2004;

(c) Forty per cent for fiscal year 2005;

(d) Twenty per cent for fiscal year 2006.

In fiscal years 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006 the educational service center shall be responsible for the remainder of any costs in excess of the amounts specified in division (D)(1)(a),(b), ~~or~~ (c)<u>, or (d)</u> of this section, as applicable, associated with the provision and equipment of offices for the educational service center and for provision of heat, light, water, and janitorial services for such offices, including any unanticipated or unexpected increases in the costs beyond the final estimated cost amount.

Beginning in fiscal year 2007, no board of county commissioners shall have any obligation to provide and equip offices for an educational service

center or to provide heat, light, water, or janitorial services for such offices.

(2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the board of county commissioners and the governing board of an educational service center from entering into a contract for providing and equipping offices for the use of an educational service center and for providing heat, light, water, and janitorial services for such offices. The term of any such contract shall not exceed a period of four years and may be renewed for additional periods not to exceed four years. Any such contract shall supersede the provisions of division (D)(1) of this section and no educational service center may be charged, at any time, any additional amount for the county's provision of an office and equipment, heat, light, water, and janitorial services beyond the amount specified in such contract.

(3) No contract entered into under division (D)(2) of this section in any year prior to fiscal year 2007 between an educational service center formed under section 3311.053 or 3311.059 of the Revised Code and the board of county commissioners required to provide and equip its office pursuant to division (B) of this section shall take effect unless the boards of county commissioners of all other counties required to participate in the funding for such offices pursuant to division (B) of this section adopt resolutions approving the contract.

Sec. 3319.22. (A)(1) The state board of education shall adopt rules establishing the standards and requirements for obtaining temporary, associate, provisional, and professional educator licenses of any categories, types, and levels the board elects to provide. However, no educator license shall be required for teaching children two years old or younger.

(2) If the state board requires any examinations for educator licensure, the department of education shall provide the results of such examinations received by the department to the Ohio board of regents, in the manner and to the extent permitted by state and federal law.

(B) Any rules the state board of education adopts, amends, or rescinds for educator licenses under this section, division (D) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code, or any other law shall be adopted, amended, or rescinded under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code except as follows:

(1) Notwithstanding division (D) of section 119.03 and division (A)(1) of section 119.04 of the Revised Code, the effective date of any rules, or amendment or rescission of any rules, shall not be as prescribed in division (D) of section 119.03 and division (A)(1) of section 119.04 of the Revised Code. Instead, the effective date shall be the date prescribed by section 3319.23 of the Revised Code.

(2) Notwithstanding the authority to adopt, amend, or rescind

emergency rules in division (F) of section 119.03 of the Revised Code, this authority shall not apply to the state board of education with regard to rules for educator licenses.

(C)(1) The rules adopted under this section establishing standards requiring additional coursework for the renewal of any educator license shall require a school district and a chartered nonpublic school to establish local professional development committees. In a nonpublic school, the chief administrative officer shall establish the committees in any manner acceptable to such officer. The committees established under this division shall determine whether coursework that a district or chartered nonpublic school teacher proposes to complete meets the requirement of the rules. The rules shall establish a procedure by which a teacher may appeal the decision of a local professional development committee.

(2) In any school district in which there is no exclusive representative established under Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, the professional development committees shall be established as described in division (C)(2) of this section.

Not later than the effective date of the rules adopted under this section, the board of education of each school district shall establish the structure for one or more local professional development committees to be operated by such school district. The committee structure so established by a district board shall remain in effect unless within thirty days prior to an anniversary of the date upon which the current committee structure was established, the board provides notice to all affected district employees that the committee structure is to be modified. Professional development committees may have a district-level or building-level scope of operations, and may be established with regard to particular grade or age levels for which an educator license is designated.

Each professional development committee shall consist of at least three classroom teachers employed by the district, one principal employed by the district, and one other employee of the district appointed by the district superintendent. For committees with a building-level scope, the teacher and principal members shall be assigned to that building, and the teacher members shall be elected by majority vote of the classroom teachers assigned to that building. For committees with a district-level scope, the teacher members shall be elected by majority vote of the classroom teachers of the district, and the principal member shall be elected by a majority vote of the principals of the district, unless there are two or fewer principals employed by the district, in which case the one or two principals employed shall serve on the committee. If a committee has a particular grade or age

level scope, the teacher members shall be licensed to teach such grade or age levels, and shall be elected by majority vote of the classroom teachers holding such a license and the principal shall be elected by all principals serving in buildings where any such teachers serve. The district superintendent shall appoint a replacement to fill any vacancy that occurs on a professional development committee, except in the case of vacancies among the elected classroom teacher members, which shall be filled by vote of the remaining members of the committee so selected.

Terms of office on professional development committees shall be prescribed by the district board establishing the committees. The conduct of elections for members of professional development committees shall be prescribed by the district board establishing the committees. A professional development committee may include additional members, except that the majority of members on each such committee shall be classroom teachers employed by the district. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration date of the term for which a predecessor was appointed shall hold office as a member for the remainder of that term.

The initial meeting of any professional development committee, upon election and appointment of all committee members, shall be called by a member designated by the district superintendent. At this initial meeting, the committee shall select a chairperson and such other officers the committee deems necessary, and shall adopt rules for the conduct of its meetings. Thereafter, the committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson or upon the filing of a petition with the district superintendent signed by a majority of the committee members calling for the committee to meet.

(3) In the case of a school district in which an exclusive representative has been established pursuant to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, professional development committees shall be established in accordance with any collective bargaining agreement in effect in the district that includes provisions for such committees.

If the collective bargaining agreement does not specify a different method for the selection of teacher members of the committees, the exclusive representative of the district's teachers shall select the teacher members.

If the collective bargaining agreement does not specify a different structure for the committees, the board of education of the school district shall establish the structure, including the number of committees and the number of teacher and administrative members on each committee; the specific administrative members to be part of each committee; whether the scope of the committees will be district levels, building levels, or by type of

grade or age levels for which educator licenses are designated; the lengths of terms for members; the manner of filling vacancies on the committees; and the frequency and time and place of meetings. However, in all cases, except as provided in division (C)(4) of this section, there shall be a majority of teacher members of any professional development committee, there shall be at least five total members of any professional development committee, and the exclusive representative shall designate replacement members in the case of vacancies among teacher members, unless the collective bargaining agreement specifies a different method of selecting such replacements.

(4) Whenever an administrator's coursework plan is being discussed or voted upon, the local professional development committee shall, at the request of one of its administrative members, cause a majority of the committee to consist of administrative members by reducing the number of teacher members voting on the plan.

(D)(1) The department of education, educational service centers, county boards of mental retardation and developmental disabilities, regional professional development centers, special education regional resource centers, college and university departments of education, head start programs, the Ohio SchoolNet commission, and the Ohio education computer network may establish local professional development committees to determine whether the coursework proposed by their employees who are licensed or certificated under this section or section 3319.222 of the Revised Code meet the requirements of the rules adopted under this section. They may establish local professional development committees on their own or in collaboration with a school district or other agency having authority to establish them.

Local professional development committees established by county boards of mental retardation and developmental disabilities shall be structured in a manner comparable to the structures prescribed for school districts in divisions (C)(2) and (3) of this section, as shall the committees established by any other entity specified in division (D)(1) of this section that provides educational services by employing or contracting for services of classroom teachers licensed or certificated under this section or section 3319.222 of the Revised Code. All other entities specified in division (D)(1) of this section shall structure their committees in accordance with guidelines which shall be issued by the state board.

(2) Any public agency that is not specified in division (D)(1) of this section but provides educational services and employs or contracts for services of classroom teachers licensed or certificated under this section or section 3319.222 of the Revised Code may establish a local professional

development committee, subject to the approval of the department of education. The committee shall be structured in accordance with guidelines issued by the state board.

Sec. 3319.33. On or before the first day of August in each year, the board of education of each city ~~and~~, exempted village, and local school district shall report to the state board of education~~, and the board of each local school district shall report to the superintendent of the educational service center,~~ the school statistics of its district. Such report shall be made on forms furnished by the state board of education and shall contain such information as the state board of education requires. The report shall also set forth with respect to each civil proceeding in which the board of education is a defendant and each civil proceeding in which the board of education is a party and is not a defendant and in which one of the other parties is a board of education in this state or an officer, board, or official of this state:

(A) The nature of the proceeding;

(B) The capacity in which the board is a party to the proceeding;

(C) The total expenses incurred by the board with respect to the proceeding;

(D) The total expenses incurred by the board with respect to the proceeding during the reporting period.

Divisions (A) to (D) of this section do not apply to any proceeding for which no expenses have been incurred during the reporting period.

The board of education of each city ~~and~~, exempted village, and local school district may prepare and publish annually a report of the condition and administration of the schools under its supervision which shall include therein an exhibit of the financial affairs of the district and the information required in divisions (A) to (D) of this section. Such annual report shall be for a full year.

Sec. 3319.36. (A) No treasurer of a board of education or educational service center shall draw a check for the payment of a teacher for services until the teacher files with the treasurer both of the following:

(1) Such reports as are required by the state board of education, the school district board of education, or the superintendent of schools;

(2) Except for a teacher who is engaged pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code ~~and except as provided under division (B) of this section~~, a written statement from the city ~~or~~, exempted village, or local school district superintendent or the educational service center superintendent that the teacher has filed with the treasurer a legal educator license or internship certificate, or true copy of it, to teach the subjects or grades taught, with the dates of its validity. The state board of education shall prescribe the record

and administration for such filing of educator licenses and internship certificates in educational service centers.

(B) ~~If the board of education of a local school district and the governing board of the educational service center of which the local district is a part have entered into an agreement under division (B) of section 3319.07 of the Revised Code, the agreement may also require the superintendent of the local school district, instead of the superintendent of the educational service center, to administer the filing of educator licenses and internship certificates for the local school district and to provide to the teachers of the district the written statements required in division (A)(2) of this section. While such an agreement is in effect between a local school district and an educational service center, a teacher employed by the local district shall file a legal educator license or internship certificate, or true copy of it, with the superintendent of the local district and that superintendent shall provide to the teacher the written statement required by division (A)(2) of this section.~~

~~(C)~~ Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, the treasurer may pay either of the following:

(1) Any teacher for services rendered during the first two months of the teacher's initial employment with the school district or educational service center, provided such teacher is the holder of a bachelor's degree or higher and has filed with the state board of education an application for the issuance of a provisional or professional educator license.

(2) Any substitute teacher for services rendered while conditionally employed under section 3319.101 of the Revised Code.

~~(D)~~(C) Upon notice to the treasurer given by the state board of education or any superintendent having jurisdiction that reports required of a teacher have not been made, the treasurer shall withhold the salary of the teacher until the required reports are completed and furnished.

Sec. 3319.55. (A) A grant program is hereby established to recognize and reward public school teachers who hold valid teaching certificates or licenses issued by the national board for professional teaching standards. The superintendent of public instruction shall administer this program in accordance with this section and rules which the state board of education shall adopt in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

In each fiscal year that the general assembly appropriates funds for purposes of this section, the superintendent of public instruction shall award a grant to each person who, by the first day of August of that year and in accordance with the rules adopted under this section, submits to the superintendent evidence indicating ~~both~~ all of the following:

(1) The person holds a valid certificate or license issued by the national

board for professional teaching standards;

(2) The person was employed full-time as a teacher by the board of education of a school district in this state during the school year that immediately preceded the fiscal year;

(3) The date the person was accepted into the national board certification or licensure program.

An individual may receive a grant under this section in each fiscal year the person is eligible for a grant and submits evidence of that eligibility in accordance with this section.

(B) The amount of the grant awarded to each eligible person under division (A) of this section in any fiscal year shall equal ~~two~~ the following:

(1) Two thousand five hundred dollars ~~except that~~ for any teacher accepted as a candidate for certification or licensure by the national board on or before May 31, 2003, and issued a certificate or license by the national board on or before December 31, 2004;

(2) One thousand dollars for any other teacher issued a certificate or license by the national board.

However, if the funds appropriated for purposes of this section in any fiscal year are not sufficient to award the full grant amount to each person who is eligible in that fiscal year, the superintendent shall prorate the amount of the grant awarded in that fiscal year to each eligible person ~~shall equal the amount obtained by dividing the total amount of funds appropriated for purposes of this section in the fiscal year by the total number of persons eligible for a grant under this section for the fiscal year~~.

Sec. 3323.16. No unit for deaf children shall be disapproved for funding under division (B) or (D)(1) of section 3317.05 of the Revised Code on the basis of the methods of instruction used in educational programs in the school district or institution to teach deaf children to communicate, and no preference in approving units for funding shall be given ~~by the state board~~ for teaching deaf children by the oral, manual, total communication, or other method of instruction.

Sec. 3327.01. Notwithstanding division (D) of section 3311.19 and division (D) of section 3311.52 of the Revised Code, this section and sections 3327.011, 3327.012, and 3327.02 of the Revised Code do not apply to any joint vocational or cooperative education school district.

In all city, local, and exempted village school districts where resident school pupils in grades kindergarten through eight live more than two miles from the school for which the state board of education prescribes minimum standards pursuant to division (D) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code and to which they are assigned by the board of education of the district of

residence or to and from the nonpublic or community school which they attend the board of education shall provide transportation for such pupils to and from such school except as provided in section 3327.02 of the Revised Code.

In all city, local, and exempted village school districts the board may provide transportation for resident school pupils in grades nine through twelve to and from the high school to which they are assigned by the board of education of the district of residence or to and from the nonpublic or community high school which they attend for which the state board of education prescribes minimum standards pursuant to division (D) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code.

A board of education shall not be required to transport elementary or high school pupils to and from a nonpublic or community school where such transportation would require more than thirty minutes of direct travel time as measured by school bus from the collection point ~~as~~ designated by ~~the coordinator of school transportation, appointed under section 3327.011 of the Revised Code, for the attendance area of~~ the district of residence.

Where it is impractical to transport a pupil by school conveyance, a board of education may offer payment, in lieu of providing such transportation in accordance with section 3327.02 of the Revised Code.

In all city, local, and exempted village school districts the board shall provide transportation for all children who are so crippled that they are unable to walk to and from the school for which the state board of education prescribes minimum standards pursuant to division (D) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code and which they attend. In case of dispute whether the child is able to walk to and from the school, the health commissioner shall be the judge of such ability. In all city, exempted village, and local school districts the board shall provide transportation to and from school or special education classes for educable mentally retarded children in accordance with standards adopted by the state board of education.

When transportation of pupils is provided the conveyance shall be run on a time schedule that shall be adopted and put in force by the board not later than ten days after the beginning of the school term.

The cost of any transportation service authorized by this section shall be paid first out of federal funds, if any, available for the purpose of pupil transportation, and secondly out of state appropriations, in accordance with regulations adopted by the state board of education.

No transportation of any pupils shall be provided by any board of education to or from any school which in the selection of pupils, faculty members, or employees, practices discrimination against any person on the

grounds of race, color, religion, or national origin.

Sec. 3327.011. ~~Coordinators of school transportation shall be appointed according to provisions of section 3301.13 of the Revised Code to assure that each pupil, as provided in section 3327.01 of the Revised Code, is transported to and from the school which he attends in a safe, expedient, and economical manner using public school collection points, routes, and schedules.~~

In determining how best to provide ~~such~~ transportation, where persons or firms on or after April 1, 1965, were providing transportation to and from schools pursuant to contracts with persons or agencies responsible for the operation of such schools, ~~a coordinator or~~ the board of education responsible for transportation in accordance with section 3327.01 of the Revised Code shall give preference if economically feasible during the term of any such contract to the firm or person providing such transportation. The boards of education within the county or group of counties shall ~~recommend to the coordinator of~~ establish transportation routes, schedules, and utilization of transportation equipment. ~~The coordinator, upon receipt of such recommendations, shall establish transportation routes, schedules, and utilization of transportation equipment, following such recommendations to whatever extent is feasible.~~ The appeals from the determination of the ~~coordinator~~ board of education responsible for transportation shall be taken to the state board of education.

Sec. 3329.06. The board of education of each city, exempted village, and local school district shall furnish, free of charge, the necessary textbooks to the pupils attending the public schools. In lieu of textbooks, district boards may furnish electronic textbooks to pupils attending the public schools, provided the electronic textbooks are furnished free of charge. A district board that chooses to furnish electronic textbooks to pupils attending school in the district shall provide reasonable access to the electronic textbooks and other necessary computer equipment to pupils in the district who are required to complete homework assignments, and teachers providing homework assignments, utilizing electronic textbooks furnished by the district board. Pupils wholly or in part supplied with necessary textbooks or electronic textbooks shall be supplied only as other or new textbooks or electronic textbooks are needed. ~~A board may limit its purchase and ownership of textbooks or electronic textbooks needed for its schools to six subjects per year, the cost of which shall not exceed twenty-five per cent of the entire cost of adoption.~~ All textbooks or electronic textbooks furnished as provided in this section shall be the property of the district, and loaned to the pupils on such terms as each such

board prescribes. In order to carry out sections 3329.01 to 3329.10 of the Revised Code, each board, in the preparation of its annual budget, shall include as a separate item the amount which the board finds necessary to administer such sections and such amount shall not be subject to transfer to any other fund.

Sec. 3329.08. At any regular meeting, the board of education of each local school district, from lists adopted by the educational service center governing board, and the board of education of each city and exempted village school district shall determine by a majority vote of all members elected or appointed under division (B) or (F) of section 3311.71 of the Revised Code which of such textbooks or electronic textbooks so filed shall be used in the schools under its control. ~~Except for periodic and normal updating of electronic textbooks, no textbooks or electronic textbooks shall be changed, nor any part thereof altered or revised, nor any other textbook or electronic textbook substituted therefor, within four years after the date of selection and adoption thereof, as shown by the official records of such boards, except by the consent, at a regular meeting, of four-fifths of all members elected thereto. Textbooks or electronic textbooks so substituted shall be adopted for the full term of four years.~~

Sec. 3332.04. The state board of career colleges and schools may appoint an executive director and such other staff as may be required for the performance of the board's duties and provide necessary facilities. In selecting an executive director, the board shall appoint an individual with a background or experience in the regulation of commerce, business, or education. The board may also arrange for services and facilities to be provided by the state board of education and the Ohio board of regents. All receipts of the board shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the ~~general revenue~~ occupational licensing and regulatory fund.

Sec. 3333.12. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Eligible student" means an undergraduate student who is:

(a) An Ohio resident;

(b) Enrolled in either of the following:

(i) An accredited institution of higher education in this state that meets the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and is state-assisted, is nonprofit and has a certificate of authorization from the Ohio board of regents pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code, has a certificate of registration from the state board of career colleges and schools and program authorization to award an associate or bachelor's degree, or is a private institution exempt from regulation under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code as prescribed in section 3333.046 of the Revised Code.

Students who attend an institution that holds a certificate of registration shall be enrolled in a program leading to an associate or bachelor's degree for which associate or bachelor's degree program the institution has program authorization issued under section 3332.05 of the Revised Code.

(ii) A technical education program of at least two years duration sponsored by a private institution of higher education in this state that meets the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

(c) Enrolled as a full-time student or enrolled as a less than full-time student for the term expected to be the student's final term of enrollment and is enrolled for the number of credit hours necessary to complete the requirements of the program in which the student is enrolled.

(2) "Gross income" includes all taxable and nontaxable income of the parents, the student, and the student's spouse, except income derived from an Ohio academic scholarship, income earned by the student between the last day of the spring term and the first day of the fall term, and other income exclusions designated by the board. Gross income may be verified to the board by the institution in which the student is enrolled using the federal financial aid eligibility verification process or by other means satisfactory to the board.

(3) "Resident," "full-time student," "dependent," "financially independent," and "accredited" shall be defined by rules adopted by the board.

(B) The Ohio board of regents shall establish and administer an instructional grant program and may adopt rules to carry out this section. The general assembly shall support the instructional grant program by such sums and in such manner as it may provide, but the board may also receive funds from other sources to support the program. If the amounts available for support of the program are inadequate to provide grants to all eligible students, preference in the payment of grants shall be given in terms of income, beginning with the lowest income category of gross income and proceeding upward by category to the highest gross income category.

An instructional grant shall be paid to an eligible student through the institution in which the student is enrolled, except that no instructional grant shall be paid to any person serving a term of imprisonment. Applications for such grants shall be made as prescribed by the board, and such applications may be made in conjunction with and upon the basis of information provided in conjunction with student assistance programs funded by agencies of the United States government or from financial resources of the institution of higher education. The institution shall certify that the student applicant meets the requirements set forth in divisions (A)(1)(b) and (c) of

this section. Instructional grants shall be provided to an eligible student only as long as the student is making appropriate progress toward a nursing diploma or an associate or bachelor's degree. No student shall be eligible to receive a grant for more than ten semesters, fifteen quarters, or the equivalent of five academic years. A grant made to an eligible student on the basis of less than full-time enrollment shall be based on the number of credit hours for which the student is enrolled and shall be computed in accordance with a formula adopted by the board. No student shall receive more than one grant on the basis of less than full-time enrollment.

An instructional grant shall not exceed the total instructional and general charges of the institution.

(C) The tables in this division prescribe the maximum grant amounts covering two semesters, three quarters, or a comparable portion of one academic year. Grant amounts for additional terms in the same academic year shall be determined under division (D) of this section.

For a full-time student who is a dependent and enrolled in a nonprofit educational institution that is not a state-assisted institution and that has a certificate of authorization issued pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code, the amount of the instructional grant for two semesters, three quarters, or a comparable portion of the academic year shall be determined in accordance with the following table:

Private Institution
Table of Grants
Maximum Grant $5,466

Gross Income	Number of Dependents				
	1	2	3	4	5 or more
$0 - $15,000	$5,466	$5,466	$5,466	$5,466	$5,466
$15,001 - $16,000	4,920	5,466	5,466	5,466	5,466
$16,001 - $17,000	4,362	4,920	5,466	5,466	5,466
$17,001 - $18,000	3,828	4,362	4,920	5,466	5,466
$18,001 - $19,000	3,288	3,828	4,362	4,920	5,466
$19,001 - $22,000	2,736	3,288	3,828	4,362	4,920
$22,001 - $25,000	2,178	2,736	3,288	3,828	4,362
$25,001 - $28,000	1,626	2,178	2,736	3,288	3,828
$28,001 - $31,000	1,344	1,626	2,178	2,736	3,288
$31,001 - $32,000	1,080	1,344	1,626	2,178	2,736
$32,001 - $33,000	984	1,080	1,344	1,626	2,178
$33,001 - $34,000	888	984	1,080	1,344	1,626
$34,001 - $35,000	444	888	984	1,080	1,344

$35,001 - $36,000	--	444	888	984	1,080
$36,001 - $37,000	--	--	444	888	984
$37,001 - $38,000	--	--	--	444	888
$38,001 - $39,000	--	--	--	--	444

For a full-time student who is financially independent and enrolled in a nonprofit educational institution that is not a state-assisted institution and that has a certificate of authorization issued pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code, the amount of the instructional grant for two semesters, three quarters, or a comparable portion of the academic year shall be determined in accordance with the following table:

Private Institution
Table of Grants
Maximum Grant $5,466

Gross Income	Number of Dependents					
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more
$0 - $4,800	$5,466	$5,466	$5,466	$5,466	$5,466	$5,466
$4,801 - $5,300	4,920	5,466	5,466	5,466	5,466	5,466
$5,301 - $5,800	4,362	~~4,920~~ 5,196	5,466	5,466	5,466	5,466
$5,801 - $6,300	3,828	~~4,362~~ 4,914	~~4,920~~ 5,196	5,466	5,466	5,466
$6,301 - $6,800	3,288	~~3,828~~ 4,650	~~4,362~~ 4,914	~~4,920~~ 5,196	5,466	5,466
$6,801 - $7,300	2,736	~~3,288~~ 4,380	~~3,828~~ 4,650	~~4,362~~ 4,914	~~4,920~~ 5,196	5,466
$7,301 - $8,300	2,178	~~2,736~~ 4,104	~~3,288~~ 4,380	~~3,828~~ 4,650	~~4,362~~ 4,914	~~4,920~~ 5,196
$8,301 - $9,300	1,626	~~2,178~~ 3,822	~~2,736~~ 4,104	~~3,288~~ 4,380	~~3,828~~ 4,650	~~4,362~~ 4,914
$9,301 - $10,300	1,344	~~1,626~~ 3,546	~~2,178~~ 3,822	~~2,736~~ 4,104	~~3,288~~ 4,380	~~3,828~~ 4,650
$10,301 - $11,800	1,080	~~1,344~~ 3,408	~~1,626~~ 3,546	~~2,178~~ 3,822	~~2,736~~ 4,104	~~3,288~~ 4,380
$11,801 - $13,300	984	~~1,080~~ 3,276	~~1,344~~ 3,408	~~1,626~~ 3,546	~~2,178~~ 3,822	~~2,736~~ 4,104
$13,301 - $14,800	888	~~984~~ 3,228	~~1,080~~ 3,276	~~1,344~~ 3,408	~~1,626~~ 3,546	~~2,178~~ 3,822
$14,801 - $16,300	444	~~888~~ 2,904	~~984~~ 3,228	~~1,080~~ 3,276	~~1,344~~ 3,408	~~1,626~~ 3,546

$16,301 - $19,300	--	~~444~~	~~888~~	~~984~~	~~1,080~~	~~1,344~~
		2,136	2,628	2,952	3,276	3,408
$19,301 - $22,300	--	~~--~~	~~444~~	~~888~~	~~984~~	~~1,080~~
		1,368	1,866	2,358	2,676	3,000
$22,301 - $25,300	--	~~--~~	~~--~~	~~444~~	~~888~~	~~984~~
		1,092	1,368	1,866	2,358	2,676
$25,301 - $30,300	--	~~--~~	~~--~~	~~--~~	~~444~~	~~888~~
		816	1,092	1,368	1,866	2,358
$30,301 - $35,300	--	~~--~~	~~--~~	~~--~~	~~--~~	~~444~~
		492	540	672	816	1,314

For a full-time student who is a dependent and enrolled in an educational institution that holds a certificate of registration from the state board of career colleges and schools or a private institution exempt from regulation under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code as prescribed in section 3333.046 of the Revised Code, the amount of the instructional grant for two semesters, three quarters, or a comparable portion of the academic year shall be determined in accordance with the following table:

Career Institution

Table of Grants

Maximum Grant $4,632

Gross Income	Number of Dependents				
	1	2	3	4	5 or more
$0 - $15,000	$4,632	$4,632	$4,632	$4,632	$4,632
$15,001 - $16,000	4,182	4,632	4,632	4,632	4,632
$16,001 - $17,000	3,684	4,182	4,632	4,632	4,632
$17,001 - $18,000	3,222	3,684	4,182	4,632	4,632
$18,001 - $19,000	2,790	3,222	3,684	4,182	4,632
$19,001 - $22,000	2,292	2,790	3,222	3,684	4,182
$22,001 - $25,000	1,854	2,292	2,790	3,222	3,684
$25,001 - $28,000	1,416	1,854	2,292	2,790	3,222
$28,001 - $31,000	1,134	1,416	1,854	2,292	2,790
$31,001 - $32,000	906	1,134	1,416	1,854	2,292
$32,001 - $33,000	852	906	1,134	1,416	1,854
$33,001 - $34,000	750	852	906	1,134	1,416
$34,001 - $35,000	372	750	852	906	1,134
$35,001 - $36,000	--	372	750	852	906
$36,001 - $37,000	--	--	372	750	852
$37,001 - $38,000	--	--	--	372	750
$38,001 - $39,000	--	--	--	--	372

For a full-time student who is financially independent and enrolled in an educational institution that holds a certificate of registration from the state board of career colleges and schools or a private institution exempt from regulation under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code as prescribed in section 3333.046 of the Revised Code, the amount of the instructional grant for two semesters, three quarters, or a comparable portion of the academic year shall be determined in accordance with the following table:

Career Institution
Table of Grants
Maximum Grant $4,632

Gross Income	Number of Dependents					
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more
$0 - $4,800	$4,632	$4,632	$4,632	$4,632	$4,632	$4,632
$4,801 - $5,300	4,182	4,632	4,632	4,632	4,632	4,632
$5,301 - $5,800	3,684	~~4,182~~ 4,410	4,632	4,632	4,632	4,632
$5,801 - $6,300	3,222	~~3,684~~ 4,158	~~4,182~~ 4,410	4,632	4,632	4,632
$6,301 - $6,800	2,790	~~3,222~~ 3,930	~~3,684~~ 4,158	~~4,182~~ 4,410	4,632	4,632
$6,801 - $7,300	2,292	~~2,790~~ 3,714	~~3,222~~ 3,930	~~3,684~~ 4,158	~~4,182~~ 4,410	4,632
$7,301 - $8,300	1,854	~~2,292~~ 3,462	~~2,790~~ 3,714	~~3,222~~ 3,930	~~3,684~~ 4,158	~~4,182~~ 4,410
$8,301 - $9,300	1,416	~~1,854~~ 3,246	~~2,292~~ 3,462	~~2,790~~ 3,714	~~3,222~~ 3,930	~~3,684~~ 4,158
$9,301 - $10,300	1,134	~~1,416~~ 3,024	~~1,854~~ 3,246	~~2,292~~ 3,462	~~2,790~~ 3,714	~~3,222~~ 3,930
$10,301 - $11,800	906	~~1,134~~ 2,886	~~1,416~~ 3,024	~~1,854~~ 3,246	~~2,292~~ 3,462	~~2,790~~ 3,714
$11,801 - $13,300	852	~~906~~ 2,772	~~1,134~~ 2,886	~~1,416~~ 3,024	~~1,854~~ 3,246	~~2,292~~ 3,462
$13,301 - $14,800	750	~~852~~ 2,742	~~906~~ 2,772	~~1,134~~ 2,886	~~1,416~~ 3,024	~~1,854~~ 3,246
$14,801 - $16,300	372	~~750~~ 2,466	~~852~~ 2,742	~~906~~ 2,772	~~1,134~~ 2,886	~~1,416~~ 3,024
$16,301 - $19,300	--	~~372~~ 1,800	~~750~~ 2,220	~~852~~ 2,520	~~906~~ 2,772	~~1,134~~ 2,886
$19,301 - $22,300	--	~~--~~	~~372~~	~~750~~	~~852~~	~~906~~

		1,146	1,584	1,986	2,268	2,544
$22,301 - $25,300	--	~~--~~	~~--~~	~~372~~	~~750~~	~~852~~
		930	1,146	1,584	1,986	2,268
$25,301 - $30,300	--	~~--~~	~~--~~	~~--~~	~~372~~	~~750~~
		708	930	1,146	1,584	1,986
$30,301 - $35,300	--	~~--~~	~~--~~	~~--~~	~~--~~	~~372~~
		426	456	570	708	1,116

For a full-time student who is a dependent and enrolled in a state-assisted educational institution, the amount of the instructional grant for two semesters, three quarters, or a comparable portion of the academic year shall be determined in accordance with the following table:

Public Institution
Table of Grants
Maximum Grant $2,190

Gross Income	Number of Dependents				
	1	2	3	4	5 or more
$0 - $15,000	$2,190	$2,190	$2,190	$2,190	$2,190
$15,001 - $16,000	1,974	2,190	2,190	2,190	2,190
$16,001 - $17,000	1,740	1,974	2,190	2,190	2,190
$17,001 - $18,000	1,542	1,740	1,974	2,190	2,190
$18,001 - $19,000	1,320	1,542	1,740	1,974	2,190
$19,001 - $22,000	1,080	1,320	1,542	1,740	1,974
$22,001 - $25,000	864	1,080	1,320	1,542	1,740
$25,001 - $28,000	648	864	1,080	1,320	1,542
$28,001 - $31,000	522	648	864	1,080	1,320
$31,001 - $32,000	420	522	648	864	1,080
$32,001 - $33,000	384	420	522	648	864
$33,001 - $34,000	354	384	420	522	648
$34,001 - $35,000	174	354	384	420	522
$35,001 - $36,000	--	174	354	384	420
$36,001 - $37,000	--	--	174	354	384
$37,001 - $38,000	--	--	--	174	354
$38,001 - $39,000	--	--	--	--	174

For a full-time student who is financially independent and enrolled in a state-assisted educational institution, the amount of the instructional grant for two semesters, three quarters, or a comparable portion of the academic year shall be determined in accordance with the following table:

Public Institution
Table of Grants

Gross Income	Maximum Grant $2,190 Number of Dependents					
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more
$0 - $4,800	$2,190	$2,190	$2,190	$2,190	$2,190	$2,190
$4,801 - $5,300	1,974	2,190	2,190	2,190	2,190	2,190
$5,301 - $5,800	1,740	~~1,974~~ 2,082	2,190	2,190	2,190	2,190
$5,801 - $6,300	1,542	~~1,740~~	~~1,974~~ 1,968	2,190 2,082	2,190	2,190
$6,301 - $6,800	1,320	~~1,542~~	~~1,740~~ 1,866	~~1,974~~ 1,968	2,190 2,082	2,190
$6,801 - $7,300	1,080	~~1,320~~	~~1,542~~ 1,758	~~1,740~~ 1,866	~~1,974~~ 1,968	2,190 2,082
$7,301 - $8,300	864	~~1,080~~	~~1,320~~ 1,638	~~1,542~~ 1,758	~~1,740~~ 1,866	~~1,974~~ 1,968
$8,301 - $9,300	648	~~864~~	~~1,080~~ 1,530	~~1,320~~ 1,638	~~1,542~~ 1,758	~~1,740~~ 1,866
$9,301 - $10,300	522	~~648~~	~~864~~ 1,422	~~1,080~~ 1,530	~~1,320~~ 1,638	~~1,542~~ 1,758
$10,301 - $11,800	420	~~522~~	~~648~~ 1,356	~~864~~ 1,422	~~1,080~~ 1,530	~~1,320~~ 1,638
$11,801 - $13,300	384	~~420~~	~~522~~ 1,308	~~648~~ 1,356	~~864~~ 1,422	~~1,080~~ 1,530
$13,301 - $14,800	354	~~384~~	~~420~~ 1,290	~~522~~ 1,308	~~648~~ 1,356	~~864~~ 1,422
$14,801 - $16,300	174	~~354~~	~~384~~ 1,164	~~420~~ 1,290	~~522~~ 1,308	~~648~~ 1,356
$16,301 - $19,300	--	~~174~~	~~354~~ 858	~~384~~ 1,050	~~420~~ 1,182	~~522~~ 1,308
$19,301 - $22,300	--	~~--~~	~~174~~ 540	~~354~~ 750	~~384~~ 948	~~420~~ 1,062
$22,301 - $25,300	--	~~--~~	~~--~~	~~174~~ ---	~~354~~ ---	~~384~~ ---

		432	540	750	948	1,062
$25,301 - $30,300	--	~~--~~	~~--~~	~~--~~	~~174~~	~~354~~
		324	432	540	750	948
$30,301 - $35,300	--	~~--~~	~~--~~	~~--~~	~~--~~	~~174~~
		192	210	264	324	522

(D) For a full-time student enrolled in an eligible institution for a semester or quarter in addition to the portion of the academic year covered by a grant determined under division (C) of this section, the maximum grant amount shall be a percentage of the maximum prescribed in the applicable table of that division. The maximum grant for a fourth quarter shall be one-third of the maximum amount prescribed under that division. The maximum grant for a third semester shall be one-half of the maximum amount prescribed under that division.

(E) No grant shall be made to any student in a course of study in theology, religion, or other field of preparation for a religious profession unless such course of study leads to an accredited bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, associate of arts, or associate of science degree.

(F)(1) Except as provided in division (F)(2) of this section, no grant shall be made to any student for enrollment during a fiscal year in an institution with a cohort default rate determined by the United States secretary of education pursuant to the "Higher Education Amendments of 1986," 100 Stat. 1278, 1408, 20 U.S.C.A. 1085, as amended, as of the fifteenth day of June preceding the fiscal year, equal to or greater than thirty per cent for each of the preceding two fiscal years.

(2) Division (F)(1) of this section does not apply to the following:

(a) Any student enrolled in an institution that under the federal law appeals its loss of eligibility for federal financial aid and the United States secretary of education determines its cohort default rate after recalculation is lower than the rate specified in division (F)(1) of this section or the secretary determines due to mitigating circumstances the institution may continue to participate in federal financial aid programs. The board shall adopt rules requiring institutions to provide information regarding an appeal to the board.

(b) Any student who has previously received a grant under this section who meets all other requirements of this section.

(3) The board shall adopt rules for the notification of all institutions whose students will be ineligible to participate in the grant program pursuant to division (F)(1) of this section.

(4) A student's attendance at an institution whose students lose eligibility for grants under division (F)(1) of this section shall not affect that student's eligibility to receive a grant when enrolled in another institution.

(G) Institutions of higher education that enroll students receiving instructional grants under this section shall report to the board all students who have received instructional grants but are no longer eligible for all or part of such grants and shall refund any moneys due the state within thirty days after the beginning of the quarter or term immediately following the quarter or term in which the student was no longer eligible to receive all or part of the student's grant. There shall be an interest charge of one per cent per month on all moneys due and payable after such thirty-day period. The board shall immediately notify the office of budget and management and the legislative service commission of all refunds so received.

Sec. 3333.121. There is hereby established in the state treasury the instructional grant reconciliation fund, which shall consist of refunds of instructional grant payments made pursuant to section 3333.12 of the Revised Code. Revenues credited to the fund shall be used by the Ohio board of regents to pay to higher education institutions any outstanding obligations from the prior year owed for the Ohio instructional grant program that are identified through the annual reconciliation and financial audit. Any amount in the fund that is in excess of the amount certified to the director of budget and management by the board of regents as necessary to reconcile prior year payments under the program shall be transferred to the general revenue fund.

Sec. 3333.16. As used in this section "state institution of higher education" means an institution of higher education as defined in section 3345.12 of the Revised Code.

(A) By April 15, 2005, the Ohio board of regents shall do all of the following:

(1) Establish policies and procedures applicable to all state institutions of higher education that ensure that students can begin higher education at any state institution of higher education and transfer coursework and degrees to any other state institution of higher education without unnecessary duplication or institutional barriers. The purpose of this requirement is to allow students to attain their highest educational aspirations in the most efficient and effective manner for the students and the state. These policies and procedures shall require state institutions of higher education to make changes or modifications, as needed, to strengthen course content so as to ensure equivalency for that course at any state institution of higher education.

(2) Develop and implement a universal course equivalency classification system for state institutions of higher education so that the transfer of students and the transfer and articulation of equivalent courses or specified learning modules or units completed by students are not inhibited by inconsistent judgment about the application of transfer credits. Coursework completed within such a system at one state institution of higher education and transferred to another institution shall be applied to the student's degree objective in the same manner as equivalent coursework completed at the receiving institution.

(3) Develop a system of transfer policies that ensure that graduates with associate degrees which include completion of approved transfer modules shall be admitted to a state institution of higher education, shall be able to compete for admission to specific programs on the same basis as students native to the institution, and shall have priority over out-of-state associate degree graduates and transfer students. To assist a student in advising and transferring, all state institutions of higher education shall fully implement the course applicability system.

(4) Examine the feasibility of developing a transfer marketing agenda that includes materials and interactive technology to inform the citizens of Ohio about the availability of transfer options at state institutions of higher education and to encourage adults to return to colleges and universities for additional education;

(5) Study, in consultation with the state board of career colleges and schools, and in light of existing criteria and any other criteria developed by the articulation and transfer advisory council, the feasibility of credit recognition and transferability to state institutions of higher education for graduates who have received associate degrees from a career college or school with a certificate of registration from the state board of career colleges and schools under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code.

(B) By April 15, 2004, the board shall report to the general assembly on its progress in attaining completion of the actions prescribed in division (A) of this section.

(C) All provisions of the existing articulation and transfer policy developed by the board shall remain in effect except where amended by this act.

Sec. 3333.38. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Institution of higher education" includes all of the following:

(a) A state institution of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code;

(b) A nonprofit institution issued a certificate of authorization by the

Ohio board of regents under Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code;

(c) A private institution exempt from regulation under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code, as prescribed in section 3333.046 of the Revised Code;

(d) An institution of higher education with a certificate of registration from the state board of career colleges and schools under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code.

(2) "Student financial assistance supported by state funds" includes assistance granted under sections 3315.33, 3333.12, 3333.21, 3333.26, 3333.27, 3333.28, 3333.29, 3333.372, 5910.03, 5910.032, and 5919.34 of the Revised Code and any other post-secondary student financial assistance supported by state funds.

(B) An individual who is convicted of, pleads guilty to, or is adjudicated a delinquent child for one of the following violations shall be ineligible to receive any student financial assistance supported by state funds at an institution of higher education for two calendar years from the time the individual applies for assistance of that nature:

(1) A violation of section 2917.02 or 2917.03 of the Revised Code;

(2) A violation of section 2917.04 of the Revised Code that is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree and occurs within the proximate area where four or more others are acting in a course of conduct in violation of section 2917.11 of the Revised Code;

(3) A violation of section 2917.13 of the Revised Code that is a misdemeanor of the fourth or first degree and occurs within the proximate area where four or more others are acting in a course of conduct in violation of section 2917.11 of the Revised Code.

(C) If an individual is convicted of, pleads guilty to, or is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing a violation of section 2907.02 or 2907.03 of the Revised Code, and if the individual is enrolled in a state-supported institution of higher education, the institution in which the individual is enrolled shall immediately dismiss the individual. No state-supported institution of higher education shall admit an individual of that nature for one academic year after the individual applies for admission to a state-supported institution of higher education. This division does not limit or affect the ability of a state-supported institution of higher education to suspend or otherwise discipline its students.

Sec. 3353.11. There is hereby created in the state treasury the governmental television/telecommunications operating fund. The fund shall consist of money received from contract productions of the Ohio government telecommunications studio and shall be used for operations or equipment breakdowns related to the studio. Only Ohio government

telecommunications may authorize the spending of money in the fund. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund. Once the fund has a balance of zero, the fund shall cease to exist.

Sec. 3361.01. (A) There is hereby created a state university to be known as the "university of Cincinnati." The government of the university of Cincinnati is vested in a board of eleven trustees who shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Two of the trustees shall be students at the university of Cincinnati, and their selection and terms shall be in accordance with division (B) of this section. The terms of the first nine members of the board of trustees shall commence upon the effective date of the transfer of assets of the state-affiliated university of Cincinnati to the university of Cincinnati hereby created. One of such trustees shall be appointed for a term ending on the first day of January occurring at least twelve months after such date of transfer, and each of the other trustees shall be appointed for respective terms ending on each succeeding first day of January, so that one term will expire on each first day of January after expiration of the shortest term. Except for the two student trustees, each successor trustee shall be appointed for a term ending on the first day of January, nine years from the expiration date of the term ~~he~~ the trustee succeeds, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed to serve only for the unexpired term.

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

No person who has served a full nine-year term or longer or more than six years of such a term shall be eligible to reappointment. ~~No person is eligible for appointment to the board of trustees for a full nine-year term who is not at the time of appointment a resident of the city of Cincinnati, unless at the time of such appointment there are at least five members of the board who are not students and who are residents of the city of Cincinnati.~~

The trustees shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be paid their reasonable necessary expenses while engaged in the discharge of their official duties. A majority of the board constitutes a quorum.

(B) The student members of the board of trustees of the university of Cincinnati have no voting power on the board. Student members shall not be considered as members of the board in determining whether a quorum is present. Student members shall not be entitled to attend executive sessions of the board. The student members of the board shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, from a group of five candidates selected pursuant to a procedure adopted by the university's

student governments and approved by the university's board of trustees. The initial term of office of one of the student members shall commence on May 14, 1988 and shall expire on May 13, 1989, and the initial term of office of the other student member shall commence on May 14, 1988 and expire on May 13, 1990. Thereafter, terms of office of student members shall be for two years, each term ending on the same day of the same month of the year as the term it succeeds. In the event that a student cannot fulfill ~~his~~ a two-year term, a replacement shall be selected to fill the unexpired term in the same manner used to make the original selection.

Sec. 3375.41. When a board of library trustees appointed pursuant to sections 3375.06, 3375.10, 3375.12, 3375.15, 3375.22, and 3375.30 of the Revised Code determines to construct, demolish, alter, repair, or reconstruct a library or make any improvements or repairs, the cost of which will exceed ~~fifteen~~ twenty-five thousand dollars, except in cases of urgent necessity or for the security and protection of library property, it shall proceed as follows:

(A) The board shall advertise for a period of four weeks for bids in some newspaper of general circulation in the district, and if there are two such papers, the board shall advertise in both of them. If no newspaper has a general circulation in the district, the board shall advertise by posting ~~such~~ the advertisement in three public places ~~therein~~ in the district. ~~Such~~ The advertisement shall be entered in full by the clerk on the record of proceedings of the board.

(B) The sealed bids shall be filed with the clerk by twelve noon of the last day stated in the advertisement.

(C) The bids shall be opened at the next meeting of the board, shall be publicly read by the clerk, and shall be entered in full on the records of the board; provided~~,~~ that the board ~~may,~~ by resolution, may provide for the public opening and reading of ~~such~~ the bids by the clerk, immediately after the time for filing ~~such~~ the bids has expired, at the usual place of meeting of the board, and for the tabulation of ~~such~~ the bids and a report of ~~such~~ the tabulation to the board at its next meeting.

(D) Each bid shall contain the name of every person interested ~~therein,~~ in it and shall meet the requirements of section 153.54 of the Revised Code.

(E) When both labor and materials are embraced in the work bid for, the board may require that each be separately stated in the bid, with the price ~~thereof~~ of each, or may require that bids be submitted without ~~such~~ that separation.

(F) None but the lowest responsible bid shall be accepted. The board may reject all the bids or accept any bid for both labor and material for ~~such~~

the improvement or repair which is the lowest in the aggregate.

(G) The contract shall be between the board and the bidders. The board shall pay the contract price for the work in cash at the times and in the amounts as provided by sections 153.12, 153.13, and 153.14 of the Revised Code.

(H) When two or more bids are equal, in whole or in part, and are lower than any others, either may be accepted, but in no case shall the work be divided between such bidders.

(I) When there is reason to believe there is collusion or combination among the bidders, the bids of those concerned in ~~such~~ the collusion or combination shall be rejected.

Sec. 3377.01. As used in Chapter 3377. of the Revised Code:

(A) "Educational institution" or "institution" means an educational institution organized not for profit and holding an effective certificate of authorization issued under section 1713.02 of the Revised Code. It does not include any institution created by or in accordance with Title XXXIII of the Revised Code nor any institution whose principal educational activity is preparing students for or granting degrees, diplomas, and other marks of deficiency which have value only in religious and ecclesiastical fields.

(B) "Educational facility" or "facility" means any building, structure, facility, equipment, machinery, utility, or improvement, site, or other interest in real estate therefor or pertinent thereto, and equipment and furnishings to be used therein or in connection therewith, together with any appurtenances necessary or convenient to the uses thereof, to be used for or in connection with the conduct or operation of an educational institution, including but not limited to, classrooms and other instructional facilities, laboratories, research facilities, libraries, study facilities, administrative and office facilities, museums, gymnasiums, campus walks, drives and site improvements, dormitories and other suitable living quarters or accommodations, dining halls and other food service and preparation facilities, student services or activity facilities, physical education, athletic and recreational facilities, theatres, auditoriums, assembly and exhibition halls, greenhouses, agricultural buildings and facilities, parking, storage and maintenance facilities, infirmary, hospital, medical, and health facilities, continuing education facilities, communications, fire prevention, and fire fighting facilities, and any one, or any combination of the foregoing, whether or not comprising part of one building, structure, or facility. It does not include any facility used ~~for sectarian instruction or study or~~ exclusively as a place for devotional activities ~~or religious worship~~.

(C) "Bond proceedings" means the resolution or resolutions, the trust

agreement, the indenture of mortgage, or combination thereof authorizing or providing for the terms and conditions applicable to bonds issued under authority of Chapter 3377. of the Revised Code.

(D) "Pledged facilities" means the project or other property that is mortgaged or the rentals, revenues, and other income, charges, and moneys from which are pledged, or both, for the payment of or the security for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds issued under the authority of section 3377.05 or 3377.06 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Project" means real or personal property, or both, acquired by gift or purchase, constructed, reconstructed, enlarged, remodeled, renovated, improved, furnished, or equipped, or any combination thereof, by or financed by the Ohio higher educational facility commission, or by funds that are refinanced or reimbursed by the commission for use by an educational institution as an educational facility located within the state.

(F) "Project costs" means the costs of acquiring, constructing, equipping, furnishing, reconstructing, remodeling, renovating, enlarging, and improving educational facilities comprising one or more project, including costs connected with or incidental thereto, provision of capitalized interest prior to and during construction and for a period after the completion of the construction, appropriate reserves, architectural, engineering, financial, and legal services, and all other costs of financing, and the repayment or restoration of moneys borrowed or advanced for such purposes or temporarily used therefor from other sources, and means the costs of refinancing obligations issued or loans incurred by, or reimbursement of money advanced, invested or expended by, educational institutions or others the proceeds of which obligations or loans or the amounts advanced, invested or expended were used at any time for the payment of project costs, if the Ohio higher educational facility commission determines that the refinancing or reimbursement advances the purposes of this chapter, whether or not the refinancing or reimbursement is in conjunction with the acquisition or construction of additional educational facilities.

Sec. 3377.06. In anticipation of the issuance of bonds authorized by section 3377.05 of the Revised Code, the Ohio higher educational facility commission may issue bond anticipation notes of the state and may renew the same from time to time by the issuance of new notes, but the maximum maturity of such notes, including renewals thereof, shall not exceed five years from the date of the issuance of the original notes. Such notes are payable solely from the revenues and receipts that may be pledged to the payment of such bonds or from the proceeds of such bonds, or both, as the

commission provides in its resolution authorizing such notes, and may be additionally secured by covenants of the commission to the effect that the commission will do such or all things necessary for the issuance of such bonds, or of renewal notes under this section in appropriate amount, and either exchange such bonds or renewal notes therefor or apply the proceeds thereof to the extent necessary to make full payment on such notes at the time or times contemplated, as provided in such resolution. Subject to the provisions of this section, all provisions for and references to bonds in Chapter 3377. of the Revised Code are applicable to notes authorized under this section and any references therein to bondholders shall include holders or owners of such notes.

Prior to the sale of bonds or notes authorized under section 3377.05 or 3377.06 of the Revised Code, the commission shall determine that the project to be financed thereby will contribute to the objectives stated in section 3377.02 of the Revised Code and that the educational institution to which such project is to be leased, sold, exchanged, or otherwise disposed of, admits students without discrimination by reason of race, creed, color, or national origin. Nothing in this section prohibits an educational institution from requesting that its applicants for admission demonstrate beliefs or principles consistent with the mission of the institution.

Sec. 3379.11. There is hereby created in the state treasury the gifts and donations fund. The fund shall consist of gifts and donations made to the Ohio arts council and fees paid for conferences the council sponsors. The fund shall be used to pay for the council's operating expenses, including, but not limited to, payroll, personal services, maintenance, equipment, and subsidy payments. All moneys deposited into the fund shall be received and expended pursuant to the council's duty to foster and encourage the development of the arts in this state and the preservation of the state's cultural heritage.

Sec. 3383.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Arts" means any of the following:

(1) Visual, musical, dramatic, graphic, design, and other arts, including, but not limited to, architecture, dance, literature, motion pictures, music, painting, photography, sculpture, and theater, and the provision of training or education in these arts;

(2) The presentation or making available, in museums or other indoor or outdoor facilities, of principles of science and their development, use, or application in business, industry, or commerce or of the history, heritage, development, presentation, and uses of the arts described in division (A)(1) of this section and of transportation;

(3) The preservation, presentation, or making available of features of archaeological, architectural, environmental, or historical interest or significance in a state historical facility or a local historical facility.

(B) "Arts organization" means either of the following:

(1) A governmental agency or Ohio nonprofit corporation that provides programs or activities in areas directly concerned with the arts;

(2) A regional arts and cultural district as defined in section 3381.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Arts project" means all or any portion of an Ohio arts facility for which the general assembly has specifically authorized the spending of money, or made an appropriation, pursuant to division (D)(3) or (E) of section 3383.07 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Cooperative contract" means a contract between the Ohio arts and sports facilities commission and an arts organization providing the terms and conditions of the cooperative use of an Ohio arts facility.

(E) "Costs of operation" means amounts required to manage an Ohio arts facility that are incurred following the completion of construction of its arts project, provided that both of the following apply:

(1) Those amounts either:

(a) Have been committed to a fund dedicated to that purpose;

(b) Equal the principal of any endowment fund, the income from which is dedicated to that purpose.

(2) The commission and the arts organization have executed an agreement with respect to either of those funds.

(F) "General building services" means general building services for an Ohio arts facility or an Ohio sports facility, including, but not limited to, general custodial care, security, maintenance, repair, painting, decoration, cleaning, utilities, fire safety, grounds and site maintenance and upkeep, and plumbing.

(G) "Governmental agency" means a state agency, a state-supported or state-assisted institution of higher education, a municipal corporation, county, township, or school district, a port authority created under Chapter 4582. of the Revised Code, any other political subdivision or special district in this state established by or pursuant to law, or any combination of these entities; except where otherwise indicated, the United States or any department, division, or agency of the United States, or any agency, commission, or authority established pursuant to an interstate compact or agreement.

(H) "Local contributions" means the value of an asset provided by or on behalf of an arts organization from sources other than the state, the value

and nature of which shall be approved by the Ohio arts and sports facilities commission, in its sole discretion. "Local contributions" may include the value of the site where an arts project is to be constructed. All "local contributions," except a contribution attributable to such a site, shall be for the costs of construction of an arts project or the costs of operation of an arts facility.

(I) "Local historical facility" means a site or facility, other than a state historical facility, of archaeological, architectural, environmental, or historical interest or significance, or a facility, including a storage facility, appurtenant to the operations of such a site or facility, that is owned by an arts organization, provided the facility meets the requirements of division (K)(2)(b) of this section, is managed by or pursuant to a contract with the Ohio arts and sports facilities commission, and is used for or in connection with the activities of the commission, including the presentation or making available of arts to the public.

(J) "Manage," "operate," or "management" means the provision of, or the exercise of control over the provision of, activities:

(1) Relating to the arts for an Ohio arts facility, including as applicable, but not limited to, providing for displays, exhibitions, specimens, and models; booking of artists, performances, or presentations; scheduling; and hiring or contracting for directors, curators, technical and scientific staff, ushers, stage managers, and others directly related to the arts activities in the facility; but not including general building services;

(2) Relating to sports and athletic events for an Ohio sports facility, including as applicable, but not limited to, providing for booking of athletes, teams, and events; scheduling; and hiring or contracting for staff, ushers, managers, and others directly related to the sports and athletic events in the facility; but not including general building services.

(K) "Ohio arts facility" means any of the following:

(1) The three theaters located in the state office tower at 77 South High street in Columbus;

(2) Any capital facility in this state to which both of the following apply:

(a) The construction of an arts project related to the facility was authorized or funded by the general assembly pursuant to division (D)(3) of section 3383.07 of the Revised Code and proceeds of state bonds are used for costs of the arts project.

(b) The facility is managed directly by, or is subject to a cooperative or management contract with, the Ohio arts and sports facilities commission, and is used for or in connection with the activities of the commission,

including the presentation or making available of arts to the public and the provision of training or education in the arts. ~~A cooperative or management contract shall be for a term not less than the time remaining to the date of payment or provision for payment of any state bonds issued to pay the costs of the arts project, as determined by the director of budget and management and certified by the director to the Ohio arts and sports facilities commission and to the Ohio building authority.~~

(3) A state historical facility or a local historical facility.

(L) "State agency" means the state or any of its branches, officers, boards, commissions, authorities, departments, divisions, or other units or agencies.

(M) "Construction" includes acquisition, including acquisition by lease-purchase, demolition, reconstruction, alteration, renovation, remodeling, enlargement, improvement, site improvements, and related equipping and furnishing.

(N) "State historical facility" means a site or facility of archaeological, architectural, environmental, or historical interest or significance, or a facility, including a storage facility, appurtenant to the operations of such a site or facility, that is owned by or is located on real property owned by the state or by an arts organization, so long as the real property of the arts organization is contiguous to state-owned real property that is in the care, custody, and control of an arts organization, and that is managed directly by or is subject to a cooperative or management contract with the Ohio arts and sports facilities commission and is used for or in connection with the activities of the commission, including the presentation or making available of arts to the public.

(O) "Ohio sports facility" means all or a portion of a stadium, arena, or other capital facility in this state, a primary purpose of which is to provide a site or venue for the presentation to the public of events of one or more major or minor league professional athletic or sports teams that are associated with the state or with a city or region of the state, which facility is owned by or is located on real property owned by the state or a governmental agency, and including all parking facilities, walkways, and other auxiliary facilities, equipment, furnishings, and real and personal property and interests and rights therein, that may be appropriate for or used for or in connection with the facility or its operation, for capital costs of which state funds are spent pursuant to this chapter. A facility constructed as an Ohio sports facility may be both an Ohio arts facility and an Ohio sports facility.

Sec. 3383.07. (A) The department of administrative services shall

provide for the construction of an arts project in conformity with Chapter 153. of the Revised Code, except as follows:

(1) For an arts project that has an estimated construction cost, excluding the cost of acquisition, of twenty-five million dollars or more, and that is financed by the Ohio building authority, construction services may be provided by the authority if the authority determines it should provide those services.

(2) For an arts project other than a state historical facility, construction services may be provided on behalf of the state by the Ohio arts and sports facilities commission, or by a governmental agency or an arts organization that occupies, will occupy, or is responsible for the Ohio arts facility, as determined by the commission. Construction services to be provided by a governmental agency or an arts organization shall be specified in an agreement between the commission and the governmental agency or arts organization. The agreement, or any actions taken under it, are not subject to Chapter 123. or 153. of the Revised Code, except for sections 123.151 and 153.011 of the Revised Code, and shall be subject to Chapter 4115. of the Revised Code.

(3) For an arts project that is a state historical facility, construction services may be provided by the Ohio arts and sports facilities commission or by an arts organization that occupies, will occupy, or is responsible for the facility, as determined by the commission. The construction services to be provided by the arts organization shall be specified in an agreement between the commission and the arts organization. That agreement, and any actions taken under it, are not subject to Chapter 123., 153., or 4115. of the Revised Code.

(B) For an Ohio sports facility that is financed in part by the Ohio building authority, construction services shall be provided on behalf of the state by or at the direction of the governmental agency or nonprofit corporation that will own or be responsible for the management of the facility, all as determined by the Ohio arts and sports facilities commission. Any construction services to be provided by a governmental agency or nonprofit corporation shall be specified in an agreement between the commission and the governmental agency or nonprofit corporation. That agreement, and any actions taken under it, are not subject to Chapter 123. or 153. of the Revised Code, except for sections 123.151 and 153.011 of the Revised Code, and shall be subject to Chapter 4115. of the Revised Code.

(C) General building services for an Ohio arts facility shall be provided by the Ohio arts and sports facilities commission or by an arts organization that occupies, will occupy, or is responsible for the facility, as determined

by the commission, except that the Ohio building authority may elect to provide those services for Ohio arts facilities financed with proceeds of state bonds issued by the authority. The costs of management and general building services shall be paid by the arts organization that occupies, will occupy, or is responsible for the facility as provided in an agreement between the commission and the arts organization, except that the state may pay for general building services for state-owned arts facilities constructed on state-owned land.

General building services for an Ohio sports facility shall be provided by or at the direction of the governmental agency or nonprofit corporation that will be responsible for the management of the facility, all as determined by the commission. Any general building services to be provided by a governmental agency or nonprofit corporation for an Ohio sports facility shall be specified in an agreement between the commission and the governmental agency or nonprofit corporation. That agreement, and any actions taken under it, are not subject to Chapter 123. or 153. of the Revised Code, except for sections 123.151 and 153.011 of the Revised Code, and shall be subject to Chapter 4115. of the Revised Code.

(D) This division does not apply to a state historical facility. No state funds, including any state bond proceeds, shall be spent on the construction of any arts project under this chapter unless, with respect to the arts project and to the Ohio arts facility related to the project, all of the following apply:

(1) The Ohio arts and sports facilities commission has determined that there is a need for the arts project and the Ohio arts facility related to the project in the region of the state in which the Ohio arts facility is located or for which the facility is proposed.

(2) The commission has determined that, as an indication of substantial regional support for the arts project, the arts organization has made provision satisfactory to the commission, in its sole discretion, for local contributions amounting to not less than fifty per cent of the total state funding for the arts project.

(3) The general assembly has specifically authorized the spending of money on, or made an appropriation for, the construction of the arts project, or for rental payments relating to the financing of the construction of the arts project. Authorization to spend money, or an appropriation, for planning the arts project does not constitute authorization to spend money on, or an appropriation for, construction of the arts project.

(E) No state funds, including any state bond proceeds, shall be spent on the construction of any state historical facility under this chapter unless the general assembly has specifically authorized the spending of money on, or

made an appropriation for, the construction of the arts project related to the facility, or for rental payments relating to the financing of the construction of the arts project. Authorization to spend money, or an appropriation, for planning the arts project does not constitute authorization to spend money on, or an appropriation for, the construction of the arts project.

(F) State funds shall not be used to pay or reimburse more than fifteen per cent of the initial estimated construction cost of an Ohio sports facility, excluding any site acquisition cost, and no state funds, including any state bond proceeds, shall be spent on any Ohio sports facility under this chapter unless, with respect to that facility, all of the following apply:

(1) The Ohio arts and sports facilities commission has determined that there is a need for the facility in the region of the state for which the facility is proposed to provide the function of an Ohio sports facility as provided for in this chapter.

(2) As an indication of substantial local support for the facility, the commission has received a financial and development plan satisfactory to it, and provision has been made, by agreement or otherwise, satisfactory to the commission, for a contribution amounting to not less than eighty-five per cent of the total estimated construction cost of the facility, excluding any site acquisition cost, from sources other than the state.

(3) The general assembly has specifically authorized the spending of money on, or made an appropriation for, the construction of the facility, or for rental payments relating to state financing of all or a portion of the costs of constructing the facility. Authorization to spend money, or an appropriation, for planning or determining the feasibility of or need for the facility does not constitute authorization to spend money on, or an appropriation for, costs of constructing the facility.

(4) If state bond proceeds are being used for the Ohio sports facility, the state or a governmental agency owns or has sufficient property interests in the facility or in the site of the facility or in the portion or portions of the facility financed from proceeds of state bonds, which may include, but is not limited to, the right to use or to require the use of the facility for the presentation of sport and athletic events to the public at the facility~~, extending for a period of not less than the greater of the useful life of the portion of the facility financed from proceeds of those bonds as determined using the guidelines for maximum maturities as provided under divisions (B), (C), and (D) of section 133.20 of the Revised Code, or the period of time remaining to the date of payment or provision for payment of outstanding state bonds allocable to costs of the facility, all as determined by the director of budget and management and certified by the director to the~~

~~Ohio arts and sports facilities commission and to the Ohio building authority~~.

Sec. 3501.011. (A) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (B) and (C) of this section, and except as otherwise provided in any section of Title XXXV of the Revised Code to the contrary, as used in the sections of the Revised Code relating to elections and political communications, whenever a person is required to sign or affix a signature to a declaration of candidacy, nominating petition, declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, initiative petition, referendum petition, recall petition, or any other kind of petition, or to sign or affix a signature on any other document that is filed with or transmitted to a board of elections or the office of the secretary of state, "sign" or "signature" means that person's written, cursive-style legal mark written in that person's own hand.

(B) For persons who do not use a cursive-style legal mark during the course of their regular business and legal affairs, "sign" or "signature" means that person's other legal mark that the person uses during the course of that person's regular business and legal affairs that is written in the person's own hand.

(C) Any voter registration record requiring a person's signature shall be signed using the person's legal mark used in the person's regular business and legal affairs. For any purpose described in division (A) of this section, the legal mark of a registered elector shall be considered to be the mark of that elector as it appears on the elector's voter registration record.

Sec. 3501.18. (A) The board of elections may divide a political subdivision~~,~~ within its jurisdiction~~,~~ into precincts ~~and~~, establish, define, divide, rearrange, and combine the several election precincts within its jurisdiction, and change the location of the polling place for each precinct when it is necessary to maintain the requirements as to the number of voters in a precinct and to provide for the convenience of the voters and the proper conduct of elections~~, provided that no~~. No change in the number of precincts or in precinct boundaries shall be made during the twenty-five days immediately preceding a primary or general election ~~nor~~ or between the first day of January and the day on which the members of county central committees are elected in the years in which those committees are elected. Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this section, each precinct shall contain a number of electors, not to exceed one thousand four hundred, that the board of elections determines to be a reasonable number after taking into consideration the type and amount of available equipment, prior voter turnout, the size and location of each selected polling place, available parking, availability of an adequate number of poll workers, and handicap

accessibility and other accessibility to the polling place.

If the board changes the boundaries of a precinct after the filing of a local option election petition pursuant to sections 4301.32 to 4301.41, 4303.29, or 4305.14 of the Revised Code that calls for a local option election to be held in that precinct, the local option election shall be held in the area that constituted the precinct at the time the local option petition was filed, regardless of the change in the boundaries.

If the board changes the boundaries of a precinct in order to meet the requirements of division (B)(1) of this section in a manner that causes a member of a county central committee to no longer qualify as a representative of an election precinct in the county, of a ward of a city in the county, or of a township in the county, the member shall continue to represent the precinct, ward, or township for the remainder of the member's term, regardless of the change in boundaries.

In an emergency, the board may provide more than one polling place in a precinct. In order to provide for the convenience of the voters, the board may locate polling places for voting or registration outside the boundaries of precincts, provided that the nearest public school or public building shall be used if the board determines it to be available and suitable for use as a polling place. Except in an emergency, no change in the number or location of the polling places in a precinct shall be made during the twenty-five days immediately preceding a primary or general election.

Electors who have failed to respond within thirty days to any confirmation notice shall not be counted in determining the size of any precinct under this section.

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2) ~~or (3)~~ of this section, ~~not later than August 1, 2000, the~~ a board of elections shall determine all precinct boundaries using geographical units used by the United States department of commerce, bureau of the census, in reporting the decennial census of Ohio.

(2) ~~When any part of the boundary of a precinct also forms a part of the boundary of a legislative district and the precinct boundary cannot be determined by August 1, 2000, using the geographical units described in division (B)(1) of this section without making that part of the precinct boundary that also forms part of the legislative district boundary different from that legislative district boundary, the board of elections may determine the boundary of that precinct using the geographical units described in division (B)(1) of this section not later than April 1, 2002. As used in this division, legislative district means a district determined under Article XI of the Ohio Constitution.~~

~~(3)~~ The board of elections may apply to the secretary of state for a waiver from the requirement of division (B)(1) of this section when it is not feasible to comply with that requirement because of unusual physical boundaries or residential development practices that would cause unusual hardship for voters. The board shall identify the affected precincts and census units, explain the reason for the waiver request, and include a map illustrating where the census units will be split because of the requested waiver. If the secretary of state approves the waiver and so notifies the board of elections in writing, the board may change a precinct boundary as necessary under this section, notwithstanding the requirement in division (B)(1) of this section.

(C) The board of elections may apply to the secretary of state for a waiver from the requirement of division (A) of this section regarding the number of electors in a precinct when the use of geographical units used by the United States department of commerce, bureau of the census, will cause a precinct to contain more than one thousand four hundred electors. The board shall identify the affected precincts and census units, explain the reason for the waiver request, and include a map illustrating where census units will be split because of the requested waiver. If the secretary of state approves the waiver and so notifies the board of elections in writing, the board may change a precinct boundary as necessary to meet the requirements of division (B)(1) of this section.

Sec. 3501.30. (A) The board of elections shall provide for each polling place the necessary ballot boxes, official ballots, cards of instructions, registration forms, pollbooks~~,~~ or poll lists, tally sheets, forms on which to make summary statements, writing implements, paper, and all other supplies necessary for casting and counting the ballots and recording the results of the voting at ~~such~~ the polling place. ~~Such~~ The pollbooks or poll lists shall have certificates appropriately printed ~~thereon~~ on them for the signatures of all the precinct officials, by which they shall certify that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, ~~said~~ the pollbooks or poll lists correctly show the names of all electors who voted in ~~such~~ the polling place at the election indicated ~~therein~~ in the pollbook or poll list.

~~A~~ All of the following shall be included among the supplies provided to each polling place:

(1) A large map of each appropriate precinct ~~shall be included among the supplies to each polling place~~, which shall be displayed prominently to assist persons who desire to register or vote on election day. Each map shall show all streets within the precinct and contain identifying symbols of the precinct in bold print.

~~Such supplies shall also include a~~ (2) Any materials, postings, or instructions required to comply with state or federal laws;

(3) A flag of the United States approximately two and one-half feet in length along the top, which shall be displayed outside the entrance to the polling place during the time it is open for voting~~. Two~~;

(4) Two or more small flags of the United States approximately fifteen inches in length along the top ~~shall be provided and~~, which shall be placed at a distance of one hundred feet from the polling place on the thoroughfares or walkways leading to the polling place, to mark the distance within which persons other than election officials, witnesses, challengers, police officers, and electors waiting to mark, marking, or casting their ballots shall not loiter, congregate, or engage in any kind of election campaigning. Where small flags cannot reasonably be placed one hundred feet from the polling place, the presiding election judge shall place the flags as near to one hundred feet from the entrance to the polling place as is physically possible. Police officers and all election officials shall see that this prohibition against loitering and congregating is enforced. ~~When~~

When the period of time during which the polling place is open for voting expires, all of ~~said~~ the flags described in this division shall be taken into the polling place, and shall be returned to the board together with all other election ~~materials and~~ supplies required to be delivered to ~~such~~ the board.

(B) The board of elections shall follow the instructions and advisories of the secretary of state in the production and use of polling place supplies.

Sec. 3503.10. (A) Each designated agency shall designate one person within that agency to serve as coordinator for the voter registration program within the agency and its departments, divisions, and programs. The designated person shall be trained under a program designed by the secretary of state and shall be responsible for administering all aspects of the voter registration program for that agency as prescribed by the secretary of state. The designated person shall receive no additional compensation for performing such duties.

(B) Every designated agency, public high school and vocational school, public library, and office of a county treasurer shall provide in each of its offices or locations voter registration applications and assistance in the registration of persons qualified to register to vote, in accordance with this chapter.

(C) Every designated agency shall distribute to its applicants, prior to or in conjunction with distributing a voter registration application, a form prescribed by the secretary of state that includes all of the following:

(1) The question, "Do you want to register to vote or update your current voter registration?"--followed by boxes for the applicant to indicate whether the applicant would like to register or decline to register to vote, and the statement, highlighted in bold print, "If you do not check either box, you will be considered to have decided not to register to vote at this time.";

(2) If the agency provides public assistance, the statement, "Applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be provided by this agency.";

(3) The statement, "If you would like help in filling out the voter registration application form, we will help you. The decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill out the application form in private.";

(4) The statement, "If you believe that someone has interfered with your right to register or to decline to register to vote, your right to privacy in deciding whether to register or in applying to register to vote, or your right to choose your own political party or other political preference, you may file a complaint with the prosecuting attorney of your county or with the secretary of state," with the address and telephone number for each such official's office.

(D) Each designated agency shall distribute a voter registration form prescribed by the secretary of state to each applicant with each application for service or assistance, and with each written application or form for recertification, renewal, or change of address.

(E) Each designated agency shall do all of the following:

(1) Have employees trained to administer the voter registration program in order to provide to each applicant who wishes to register to vote and who accepts assistance, the same degree of assistance with regard to completion of the voter registration application as is provided by the agency with regard to the completion of its own form;

(2) Accept completed voter registration applications, voter registration change of residence forms, and voter registration change of name forms, regardless of whether the application or form was distributed by the designated agency, for transmittal to the office of the board of elections in the county in which the agency is located. Each designated agency and the appropriate board of elections shall establish a method by which the voter registration applications and other voter registration forms are transmitted to that board of elections within five days after being accepted by the agency.

(3) If the designated agency is one that is primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities under a state-funded program, and that agency provides services to a person with disabilities at a person's

home, provide the services described in divisions (E)(1) and (2) of this section at the person's home;

(4) Keep as confidential, except as required by the secretary of state for record-keeping purposes, the identity of an agency through which a person registered to vote or updated the person's voter registration records, and information relating to a declination to register to vote made in connection with a voter registration application issued by a designated agency.

(F) The secretary of state shall prepare and transmit written instructions on the implementation of the voter registration program within each designated agency, public high school and vocational school, public library, and office of a county treasurer. The instructions shall include directions as follows:

(1) That each person designated to assist with voter registration maintain strict neutrality with respect to a person's political philosophies, a person's right to register or decline to register, and any other matter that may influence a person's decision to register or not register to vote;

(2) That each person designated to assist with voter registration not seek to influence a person's decision to register or not register to vote, not display or demonstrate any political preference or party allegiance, and not make any statement to a person or take any action the purpose or effect of which is to lead a person to believe that a decision to register or not register has any bearing on the availability of services or benefits offered, on the grade in a particular class in school, or on credit for a particular class in school;

(3) Regarding when and how to assist a person in completing the voter registration application, what to do with the completed voter registration application or voter registration update form, and when the application must be transmitted to the appropriate board of elections;

(4) Regarding what records must be kept by the agency and where and when those records should be transmitted to satisfy reporting requirements imposed on the secretary of state under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993;

(5) Regarding whom to contact to obtain answers to questions about voter registration forms and procedures.

(G) If the voter registration activity is part of an in-class voter registration program in a public high school or vocational school, whether prescribed by the secretary of state or independent of the secretary of state, the board of education shall do all of the following:

(1) Establish a schedule of school days and hours during these days when the person designated to assist with voter registration shall provide voter registration assistance;

(2) Designate a person to assist with voter registration from the public high school's or vocational school's staff;

(3) Make voter registration applications and materials available, as outlined in the voter registration program established by the secretary of state pursuant to section 3501.05 of the Revised Code;

(4) Distribute the statement, "applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect or be a condition of your receiving a particular grade in or credit for a school course or class, participating in a curricular or extracurricular activity, receiving a benefit or privilege, or participating in a program or activity otherwise available to pupils enrolled in this school district's schools.";

(5) Establish a method by which the voter registration application and other voter registration forms are transmitted to the board of elections within five days after being accepted by the public high school or vocational school.

(H) Any person employed by the designated agency, public high school or vocational school, public library, or office of a county treasurer may be designated to assist with voter registration pursuant to this section. The designated agency, public high school or vocational school, public library, or office of a county treasurer shall provide the designated person, and make available such space as may be necessary, without charge to the county or state.

(I) The secretary of state shall prepare and cause to be displayed in a prominent location in each designated agency a notice that identifies the person designated to assist with voter registration, the nature of that person's duties, and where and when that person is available for assisting in the registration of voters.

A designated agency may furnish additional supplies and services to disseminate information to increase public awareness of the existence of a person designated to assist with voter registration in every designated agency.

(J) This section does not limit any authority a board of education, superintendent, or principal has to allow, sponsor, or promote voluntary election registration programs within a high school or vocational school, including programs in which pupils serve as persons designated to assist with voter registration, provided that no pupil is required to participate.

(K) Each public library and office of the county treasurer shall establish a method by which voter registration forms are transmitted to the board of elections within five days after being accepted by the public library or office of the county treasurer.

(L) The department of job and family services and its departments, divisions, and programs shall limit administration of the aspects of the voter registration program for the department to the requirements prescribed by the secretary of state and the requirements of this section and the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

Sec. 3505.01. On the sixtieth day before the day of the next general election, the secretary of state shall certify to the board of elections of each county the forms of the official ballots to be used at ~~such~~ that general election, together with the names of the candidates to be printed ~~thereon~~ on those ballots whose candidacy is to be submitted to the electors of the entire state. In the case of the presidential ballot for a general election ~~such~~, that certification shall be made on the ~~sixtieth~~ fifty-fifth day before the day of the general election. On the seventy-fifth day before a special election to be held on the day specified by division (E) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code for the holding of a primary election, designated by the general assembly for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the state constitutional amendments proposed by the general assembly, the secretary of state shall certify to the board of elections of each county the forms of the official ballots to be used at ~~such~~ that election.

The board of the most populous county in each district comprised of more than one county but less than all of the counties of the state, in which there are candidates whose candidacies are to be submitted to the electors of ~~such~~ that district, shall, on the sixtieth day before the day of the next general election, certify to the board of each county in ~~such~~ the district the names of ~~such~~ those candidates to be printed on such ballots.

The board of a county in which the major portion of a subdivision, located in more than one county, is located shall, on the sixtieth day before the day of the next general election, certify to the board of each county in which other portions of ~~such subdivisions~~ that subdivision are located the names of candidates whose candidacies are to be submitted to the electors of ~~such~~ that subdivision, to be printed on such ballots.

If, subsequently to the sixtieth day before, or in the case of a presidential ballot for a general election the fifty-fifth day before, and prior to the tenth day before the day of ~~such~~ a general election, a certificate is filed with the secretary of state to fill a vacancy caused by the death of a candidate, the secretary of state shall forthwith make a supplemental certification to the board of each county amending and correcting ~~his~~ the secretary of state's original certification provided for in the first paragraph of this section. If, within ~~such~~ that time, such a certificate is filed with the board of the most populous county in a district comprised of more than one county but less

than all of the counties of the state, or with the board of a county in which the major portion of the population of a subdivision, located in more than one county, is located, ~~such~~ the board with which ~~such a~~ the certificate is filed shall forthwith make a supplemental certification to the board of each county in ~~such~~ the district or to the board of each county in which other portions of ~~such~~ the subdivision are located, amending and correcting its original certification provided for in the second and third paragraphs of this section. If, at the time such supplemental certification is received by a board, ballots carrying the name of the deceased candidate have been printed, ~~such~~ the board shall cause strips of paper bearing the name of the candidate certified to fill ~~such~~ the vacancy to be printed and pasted on ~~such~~ those ballots so as to cover the name of the deceased candidate, except that in voting places using marking devices, the board shall cause strips of paper bearing the revised list of candidates for the office, after certification of a candidate to fill ~~such~~ the vacancy, to be printed and pasted on ~~such~~ the ballot ~~card~~ cards so as to cover the names of candidates shown prior to the new certification, before such ballots are delivered to electors.

Sec. 3505.061. (A) The Ohio ballot board, as authorized by Section 1 of Article XVI, Ohio Constitution, shall consist of the secretary of state and four appointed members. No more than two of the appointed members shall be of the same political party. One of the members shall be appointed by the president of the senate, one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate, one shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives. The appointments shall be made no later than the last Monday in January in the year in which the appointments are to be made. If any appointment is not so made, the secretary of state, acting in place of the person otherwise required to make the appointment, shall appoint as many qualified members affiliated with the appropriate political party as are necessary.

(B)(1) The initial appointees to the board shall serve until the first Monday in February, 1977. Thereafter, terms of office shall be for four years, each term ending on the first Monday in February. The term of the secretary of state on the board shall coincide with the secretary of state's term of office. Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2) of this section, division (B)(2) of section 3505.063, and division (B)(2) of section 3519.03 of the Revised Code, each appointed member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. Except as otherwise provided in those divisions, 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 that term. Except as otherwise provided in those divisions, any member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office or a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first. Any vacancy occurring on the board shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall be of the same political party as that required of the member whom the member replaces.

(2) The term of office of a member of the board who also is a member of the general assembly and who was appointed to the board by the president of the senate, the minority leader of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, or the minority leader of the house of representatives shall end on the earlier of the following dates:

(a) The ending date of the ballot board term for which the member was appointed;

(b) The ending date of the member's term as a member of the general assembly.

(C) Members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

(D) The secretary of state shall be the chairperson of the board, and the secretary of state or the secretary of state's representative shall have a vote equal to that of any other member. The vice-chairperson shall act as chairperson in the absence or disability of the chairperson, or during a vacancy in that office. The board shall meet after notice of at least seven days at a time and place determined by the chairperson. At its first meeting, the board shall elect a vice-chairperson from among its members for a term of two years, and it shall adopt rules for its procedures. After the first meeting, the board shall meet at the call of the chairperson or upon the written request of three other members. Three members constitute a quorum. No action shall be taken without the concurrence of three members.

(E) The secretary of state shall provide technical, professional, and clerical employees as necessary for the board to carry out its duties.

Sec. 3505.08. (A) Ballots shall be provided by the board of elections for all general and special elections. ~~Such~~ The ballots shall be printed with black ink on No. 2 white book paper fifty pounds in weight per ream assuming such ream to consist of five hundred sheets of such paper twenty-five by thirty-eight inches in size. Each ballot shall have attached at the top two stubs, each of the width of the ballot and not less than one-half inch in length, except that, if the board of elections has an alternate method

to account for the ballots that the secretary of state has authorized, each ballot may have only one stub that shall be the width of the ballot and not less than one-half inch in length. In the case of ballots with two stubs, the stubs shall be separated from the ballot and from each other by perforated lines. The top stub shall be known as Stub B and shall have printed on its face "Stub B." The other stub shall be known as Stub A and shall have printed on its face "Stub A." Each stub shall also have printed on its face "Consecutive Number ....." ~~Each~~

Each ballot of each kind of ballot provided for use in each precinct shall be numbered consecutively beginning with number 1 by printing such number upon both of the stubs attached ~~thereto~~ to the ballot. On ballots bearing the names of candidates, each candidate's name shall be printed in twelve point boldface upper case type in an enclosed rectangular space, and an enclosed blank rectangular space shall be provided at the left ~~thereof~~ of the candidate's name. The name of the political party of a candidate nominated at a primary election or certified by a party committee shall be printed in ten point lightface upper and lower case type and shall be separated by a two point blank space. The name of each candidate shall be indented one space within ~~such~~ the enclosed rectangular space, and the name of the political party shall be indented two spaces within ~~such~~ the enclosed rectangular space. ~~The~~

The title of each office on ~~such~~ the ballots shall be printed in twelve point boldface upper and lower case type in a separate enclosed rectangular space. A four point rule shall separate the name of a candidate or a group of candidates for the same office from the title of the office next appearing below on the ballot~~, and~~; a two point rule shall separate the title of the office from the names of candidates; and a one point rule shall separate names of candidates. Headings shall be printed in display Roman type. When the names of several candidates are grouped together as candidates for the same office, there shall be printed on ~~such~~ the ballots immediately below the title of ~~such~~ the office and within the separate rectangular space in which ~~such~~ the title is printed "Vote for not more than ....." in six point boldface upper and lower case filling the blank space with that number which will indicate the number of persons who may be lawfully elected to ~~such~~ the office.

Columns on ballots shall be separated from each other by a heavy vertical border or solid line at least one-eighth of an inch wide, and a similar vertical border or line shall enclose the left and right side of ballots~~, and ballots~~. Ballots shall be trimmed along the sides close to such lines.

The ballots provided for by this section shall be comprised of four kinds of ballots designated as follows: ~~(A)~~ office type ballot; ~~(B)~~ nonpartisan

ballot; ~~(C)~~ questions and issues ballot; ~~(D)~~ and presidential ballot.

On the back of each office type ballot shall be printed "Official Office Type Ballot;" on the back of each nonpartisan ballot shall be printed "Official Nonpartisan Ballot;" on the back of each questions and issues ballot shall be printed "Official Questions and Issues Ballot;" and on the back of each presidential ballot shall be printed "Official Presidential Ballot." On the back of every ballot also shall be printed the date of the election at which the ballot is used and the facsimile signatures of the members of the board of the county in which the ballot is used. For the purpose of identifying the kind of ballot, the back of every ballot may be numbered in ~~such~~ the order ~~as~~ the board shall determine. ~~Such~~ The numbers shall be printed in not less than thirty-six point type above the words "Official Office Type Ballot," "Official Nonpartisan Ballot," "Official Questions and Issues Ballot," or "Official Presidential Ballot," as the case may be. Ballot boxes bearing corresponding numbers shall be furnished for each precinct in which the above-described numbered ballots are used.

On the back of every ballot used, there shall be a solid black line printed opposite the blank rectangular space that is used to mark the choice of the voter. This line shall be printed wide enough so that the mark in the blank rectangular space will not be visible from the back side of the ballot.

Sample ballots may be printed by the board of elections for all general elections. ~~Such~~ The ballots shall be printed on colored paper, and "Sample Ballot" shall be plainly printed in boldface type on the face of each ballot. In counties of less than one hundred thousand population, the board may print not more than five hundred sample ballots; in all other counties, it may print not more than one thousand sample ballots. ~~Such~~ The sample ballots shall not be distributed by a political party or a candidate, nor shall a political party or candidate cause their title or name to be imprinted ~~thereon~~ on sample ballots.

(B) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, in approving the form of an official ballot, the secretary of state may authorize the use of fonts, type face settings, and ballot formats other than those prescribed in that division.

Sec. 3505.10. (A) On the presidential ballot below the stubs at the top of the face of the ballot shall be printed "Official Presidential Ballot" centered between the side edges of the ballot. Below "Official Presidential Ballot" shall be printed a heavy line centered between the side edges of the ballot. Below the line shall be printed "Instruction to Voters" centered between the side edges of the ballot, and below ~~such~~ those words shall be printed the following instructions:

"~~(A)~~(1) To vote for the candidates for president and vice-president whose names are printed below, record your vote in the manner provided next to the names of such candidates. That recording of the vote will be counted as a vote for each of the candidates for presidential elector whose names have been certified to the secretary of state and who are members of the same political party as the nominees for president and vice-president. A recording of the vote for independent candidates for president and vice-president shall be counted as a vote for the presidential electors filed by such candidates with the secretary of state.

~~(B)~~(2) To vote for candidates for president and vice-president in the blank space below, record your vote in the manner provided and write the names of your choice for president and vice-president under the respective headings provided for those offices. Such write-in will be counted as a vote for the candidates' presidential electors whose names have been properly certified to the secretary of state.

~~(C)~~(3) If you tear, soil, deface, or erroneously mark this ballot, return it to the precinct election officers or, if you cannot return it, notify the precinct election officers, and obtain another ballot."

(B) Below ~~such~~ those instructions to the voter shall be printed a single vertical column of enclosed rectangular spaces equal in number to the number of presidential candidates plus one additional space for write-in candidates. Each of ~~such~~ those rectangular spaces shall be enclosed by a heavy line along each of its four sides, and such spaces shall be separated from each other by one-half inch of open space.

In each of ~~such~~ those enclosed rectangular spaces, except the space provided for write-in candidates, shall be printed the names of the candidates for president and vice-president certified to the secretary of state or nominated ~~as such~~ in one of the following manners:

(1) Nominated by the national convention of a political party to which delegates and alternates were elected in this state at the next preceding primary election ~~and the names of those independent candidates nominated.~~ A political party certifying candidates so nominated shall certify the names of those candidates to the secretary of state on or before the sixtieth day before the day of the general election.

(2) Nominated by nominating petition in accordance with section 3513.257 of the Revised Code. ~~The~~ Such a petition shall be filed on or before the seventy-fifth day before the day of the general election to provide sufficient time to verify the sufficiency and accuracy of signatures on it.

(3) Certified to the secretary of state for placement on the presidential ballot by authorized officials of an intermediate or minor political party that

has held a state or national convention for the purpose of choosing those candidates or that may, without a convention, certify those candidates in accordance with the procedure authorized by its party rules. The officials shall certify the names of those candidates to the secretary of state on or before the sixtieth day before the day of the general election. The certification shall be accompanied by a designation of a sufficient number of presidential electors to satisfy the requirements of law.

The names of candidates for electors of president and vice-president shall not be placed on the ballot, but shall be certified to the secretary of state as required by sections 3513.11 and 3513.257 of the Revised Code. ~~The names of candidates for president and vice-president may be certified to the secretary of state, for placement on the presidential ballot, by authorized officials of an intermediate or minor political party which has held a state or national convention for the purpose of choosing such candidates, or which may, without convention, certify such candidates in accordance with the procedure authorized by its party rules. Certification to the secretary of state of such candidates shall be made on or before the seventy-fifth day before the day of the general election and shall be accompanied by designation of a sufficient number of presidential electors to satisfy the requirements of law.~~ A vote for any ~~of such~~ candidates for president and vice-president shall be a vote for the electors of ~~such~~ those candidates whose names have been certified to the secretary of state.

(C) The arrangement of the printing in each of ~~such~~ the enclosed rectangular spaces shall be substantially as follows: Near the top and centered within the rectangular space shall be printed "For President" in ten-point boldface upper and lower case type. Below "For President" shall be printed the name of the candidate for president in twelve-point boldface upper case type. Below the name of the candidate for president shall be printed the name of the political party by which ~~such~~ that candidate for president was nominated in eight-point lightface upper and lower case type. Below the name of such political party shall be printed "For Vice-President" in ten-point boldface upper and lower case type. Below "For Vice-President" shall be printed the name of the candidate for vice-president in twelve-point boldface upper case type. Below the name of the candidate for vice-president shall be printed the name of the political party by which ~~such~~ that candidate for vice-president was nominated in eight-point lightface upper and lower case type. No political identification or name of any political party shall be printed below the names of presidential and vice-presidential candidates nominated by petition.

The rectangular spaces on the ballot described in this section shall be

rotated and printed as provided in section 3505.03 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3506.20. (A) Notwithstanding anything in the Revised Code to the contrary, the secretary of state shall not do either of the following:

(1) Issue instructions by a rule, directive, or advisory to any county board of elections requiring the board to be in full compliance with the "Help America Vote Act of 2002," 116 Stat. 1666, 42 U.S.C. 15301, by a date that is earlier than January 1, 2005;

(2) Otherwise specify a date earlier than January 1, 2005, by which a county board of elections shall be in full compliance with the "Help America Vote Act of 2002," 116 Stat. 1666, 42 U.S.C. 15301.

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of section 3501.11 of the Revised Code to the contrary, a county board of elections shall not submit to the secretary of state, and the secretary of state shall not decide, any tie vote or disagreement of the board on whether the board will fully comply with the "Help America Vote Act of 2002," 116 Stat. 1666, 42 U.S.C. 15301, by a date that is earlier than January 1, 2005.

(C) The secretary of state shall apply for a waiver, pursuant to the "Help America Vote Act of 2002," 116 Stat. 1666, 42 U.S.C. 15301, of any applicable deadlines for the act's implementation earlier than January 1, 2005, except that the application shall not preclude any county board of elections that chooses to fully comply with the act by a date that is earlier than January 1, 2005, from doing so.

Sec. 3517.092. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Appointing authority" has the same meaning as in section 124.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "State elected officer" means any person appointed or elected to a state elective office.

(3) "State elective office" means any of the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, member of the state board of education, member of the general assembly, and justice and chief justice of the supreme court.

(4) "County elected officer" means any person appointed or elected to a county elective office.

(5) "County elective office" means any of the offices of county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the court of common pleas, sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, county commissioner, prosecuting attorney, and coroner.

(6) "Contribution" includes a contribution to any political party, campaign committee, political action committee, political contributing entity, or legislative campaign fund.

(B) No state elected officer, no campaign committee of such an officer, and no other person or entity shall knowingly solicit or accept a contribution on behalf of that officer or that officer's campaign committee from any of the following:

(1) A state employee whose appointing authority is the state elected officer;

(2) A state employee whose appointing authority is authorized or required by law to be appointed by the state elected officer;

(3) A state employee who functions in or is employed in or by the same public agency, department, division, or office as the state elected officer.

(C) No candidate for a state elective office, no campaign committee of such a candidate, and no other person or entity shall knowingly solicit or accept a contribution on behalf of that candidate or that candidate's campaign committee from any of the following:

(1) A state employee at the time of the solicitation, whose appointing authority will be the candidate, if elected;

(2) A state employee at the time of the solicitation, whose appointing authority will be appointed by the candidate, if elected, as authorized or required by law;

(3) A state employee at the time of the solicitation, who will function in or be employed in or by the same public agency, department, division, or office as the candidate, if elected.

(D) No county elected officer, no campaign committee of such an officer, and no other person or entity shall knowingly solicit a contribution on behalf of that officer or that officer's campaign committee from any of the following:

(1) A county employee whose appointing authority is the county elected officer;

(2) A county employee whose appointing authority is authorized or required by law to be appointed by the county elected officer;

(3) A county employee who functions in or is employed in or by the same public agency, department, division, or office as the county elected officer.

(E) No candidate for a county elective office, no campaign committee of such a candidate, and no other person or entity shall knowingly solicit a contribution on behalf of that candidate or that candidate's campaign committee from any of the following:

(1) A county employee at the time of the solicitation, whose appointing authority will be the candidate, if elected;

(2) A county employee at the time of the solicitation, whose appointing

authority will be appointed by the candidate, if elected, as authorized or required by law;

(3) A county employee at the time of the solicitation, who will function in or be employed in or by the same public agency, department, division, or office as the candidate, if elected.

(F)(1) No public employee shall solicit a contribution from any person while the public employee is performing the public employee's official duties or in those areas of a public building where official business is transacted or conducted.

(2) No person shall solicit a contribution from any public employee while the public employee is performing the public employee's official duties or is in those areas of a public building where official business is transacted or conducted.

(3) As used in division (F) of this section, "public employee" does not include any person holding an elective office.

(G) The prohibitions in divisions (B), (C), (D), (E), and (F) of this section are in addition to the prohibitions in sections 124.57, ~~1553.09,~~ 3304.22, and 4503.032 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3701.021. (A) The public health council shall adopt, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, such rules as are necessary to carry out sections 3701.021 to ~~3701.028~~ 3701.0210 of the Revised Code, including, but not limited to, rules to establish the following:

(1) Medical and financial eligibility requirements for the program for medically handicapped children;

(2) Eligibility requirements for providers of services for medically handicapped children;

(3) Procedures to be followed by the department of health in disqualifying providers for violating requirements adopted under division (A)(2) of this section;

(4) Procedures to be used by the department regarding application for diagnostic services under division (B) of section 3701.023 of the Revised Code and payment for those services under division (E) of that section;

(5) Standards for the provision of service coordination by the department of health and city and general health districts;

(6) Procedures for the department to use to determine the amount to be paid annually by each county for services for medically handicapped children and to allow counties to retain funds under divisions (A)(2) and (3) of section 3701.024 of the Revised Code;

(7) Financial eligibility requirements for services for Ohio residents twenty-one years of age or older who have cystic fibrosis;

(8) Criteria for payment of approved providers who provide services for medically handicapped children;

(9) Criteria for the department to use in determining whether the payment of health insurance premiums of participants in the program for medically handicapped children is cost-effective;

(10) Procedures for appeal of denials of applications under divisions (A) and (D) of section 3701.023 of the Revised Code, disqualification of providers, and amounts paid for services;

(11) Terms of appointment for members of the medically handicapped children's medical advisory council created in section 3701.025 of the Revised Code;

(12) Eligibility requirements for the hemophilia program, including income and hardship requirements.

(B) The department of health shall develop a manual of operational procedures and guidelines for the program for medically handicapped children to implement sections 3701.021 to ~~3701.028~~ 3701.0210 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3701.022. As used in sections 3701.021 to ~~3701.028~~ 3701.0210 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Medically handicapped child" means an Ohio resident under twenty-one years of age who suffers primarily from an organic disease, defect, or a congenital or acquired physically handicapping and associated condition that may hinder the achievement of normal growth and development.

(B) "Provider" means a health professional, hospital, medical equipment supplier, and any individual, group, or agency that is approved by the department of health pursuant to division (C) of section 3701.023 of the Revised Code and that provides or intends to provide goods or services to a child who is eligible for the program for medically handicapped children.

(C) "Service coordination" means case management services provided to medically handicapped children that promote effective and efficient organization and utilization of public and private resources and ensure that care rendered is family-centered, community-based, and coordinated.

(D)(1) "Third party" means any person or government entity other than the following:

(a) A medically handicapped child participating in the program for medically handicapped children or the child's parent or guardian;

(b) The department or any program administered by the department, including the "Maternal and Child Health Block Grant," Title V of the "Social Security Act," 95 Stat. 818 (1981), 42 U.S.C.A. 701, as amended;

(c) The "caring program for children" operated by the nonprofit community mutual insurance corporation.

(2) "Third party" includes all of the following:

(a) Any trust established to benefit a medically handicapped child participating in the program or the child's family or guardians, if the trust was established after the date the medically handicapped child applied to participate in the program;

(b) That portion of a trust designated to pay for the medical and ancillary care of a medically handicapped child, if the trust was established on or before the date the medically handicapped child applied to participate in the program;

(c) The program awarding reparations to victims of crime established under sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Third-party benefits" means any and all benefits paid by a third party to or on behalf of a medically handicapped child participating in the program or the child's parent or guardian for goods or services that are authorized by the department pursuant to division (B) or (D) of section 3701.023 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Hemophilia program" means the hemophilia program the department of health is required to establish and administer under section 3701.029 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3701.024. (A)(1) Under a procedure established in rules adopted under section 3701.021 of the Revised Code, the department of health shall determine the amount each county shall provide annually for the program for medically handicapped children, based on a proportion of the county's total general property tax duplicate, not to exceed one-tenth of a mill ~~through fiscal year 2005 and three-tenths of a mill thereafter~~, and charge the county for any part of expenses incurred under the program for treatment services on behalf of medically handicapped children having legal settlement in the county that is not paid from federal funds or through the medical assistance program established under section 5111.01 of the Revised Code. The department shall not charge the county for expenses exceeding the difference between the amount determined under division (A)(1) of this section and any amounts retained under divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this section.

All amounts collected by the department under division (A)(1) of this section shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the medically handicapped children-county assessment fund, which is hereby created. The fund shall be used by the department to comply with sections 3701.021 to 3701.028 of the Revised Code.

(2) The department, in accordance with rules adopted under section 3701.021 of the Revised Code, may allow each county to retain up to ten per cent of the amount determined under division (A)(1) of this section to provide funds to city or general health districts of the county with which the districts shall provide service coordination, public health nursing, or transportation services for medically handicapped children.

(3) In addition to any amount retained under division (A)(2) of this section, the department, in accordance with rules adopted under section 3701.021 of the Revised Code, may allow counties that it determines have significant numbers of potentially eligible medically handicapped children to retain an amount equal to the difference between:

(a) Twenty-five per cent of the amount determined under division (A)(1) of this section;

(b) Any amount retained under division (A)(2) of this section.

Counties shall use amounts retained under division (A)(3) of this section to provide funds to city or general health districts of the county with which the districts shall conduct outreach activities to increase participation in the program for medically handicapped children.

(4) Prior to any increase in the millage charged to a county, the public health council shall hold a public hearing on the proposed increase and shall give notice of the hearing to each board of county commissioners that would be affected by the increase at least thirty days prior to the date set for the hearing. Any county commissioner may appear and give testimony at the hearing. Any increase in the millage any county is required to provide for the program for medically handicapped children shall be determined, and notice of the amount of the increase shall be provided to each affected board of county commissioners, no later than the first day of June of the fiscal year next preceding the fiscal year in which the increase will take effect.

(B) Each board of county commissioners shall establish a medically handicapped children's fund and shall appropriate thereto an amount, determined in accordance with division (A)(1) of this section, for the county's share in providing medical, surgical, and other aid to medically handicapped children residing in such county and for the purposes specified in divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this section. Each county shall use money retained under divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this section only for the purposes specified in those divisions.

Sec. 3701.029. Subject to available funds, the department of health shall establish and administer a hemophilia program to provide payment of health insurance premiums for Ohio residents who meet all of the following requirements:

(A) Have been diagnosed with hemophilia or a related bleeding disorder;

(B) Are at least twenty-one years of age;

(C) Meet the eligibility requirements established by rules adopted under division (A)(12) of section 3701.021 of the Revised Code.

Sec. ~~3701.145~~ 3701.0210. The ~~director of health~~ medically handicapped children's medical advisory council shall ~~establish~~ appoint a hemophilia advisory ~~council~~ subcommittee to advise the director ~~and the department~~ of health and council on all matters pertaining to the care and treatment of persons with hemophilia. ~~The council~~ The duties of the subcommittee include, but are not limited to, the monitoring of care and treatment of children and adults who suffer from hemophilia or from other similar blood disorders.

The subcommittee shall consist of not fewer than ~~nineteen~~ fifteen members, each of whom shall be appointed ~~by the director~~ to terms of four years. The members of the ~~council~~ subcommittee shall elect a chairperson from among the appointed membership to serve a term of two years. Members of the ~~council~~ subcommittee shall serve without compensation, except that they may be reimbursed for travel expenses to and from meetings of the ~~council~~ subcommittee.

Members shall be appointed to represent all geographic areas of this state. Not fewer than five members of the ~~council~~ subcommittee shall be persons with hemophilia or family members of persons with hemophilia. Not fewer than five members shall be providers of health care services to persons with hemophilia. Not fewer than five members shall be experts in fields of importance to treatment of persons with hemophilia, including experts in infectious diseases, insurance, and law.

~~The council shall submit to the director of health, the governor, and the general assembly, a report no later than the thirtieth day of September of each year summarizing the current status and needs of persons in this state with hemophilia and of family members of persons with hemophilia.~~

Notwithstanding section 101.83 of the Revised Code, that section does not apply to the medically handicapped children's medical advisory council hemophilia advisory subcommittee, and the subcommittee shall not expire under that section.

Sec. 3701.141. (A) There is hereby created in the department of health the ~~office of~~ women's health ~~initiatives~~ program, ~~consisting of the chief of the office and an administrative assistant. To the extent of available funds, other positions determined necessary and relevant by the director of health may be added. The administrative assistant and all other employees assigned~~

~~to the office shall report to the chief and the chief to the director or the deputy specified by the director~~.

(B) To the extent funds are available, the ~~office of~~ women's health ~~initiatives~~ program shall:

(1) Identify, review, and assist the director in the coordination of programs and resources the department of health is committing to women's health concerns, including the department's women's and infants' program activities;

(2) Advocate for women's health by requesting that the department conduct, sponsor, encourage, or fund research; establish additional programs regarding women's health concerns as needed; and monitor the research and program efforts;

(3) Collect, classify, and store relevant research conducted by the department or other entities, and provide, unless otherwise prohibited by law, interested persons access to research results;

(4) ~~Generate~~ Apply for grant ~~activities~~ opportunities.

~~(C) Prior to the director's report to the governor on the department's biennial budget request, the office of women's health initiatives shall submit in writing to the director of health a biennial report of recommended programs, projects, and research to address critical issues in women's health.~~

Sec. 3701.61. (A) The department of health shall establish the help me grow program for the purpose of encouraging early prenatal and well-baby care. The program shall include distributing subsidies to counties to provide the following services:

(1) Home-visiting services to newborn infants and their families;

(2) Services to infants and toddlers under three years of age who are at risk for, or who have, a developmental delay or disability and their families.

(B) The department shall not provide home-visiting services under the help me grow program unless requested in writing by a parent of the infant or toddler.

(C) Pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the department shall adopt rules that are necessary and proper to implement this section.

Sec. 3701.741. (A) Through December 31, 2004, each health care provider and medical records company shall provide copies of medical records in accordance with this section.

(B) Except as provided in divisions (C) and (E) of this section, a health care provider or medical records company that receives a request for a copy of a patient's medical record may charge not more than the amounts set forth in this section. Total costs for copies and all services related to those copies shall not exceed the sum of the following:

(1) An initial fee of fifteen dollars, which shall compensate for the records search;

(2) With respect to data recorded on paper, the following amounts:

(a) One dollar per page for the first ten pages;

(b) Fifty cents per page for pages eleven through fifty;

(c) Twenty cents per page for pages fifty-one and higher.

(3) With respect to data recorded other than on paper, the actual cost of making the copy;

(4) The actual cost of any related postage incurred by the health care provider or medical records company.

(C) A health care provider or medical records company shall provide one copy without charge to the following:

(1) The bureau of workers' compensation, in accordance with Chapters 4121. and 4123. of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under those chapters;

(2) The industrial commission, in accordance with Chapters 4121. and 4123. of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under those chapters;

(3) The department of job and family services, in accordance with Chapter 5101. of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under those chapters;

(4) The attorney general, in accordance with sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code and any rules that may be adopted under those sections;

(5) A patient or patient's representative if the medical record is necessary to support a claim under Title II or Title XVI of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 401 and 1381, as amended, and the request is accompanied by documentation that a claim has been filed.

(D) Division (C) of this section shall not be construed to supersede any rule of the bureau of workers' compensation, the industrial commission, or the department of job and family services.

(E) A health care provider or medical records company may enter into a contract with a patient, a patient's representative, or an insurer for the copying of medical records at a fee other than as provided in division (B) of this section.

(F) This section does not apply to either of the following:

(1) Copies of medical records provided to insurers authorized under Title XXXIX of the Revised Code to do the business of sickness and accident insurance in this state or health insuring corporations holding a certificate of authority under Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code;

(2) Medical records the copying of which is covered by section 173.20 of the Revised Code or by 42 C.F.R. 483.10.

(G) Nothing in this section requires or precludes the distribution of medical records at any particular cost or fee to insurers authorized under Title XXXIX of the Revised Code to do the business of sickness and accident insurance in this state or health insuring corporations holding a certificate of authority under Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3701.83. (A) There is hereby created in the state treasury the general operations fund. Moneys in the fund shall be used for the purposes specified in sections 3701.04, 3701.344, ~~3701.88,~~ 3702.20, 3710.15, 3711.021, 3717.45, 3721.02, 3722.04, 3733.04, 3733.25, 3733.43, 3748.04, 3748.05, 3748.07, 3748.12, 3748.13, 3749.04, 3749.07, 4747.04, 4751.04, and 4769.09 of the Revised Code.

(B) The alcohol testing program fund is hereby created in the state treasury. The director of health shall use the fund to administer and enforce the alcohol testing and permit program authorized by section 3701.143 of the Revised Code.

The fund shall receive transfers from the liquor control fund created under section 4301.12 of the Revised Code. All investment earnings of the alcohol testing program fund shall be credited to the fund.

Sec. 3701.881. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Applicant" means both of the following:

(a) A person who is under final consideration for appointment or employment with a home health agency in a position as a person responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child;

(b) A person who is under final consideration for employment with a home health agency in a full-time, part-time, or temporary position that involves providing direct care to an older adult. With regard to persons providing direct care to older adults, "applicant" does not include a person who provides direct care as a volunteer without receiving or expecting to receive any form of remuneration other than reimbursement for actual expenses.

(2) "Criminal records check" and "older adult" have the same meanings as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Home health agency" ~~has the same meaning as in section 3701.88 of the Revised Code~~ means a person or government entity, other than a nursing home, residential care facility, or hospice care program, that has the primary function of providing any of the following services to a patient at a place of residence used as the patient's home:

(a) Skilled nursing care;

(b) Physical therapy;
(c) Speech-language pathology;
(d) Occupational therapy;
(e) Medical social services;
(f) Home health aide services.

(4) "Home health aide services" means any of the following services provided by an individual employed with or contracted for by a home health agency:

(a) Hands-on bathing or assistance with a tub bath or shower;
(b) Assistance with dressing, ambulation, and toileting;
(c) Catheter care but not insertion;
(d) Meal preparation and feeding.

(5) "Hospice care program" has the same meaning as in section 3712.01 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Medical social services" means services provided by a social worker under the direction of a patient's attending physician.

(7) "Minor drug possession offense" has the same meaning as in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code.

(8) "Nursing home," "residential care facility," and "skilled nursing care" have the same meanings as in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code.

(9) "Occupational therapy" has the same meaning as in section 4755.01 of the Revised Code.

(10) "Physical therapy" has the same meaning as in section 4755.40 of the Revised Code.

(11) "Social worker" means a person licensed under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code to practice as a social worker or independent social worker.

(12) "Speech-language pathology" has the same meaning as in section 4753.01 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (I) of this section, the chief administrator of a home health agency shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check with respect to each applicant. If the position may involve both responsibility for the care, custody, or control of a child and provision of direct care to an older adult, the chief administrator shall request that the superintendent conduct a single criminal records check for the applicant. If an applicant for whom a criminal records check request is required under this division does not present proof of having 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 chief administrator shall request that the superintendent obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as a part of the criminal records check for the applicant. Even if an applicant for whom a criminal records check request is required under this division presents proof that the applicant has been a resident of this state for that five-year period, the chief administrator may request that the superintendent include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check.

(2) Any person required by division (B)(1) of this section to request a criminal records check shall provide to each applicant for whom a criminal records check request is required under that division a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a standard impression sheet 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 chief administrator requests a criminal records check pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section.

(3) An applicant who receives pursuant to division (B)(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 sheets 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 fingerprint impressions, the home health agency shall not employ that applicant for any position for which a criminal records check is required by division (B)(1) of this section.

(C)(1) Except as provided in rules adopted by the department of health in accordance with division (F) of this section and subject to division (C)(3) of this section, no home health agency 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 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, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in division (C)(1)(a) of this section.

(2) Except as provided in rules adopted by the department of health in accordance with division (F) of this section and subject to division (C)(3) of this section, no home health agency shall employ a person in a position that involves providing direct care to an older adult 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, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.12, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.40, 2913.43, 2913.47, 2913.51, 2919.25, 2921.36, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.11, 2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, or 3716.11 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 listed in division (C)(2)(a) of this section.

(3)(a) A home health agency may employ conditionally an applicant for whom a criminal records check request is required under division (B) of this section as a person responsible for the care, custody, or control of a child until the criminal records check regarding the applicant required by this section is completed and the agency receives the results of the criminal records check. If the results of the criminal records check indicate that, pursuant to division (C)(1) of this section, the applicant does not qualify for employment, the agency shall release the applicant from employment unless the agency chooses to employ the applicant pursuant to division (F) of this section.

(b)(i) A home health agency may employ conditionally an applicant for whom a criminal records check request is required under division (B) of this

section in a position that involves providing direct care to an older adult or in a position that involves both responsibility for the care, custody, and control of a child and the provision of direct care to older adults prior to obtaining the results of a criminal records check regarding the individual, provided that the agency shall request a criminal records check regarding the individual in accordance with division (B)(1) of this section not later than five business days after the individual begins conditional employment. In the circumstances described in division (I)(2) of this section, a home health agency may employ conditionally in a position that involves providing direct care to an older adult an applicant who has been referred to the home health agency by an employment service that supplies full-time, part-time, or temporary staff for positions involving the direct care of older adults and for whom, pursuant to that division, a criminal records check is not required under division (B) of this section. In the circumstances described in division (I)(4) of this section, a home health agency may employ conditionally in a position that involves both responsibility for the care, custody, and control of a child and the provision of direct care to older adults an applicant who has been referred to the home health agency by an employment service that supplies full-time, part-time, or temporary staff for positions involving both responsibility for the care, custody, and control of a child and the provision of direct care to older adults and for whom, pursuant to that division, a criminal records check is not required under division (B) of this section.

(ii) A home health agency that employs an individual conditionally under authority of division (C)(3)(b)(i) of this section shall terminate the individual's employment if the results of the criminal records check requested under division (B)(1) of this section or described in division (I)(2) or (4) of this section, other than the results of any request for information from the federal bureau of investigation, are not obtained within the period ending sixty days after the date the request is made. Regardless of when the results of the criminal records check are obtained, if the individual was employed conditionally in a position that involves the provision of direct care to older adults and the results indicate that the individual has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the offenses listed or described in division (C)(2) of this section, or if the individual was employed conditionally in a position that involves both responsibility for the care, custody, and control of a child and the provision of direct care to older adults and the results indicate that the individual has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the offenses listed or described in division (C)(1) or (2) of this section, the agency shall terminate the individual's employment unless the agency chooses to employ the individual pursuant to division (F)

of this section. Termination of employment under this division shall be considered just cause for discharge for purposes of division (D)(2) of section 4141.29 of the Revised Code if the individual makes any attempt to deceive the agency about the individual's criminal record.

(D)(1) Each home health agency 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 (B)(1) of this section of the chief administrator of the home health agency.

(2) A home health agency may charge an applicant a fee for the costs it incurs in obtaining a criminal records check under this section, unless the medical assistance program established under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code reimburses the agency for the costs. A fee charged under division (D)(2) of this section shall not exceed the amount of fees the agency pays under division (D)(1) of this section. If a fee is charged under division (D)(2) of this section, the agency 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 agency will not consider the applicant for employment.

(E) 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 made under division (B)(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 following:

(1) The individual who is the subject of the criminal records check or the individual's representative;

(2) The home health agency requesting the criminal records check or its representative;

(3) The administrator of any other facility, agency, or program that provides direct care to older adults that is owned or operated by the same entity that owns or operates the home health agency;

(4) Any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with a denial of employment of the applicant or dealing with employment or unemployment benefits of the applicant;

(5) Any person to whom the report is provided pursuant to, and in accordance with, division (I)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section.

(F) The department of health shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section. The rules shall

specify circumstances under which the home health agency may employ a person who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense listed or described in division (C)(1) of this section but who meets standards in regard to rehabilitation set by the department or employ a person who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense listed or described in division (C)(2) of this section but meets personal character standards set by the department.

(G) Any person required by division (B)(1) of this section to request a criminal records check shall inform each person, at the time of initial application for employment that the person is required 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 that position.

(H) In a tort or other civil action for damages that is brought as the result of an injury, death, or loss to person or property caused by an individual who a home health agency employs in a position that involves providing direct care to older adults, all of the following shall apply:

(1) If the agency employed the individual in good faith and reasonable reliance on the report of a criminal records check requested under this section, the agency shall not be found negligent solely because of its reliance on the report, even if the information in the report is determined later to have been incomplete or inaccurate;

(2) If the agency employed the individual in good faith on a conditional basis pursuant to division (C)(3)(b) of this section, the agency shall not be found negligent solely because it employed the individual prior to receiving the report of a criminal records check requested under this section;

(3) If the agency in good faith employed the individual according to the personal character standards established in rules adopted under division (F) of this section, the agency shall not be found negligent solely because the individual prior to being employed had been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense listed or described in division (C)(1) or (2) of this section.

(I)(1) The chief administrator of a home health agency is not required to request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal records check of an applicant for a position that involves the provision of direct care to older adults if the applicant has been referred to the agency by an employment service that supplies full-time, part-time, or temporary staff for positions involving the direct care of older adults and both of the following apply:

(a) The chief administrator receives from the employment service or the applicant a report of the results of a criminal records check regarding the applicant that has been conducted by the superintendent within the one-year period immediately preceding the applicant's referral;

(b) The report of the criminal records check demonstrates that the person has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense listed or described in division (C)(2) of this section, or the report demonstrates that the person has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one or more of those offenses, but the home health agency chooses to employ the individual pursuant to division (F) of this section.

(2) The chief administrator of a home health agency is not required to request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal records check of an applicant for a position that involves providing direct care to older adults and may employ the applicant conditionally in a position of that nature as described in this division, if the applicant has been referred to the agency by an employment service that supplies full-time, part-time, or temporary staff for positions involving the direct care of older adults and if the chief administrator receives from the employment service or the applicant a letter from the employment service that is on the letterhead of the employment service, dated, and signed by a supervisor or another designated official of the employment service and that states that the employment service has requested the superintendent to conduct a criminal records check regarding the applicant, that the requested criminal records check will include a determination of whether the applicant has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense listed or described in division (C)(2) of this section, that, as of the date set forth on the letter, the employment service had not received the results of the criminal records check, and that, when the employment service receives the results of the criminal records check, it promptly will send a copy of the results to the home health agency. If a home health agency employs an applicant conditionally in accordance with this division, the employment service, upon its receipt of the results of the criminal records check, promptly shall send a copy of the results to the home health agency, and division (C)(3)(b) of this section applies regarding the conditional employment.

(3) The chief administrator of a home health agency is not required to request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal records check of an applicant for a position that involves both responsibility for the care, custody, and control of a child and the provision of direct care to older adults if the applicant has been

referred to the agency by an employment service that supplies full-time, part-time, or temporary staff for positions involving both responsibility for the care, custody, and control of a child and the provision of direct care to older adults and both of the following apply:

(a) The chief administrator receives from the employment service or applicant a report of a criminal records check of the type described in division (I)(1)(a) of this section;

(b) The report of the criminal records check demonstrates that the person has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense listed or described in division (C)(1) or (2) of this section, or the report demonstrates that the person has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one or more of those offenses, but the home health agency chooses to employ the individual pursuant to division (F) of this section.

(4) The chief administrator of a home health agency is not required to request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal records check of an applicant for a position that involves both responsibility for the care, custody, and control of a child and the provision of direct care to older adults and may employ the applicant conditionally in a position of that nature as described in this division, if the applicant has been referred to the agency by an employment service that supplies full-time, part-time, or temporary staff for positions involving both responsibility for the care, custody, and control of a child and the direct care of older adults and if the chief administrator receives from the employment service or the applicant a letter from the employment service that is on the letterhead of the employment service, dated, and signed by a supervisor or another designated official of the employment service and that states that the employment service has requested the superintendent to conduct a criminal records check regarding the applicant, that the requested criminal records check will include a determination of whether the applicant has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense listed or described in division (C)(1) or (2) of this section, that, as of the date set forth on the letter, the employment service had not received the results of the criminal records check, and that, when the employment service receives the results of the criminal records check, it promptly will send a copy of the results to the home health agency. If a home health agency employs an applicant conditionally in accordance with this division, the employment service, upon its receipt of the results of the criminal records check, promptly shall send a copy of the results to the home health agency, and division (C)(3)(b) of this section applies regarding the conditional employment.

Sec. 3701.99. (A) Whoever violates section 3701.25 of the Revised

Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on each subsequent offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

(B) Whoever violates division (I) of section 3701.262, division (D) of section 3701.263, or section 3701.352 or sections 3701.46 to 3701.55 of the Revised Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on each subsequent offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(C) Whoever violates section 3701.82 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(D) Whoever violates section 3701.81 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

~~(E) Whoever violates division (G) of section 3701.88 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars. Each day the violation continues is a separate offense.~~

Sec. 3702.31. (A) The quality monitoring and inspection fund is hereby created in the state treasury. The director of health shall use the fund to administer and enforce this section and sections 3702.11 to 3702.20, 3702.30, and 3702.32 of the Revised Code and rules adopted pursuant to those sections. The director shall deposit in the fund any moneys collected pursuant to this section or section 3702.32 of the Revised Code. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund.

(B) The director of health shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing fees for both of the following:

(1) Initial and renewal license applications submitted under section 3702.30 of the Revised Code. The fees established under division (B)(1) of this section shall not exceed the actual and necessary costs of performing the activities described in division (A) of this section.

(2) Inspections conducted under section 3702.15 or 3702.30 of the Revised Code. The fees established under division (B)(2) of this section shall not exceed the actual and necessary costs incurred during an inspection, including any indirect costs incurred by the department for staff, salary, or other administrative costs. The director of health shall provide to each health care facility or provider inspected pursuant to section 3702.15 or 3702.30 of the Revised Code a written statement of the fee. The statement shall itemize and total the costs incurred. Within fifteen days after receiving a statement from the director, the facility or provider shall forward the total amount of the fee to the director.

(3) The fees described in divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section shall meet both of the following requirements:

(a) For each service described in section 3702.11 of the Revised Code, the fee shall not exceed one thousand ~~two~~ seven hundred fifty dollars annually, except that the total fees charged to a health care provider under this section shall not exceed five thousand dollars annually.

(b) The fee shall exclude any costs reimbursable by the United States health care financing administration as part of the certification process for the medicare program established under Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, and the medicaid program established under Title XIX of that act.

(4) The director shall not establish a fee for any service for which a licensure or inspection fee is paid by the health care provider to a state agency for the same or similar licensure or inspection.

Sec. 3702.529. (A) A person granted a nonreviewability ruling prior to April 20, 1995, may implement the activity for which the ruling was issued in accordance with the information provided to the director of health in the request for the ruling, notwithstanding the amendments to sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code by Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 50 and Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 156, both of the 121st general assembly. A person granted a certificate of need or nonreviewability ruling prior to that date is not required to file a notice of intent under section 3702.581 of the Revised Code, as that section existed prior to the effective date of this amendment, with respect to the activity for which the certificate or ruling was issued.

(B) A certificate of need is not required for any person to add a cardiac catheterization laboratory to an existing cardiac catheterization service, as described in division (R)(11) of section 3702.51 of the Revised Code, if the person, prior to ~~the effective date of this section~~ June 30, 1995, filed a notice of intent under section 3702.581 of the Revised Code, as that section existed prior to the effective date of this amendment, to do so. However, the exemption provided by this division expires six months after ~~the effective date of this section~~ June 30, 1995, unless the person has taken action to implement the addition by taking the applicable action listed in divisions (A)(1) to (6) of section 3702.525 of the Revised Code and provides the director with written documentation that action has been taken.

(C) The director shall issue a reviewability ruling, in accordance with the version of section 3702.528 of the Revised Code in effect immediately prior to ~~the effective date of this section~~ June 30, 1995, to any hospital that requested one prior to that date concerning a relocation of any of the following to another hospital in the same or a different metropolitan statistical area:

(1) Obstetric or newborn care beds registered under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code as level II or III beds;

(2) Pediatric intensive care beds;

(3) A health service specified in division (R)(1) of section 3702.51 of the Revised Code.

A certificate of need is not required to conduct such a relocation for which the director has issued a nonreviewability ruling. However, the exemption provided by this division expires six months after ~~the effective date of this section~~ June 30, 1995, unless the hospital has taken action to implement the relocation by taking the applicable action listed in divisions (A)(1) to (6) of section 3702.525 of the Revised Code and provides the director with written documentation that action has been taken.

The director shall not issue a reviewability ruling requested under the previous version of section 3702.528 of the Revised Code concerning a relocation of long-term care beds.

(D) A certificate of need is not required to relocate existing health services from one hospital to another, as described in division (T) of the version of section 3702.51 of the Revised Code in effect immediately prior to ~~the effective date of this section~~ June 30, 1995, if the hospitals filed the notice of intent required by division (T)(2) of that version prior to ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ June 30, 1995, and comply with divisions (T)(1) and (T)(3) to (6) of that version.

Sec. 3702.53. (A) No person shall carry out any reviewable activity unless a certificate of need for such activity has been granted under sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code or the person is exempted by division (T) of section 3702.51 or section 3702.527, 3702.528, 3702.529, 3702.5210, or 3702.62 of the Revised Code from the requirement that a certificate of need be obtained. No person shall carry out any reviewable activity if a certificate of need authorizing that activity has been withdrawn by the director of health under section 3702.52 or 3702.526 of the Revised Code. No person shall carry out a reviewable activity if the certificate of need authorizing that activity is void pursuant to section 3702.524 of the Revised Code or has expired pursuant to section 3702.525 of the Revised Code.

(B) No person shall separate portions of any proposal for any reviewable activity to evade the requirements of sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code.

(C) No person granted a certificate of need shall carry out the reviewable activity authorized by the certificate of need other than in substantial accordance with the approved application for the certificate of

need.

~~(D) No person shall fail to file a notice required by section 3702.581 of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. 3702.532. When the director of health determines that a person has violated section 3702.53 of the Revised Code, the director shall send a notice to the person by certified mail, return receipt requested, specifying the activity constituting the violation and the penalties imposed under section 3702.54, 3702.541, or 3702.542~~, or 3702.543~~ of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3702.54. Except as provided in sections 3702.541~~,~~ and 3702.542~~,~~ and former section 3702.543 of the Revised Code, divisions (A) and (B) of this section apply when the director of health determines that a person has violated section 3702.53 of the Revised Code.

(A) The director shall impose a civil penalty on the person in an amount equal to the greatest of the following:

(1) Three thousand dollars;

(2) Five per cent of the operating cost of the activity that constitutes the violation during the period of time it was conducted in violation of section 3702.53 of the Revised Code;

(3) Two per cent of the total capital cost associated with implementation of the activity.

In no event, however, shall the penalty exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

(B)(1) Notwithstanding section 3702.52 of the Revised Code, the director shall refuse to accept for review any application for a certificate of need filed by or on behalf of the person, or any successor to the person or entity related to the person, for a period of not less than one year and not more than three years after ~~he~~ the director mails the notice of ~~his~~ the director's determination under section 3702.532 of the Revised Code or, if ~~his~~ the determination is appealed under section 3702.60 of the Revised Code, the issuance of the order upholding ~~his~~ the determination that is not subject to further appeal. In determining the length of time during which ~~he will not accept~~ applications will not be accepted, the director may consider any of the following:

(a) The nature and magnitude of the violation;

(b) The ability of the person to have averted the violation;

(c) Whether the person disclosed the violation to the director before the director commenced his investigation;

(d) The person's history of compliance with sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 and the rules adopted under section 3702.57 of the Revised Code;

(e) Any community hardship that may result from refusing to accept

future applications from the person.

(2) Notwithstanding the one-year minimum imposed by division (B)(1) of this section, the director may establish a period of less than one year during which ~~he~~ the director will refuse to accept certificate of need applications if, after reviewing all information available to ~~him~~ the director, ~~he~~ the director determines and expressly indicates in the notice mailed under section 3702.532 of the Revised Code that refusing to accept applications for a longer period would result in hardship to the community in which the person provides health services. The director's finding of community hardship shall not affect the granting or denial of any future certificate of need application filed by the person.

Sec. 3702.544. Each person required by section 3702.54, 3702.541, or 3702.542, or former section 3702.543 of the Revised Code to pay a civil penalty shall do so not later than sixty days after receiving the notice mailed under section 3702.532 of the Revised Code or, if the person appeals under section 3702.60 of the Revised Code the director of health's determination that a violation has occurred, not later than sixty days after the issuance of an order upholding ~~his~~ the director's determination that is not subject to further appeal. The civil penalties shall be paid to the director. The director shall deposit them into the certificate of need fund created by section 3702.52 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3702.55. Except as provided in section 3702.542 of the Revised Code, a person that the director of health determines has violated section 3702.53 of the Revised Code shall cease conducting the activity that constitutes the violation or utilizing the equipment or facility resulting from the violation not later than thirty days after the person receives the notice mailed under section 3702.532 of the Revised Code or, if the person appeals the director's determination under section 3702.60 of the Revised Code, thirty days after the person receives an order upholding the director's determination that is not subject to further appeal. A person that applies for a certificate of need as described in section 3702.542 of the Revised Code shall cease conducting the activity or using the equipment or facility in accordance with the timetable established by the director of health under that section.

If any person determined to have violated section 3702.53 of the Revised Code fails to cease conducting an activity or using equipment or a facility as required by this section or a timetable established under section 3702.542 of the Revised Code, or if the person continues to seek payment or reimbursement for services rendered or costs incurred in conducting the activity as prohibited by section 3702.56 of the Revised Code, in addition to

the penalties imposed under section 3702.54, 3702.541, or 3702.542~~,~~ or former section 3702.543 of the Revised Code:

(A) The director of health may refuse to include any beds involved in the activity in the bed capacity of a hospital for purposes of registration under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code;

(B) The director of health may refuse to license, or may revoke a license or reduce bed capacity previously granted to, a maternity boardinghouse or lying-in hospital under section 3711.02 of the Revised Code; a hospice care program under section 3712.04 of the Revised Code; a nursing home, rest home, or home for the aging under section 3721.02 of the Revised Code; or any beds within any of those facilities that are involved in the activity;

(C) A political subdivision certified under section 3721.09 of the Revised Code may refuse to license, or may revoke a license or reduce bed capacity previously granted to, a nursing home, rest home, or home for the aging, or any beds within any of those facilities that are involved in the activity;

(D) The director of mental health may refuse to license under section 5119.20 of the Revised Code, or may revoke a license or reduce bed capacity previously granted to, a hospital receiving mentally ill persons or beds within such a hospital that are involved in the activity;

(E) The department of job and family services may refuse to enter into a provider agreement that includes a facility, beds, or services that result from the activity.

Sec. 3702.60. (A) Any affected person may appeal a reviewability ruling issued on or after April 20, 1995, 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 certificate of need applicant or another affected person may appeal to the director in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code a decision issued by the director on or after April 20, 1995, to grant or deny a certificate of need application for which an adjudication hearing was not conducted under section 3702.52 of the Revised Code, and the director shall provide an adjudication hearing in accordance with that chapter. The certificate of need applicant or an affected person that was a party to and participated in an adjudication hearing conducted under this division or section 3702.52 of the Revised Code may appeal to the tenth district court of appeals the decision issued by the director following the adjudication hearing. No person may appeal to the director or a court the director's

granting of a certificate of need prior to ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ June 30, 1995, under the version of section 3702.52 of the Revised Code in effect immediately prior to that date due to failure to submit timely written objections, no person may appeal to the director or a court the director's granting of a certificate of need under division (C)(1) or (2) of section 3702.52 of the Revised Code.

(C) The 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 3702.526 of the Revised Code on or after April 20, 1995, 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) 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, 3702.541, or 3702.542~~,~~ or former section 3702.543 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) 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) 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)(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) No person may intervene in an appeal brought under this section.

Sec. 3702.61. In addition to the sanctions imposed under sections 3702.54, 3702.541, 3702.542, ~~3702.543,~~ and 3702.55 and former section 3702.543 of the Revised Code, if any person violates section 3702.53 of the Revised Code, the attorney general may commence necessary legal proceedings in the court of common pleas of Franklin county to enjoin the person from such violation until the requirements of sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code have been satisfied. At the request of the director of health, the attorney general shall commence any necessary proceedings. The court has jurisdiction to grant and, on a showing of a violation, shall grant appropriate injunctive relief.

Sec. 3702.63. As specified in former Section 11 of Am. Sub. S.B. 50 of the 121st general assembly, as amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 405 of the 124th general assembly, all of the following apply:

(A) The removal of former divisions (E) and (F) of section 3702.52 of the Revised Code by Sections 1 and 2 of Am. Sub. S.B. 50 of the 121st general assembly does not release the holders of certificates of need issued under those divisions from complying with any conditions on which the granting of the certificates of need was based, including the requirement of former division (E)(6) of that section that the holders not enter into provider agreements under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code and Title XIX of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C. 301, as amended, for

at least ten years following initial licensure of the long-term care facilities for which the certificates were granted.

(B) The repeal of section 3702.55 of the Revised Code by Section 2 of Am. Sub. S.B. 50 of the 121st general assembly does not release the holders of certificates of need issued under that section from complying with any conditions on which the granting of the certificates of need was based, other than the requirement of division (A)(6) of that section that the holders not seek certification under Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act" for beds recategorized under the certificates. That repeal also does not eliminate the requirement that the director of health revoke the licensure of the beds under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code if a person to which their ownership is transferred fails, as required by division (A)(6) of the repealed section, to file within ten days after the transfer a sworn statement not to seek certification under Title XIX of the "Social Security Act" for beds recategorized under the certificates of need.

(C) The repeal of section 3702.56 of the Revised Code by Section 2 of Am. Sub. S.B. 50 of the 121st general assembly does not release the holders of certificates of need issued under that section from complying with any conditions on which the granting of the certificates of need was based.

Sec. 3702.68. (A) Notwithstanding sections 3702.51 to 3702.62 of the Revised Code, this section applies to the review of certificate of need applications during the period beginning July 1, 1993, and ending June 30, ~~2003~~ 2005.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, the director of health shall neither grant nor deny any application for a certificate of need submitted prior to July 1, 1993, if the application was for any of the following and the director had not issued a written decision concerning the application prior to that date:

(a) Approval of beds in a new health care facility or an increase of beds in an existing health care facility, if the beds are proposed to be licensed as nursing home beds under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code;

(b) Approval of beds in a new county home or new county nursing home as defined in section 5155.31 of the Revised Code, 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 Title XVIII or nursing facility beds under Title XIX of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended;

(c) Recategorization of hospital beds as described in section 3702.522 of the Revised Code, an increase of hospital beds registered pursuant to section 3701.07 of the Revised Code as long-term care beds or skilled nursing

facility beds, or a recategorization of hospital beds that would result in an increase of beds registered pursuant to that section as long-term care beds or skilled nursing facility beds.

On July 1, 1993, the director shall return each such application to the applicant and, notwithstanding section 3702.52 of the Revised Code regarding the uses of the certificate of need fund, shall refund to the applicant the application fee paid under that section. Applications returned under division (B)(1) of this section may be resubmitted in accordance with section 3702.52 of the Revised Code no sooner than July 1, ~~2003~~ 2005.

(2) The director shall continue to review and shall issue a decision regarding any application submitted prior to July 1, 1993, to increase beds for either of the purposes described in division (B)(1)(a) or (b) of this section if the proposed increase in beds is attributable solely to a replacement or relocation of existing beds within the same county. The director shall authorize under such an application no additional beds beyond those being replaced or relocated.

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section, the director, during the period beginning July 1, 1993, and ending June 30, ~~2003~~ 2005, shall not accept for review under section 3702.52 of the Revised Code any application for a certificate of need for any of the purposes described in divisions (B)(1)(a) to (c) of this section.

(2) The director shall accept for review any application for either of the purposes described in division (B)(1)(a) or (b) of this section if the proposed increase in beds is attributable solely to a replacement or relocation of existing beds within the same county. The director shall authorize under such an application no additional beds beyond those being replaced or relocated. The director also shall accept for review any application that seeks certificate of need approval for existing beds located in an infirmary that is operated exclusively by a religious order, provides care exclusively to members of religious orders who take vows of celibacy and live by virtue of their vows within the orders as if related, and was providing care exclusively to members of such a religious order on January 1, 1994.

(D) The director shall issue a decision regarding any case remanded by a court as the result of a decision issued by the director prior to July 1, 1993, to grant, deny, or withdraw a certificate of need for any of the purposes described in divisions (B)(1)(a) to (c) of this section.

(E) The director shall not project the need for beds listed in division (B)(1) of this section for the period beginning July 1, 1993, and ending June 30, ~~2003~~ 2005.

This section is an interim section effective until July 1, ~~2003~~ 2005.

Sec. 3702.74. (A) A primary care physician who has signed a letter of intent under section 3702.73 of the Revised Code, the director of health, and the Ohio board of regents may enter into a contract for the physician's participation in the physician loan repayment program. A lending institution may also be a party to the contract.

(B) The contract shall include all of the following obligations:

(1) The primary care physician agrees to provide primary care services in the health resource shortage area identified in the letter of intent for at least two years or one year per twenty thousand dollars of repayment agreed to under division (B)(3) of this section, whichever is greater;

(2) When providing primary care services in the health resource shortage area, the primary care physician agrees to do all of the following:

(a) Provide primary care services for a minimum of forty hours per week;

(b) Provide primary care services without regard to a patient's ability to pay;

(c) Meet the conditions prescribed by the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, and the department of job and family services for participation in the medical assistance program established under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code and enter into a contract with the department to provide primary care services to recipients of the medical assistance program;

(d) Meet the conditions established by the department of job and family services for participation in the disability ~~assistance~~ medical assistance program established under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code and enter into a contract with the department to provide primary care services to recipients of disability medical assistance.

(3) The Ohio board of regents agrees, as provided in section 3702.75 of the Revised Code, to repay, so long as the primary care physician performs the service obligation agreed to under division (B)(1) of this section, all or part of the principal and interest of a government or other educational loan taken by the primary care physician for expenses described in section 3702.75 of the Revised Code;

(4) The primary care physician agrees to pay the board the following as damages if the physician fails to complete the service obligation agreed to under division (B)(1) of this section:

(a) If the failure occurs during the first two years of the service obligation, three times the total amount the board has agreed to repay under division (B)(3) of this section;

(b) If the failure occurs after the first two years of the service obligation,

three times the amount the board is still obligated to repay under division (B)(3) of this section.

(C) The contract may include any other terms agreed upon by the parties, including an assignment to the Ohio board of regents of the physician's duty to pay the principal and interest of a government or other educational loan taken by the physician for expenses described in section 3702.75 of the Revised Code. If the board assumes the physician's duty to pay a loan, the contract shall set forth the total amount of principal and interest to be paid, an amortization schedule, and the amount of each payment to be made under the schedule.

Sec. 3705.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Live birth" means the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of human conception that after such expulsion or extraction breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached.

(B)(1) "Fetal death" means death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of human conception of at least twenty weeks of gestation, which after such expulsion or extraction does not breathe or show any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles.

(2) "Stillborn" means that an infant suffered a fetal death.

(C) "Dead body" means a human body or part of a human body from the condition of which it reasonably may be concluded that death recently occurred.

(D) "Physician" means a person licensed pursuant to Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine or surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

(E) "Attending physician" means the physician in charge of the patient's care for the illness or condition that resulted in death.

(F) "Institution" means any establishment, public or private, that provides medical, surgical, or diagnostic care or treatment, or domiciliary care, to two or more unrelated individuals, or to persons committed by law.

(G) "Funeral director" has the meaning given in section 4717.01 of the Revised Code.

(H) "State registrar" means the head of the office of vital statistics in the department of health.

(I) "Medical certification" means completion of the medical certification portion of the certificate of death or fetal death as to the cause of death or

fetal death.

(J) "Final disposition" means the interment, cremation, removal from the state, donation, or other authorized disposition of a dead body or a fetal death.

(K) "Interment" means the final disposition of the remains of a dead body by burial or entombment.

(L) "Cremation" means the reduction to ashes of a dead body.

(M) "Donation" means gift of a dead body to a research institution or medical school.

(N) "System of vital statistics" means the registration, collection, preservation, amendment, and certification of vital records, the collection of other reports required by this chapter, and activities related thereto.

(O) "Vital records" means certificates or reports of birth, death, fetal death, marriage, divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, and data related thereto and other documents maintained as required by statute.

(P) "File" means the presentation of vital records for registration by the office of vital statistics.

(Q) "Registration" means the acceptance by the office of vital statistics and the incorporation of vital records into its official records.

(R) "Birth record" means a birth certificate that has been registered with the office of vital statistics; or, if registered prior to the effective date of this section, with the division of vital statistics; or, if registered prior to the establishment of the division of vital statistics, with the department of health or a local registrar.

(S) "Certification of birth" means a document issued by the director of health or state registrar or a local registrar under division (B) of section 3705.23 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3705.23. (A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the director of health, the state registrar, or a local registrar, on receipt of a signed application and the fee specified in section 3705.24 of the Revised Code, shall issue a certified copy of a vital record, or of a part of a vital record, in the director's or registrar's custody to any applicant, unless the vital record has ceased to be a public record pursuant to section 3705.09, 3705.11, 3705.12, or 3705.15 of the Revised Code. The certified copy shall show the date the vital record was registered by the local registrar.

(2) A certified copy of a vital record may be made by a mechanical, electronic, or other reproduction process. It shall be certified as a true copy by the director, state registrar, or local registrar who has custody of the record and shall include the date of issuance, the name of the issuing officer, the signature of the officer or an authorized facsimile of the signature, and

the seal of the issuing office.

(3) A certified copy of a vital record or of any part of a vital record, issued in accordance with this section, shall be considered for all purposes the same as the original and shall be prima-facie evidence of the facts stated in it in all courts and places.

(4)(a) Information contained in the "information for medical and health use only" section of a birth record shall not be included as part of a certified copy of the birth record unless the information specifically is requested by the individual to whose birth the record attests, either of the individual's parents or the individual's guardian, a lineal descendant, or an official of the federal or state government or of a political subdivision of the state charged by law with detecting or prosecuting crime.

(b) Except as provided in division (A)(4)(a) of this section, neither the office of vital statistics nor a local registrar shall disclose information contained in the "information for medical and health use only" section of a birth record unless a court, for good cause shown, orders disclosure of the information or the state registrar specifically authorizes release of the information for statistical or research purposes under conditions the state registrar, subject to the approval of the director of health, shall establish by rule.

(B)(1) Unless the applicant specifically requests a certified copy, the director, the state registrar, or a local registrar, on receipt of a signed application for a birth record and the fee specified in section 3705.24 of the Revised Code, may issue a certification of birth, and the certification of birth shall contain at least the name, sex, date of birth, registration date, and place of birth of the person to whose birth the record attests and shall attest that the person's birth has been registered. A certification of birth shall be prima-facie evidence of the facts stated in it in all courts and places.

(2) The director or the state registrar, on the receipt of a signed application for an heirloom certification of birth and the fee specified in section 3705.24 of the Revised Code, may issue an heirloom certification of birth. The director shall prescribe by rule guidelines for the form of an heirloom certification of birth, and the guidelines shall require the heirloom certification of birth to contain at least the name, sex, date of birth, registration date, and place of birth of the person to whose birth the record attests and to attest that the person's birth has been registered. An heirloom certification of birth shall be prima-facie evidence of the facts stated in it in all courts and places.

(3) The director or the state registrar, on the receipt of an application signed by either parent, shall issue a certificate recognizing the delivery of a

stillborn infant. The director shall prescribe guidelines by rule for the form of the certificate. The guidelines shall require that the certificate contain at least the name, sex, date of delivery, and place of delivery. The director or the state registrar shall charge no fee for the certificate. A certificate recognizing the delivery of a stillborn infant is not proof of a live birth for purposes of federal, state, and local taxes.

(C) On evidence that a birth certificate was registered through misrepresentation or fraud, the state registrar may withhold the issuance of a certified copy of the birth record or a certification of birth until a court makes a determination that no misrepresentation or fraud occurred.

~~(D) Except as provided in division (A)(4)(b) of this section, the state registrar and a local registrar, on request, shall provide uncertified copies of vital records in accordance with section 149.43 of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. 3705.24. (A) ~~Except as otherwise provided in this division or division (G) of this section, the fee for a certified copy of a vital record or for a certification of birth shall be seven dollars plus any fee required by section 3109.14 of the Revised Code. Except as provided in section 3705.241 of the Revised Code, the fee for a certified copy of a vital record or for a certification of birth issued by the office of vital statistics shall be an amount prescribed by the public health council plus any fee required by section 3109.14 of the Revised Code. The fee for a certified copy of a vital record or for a certification of birth issued by a health district shall be an amount prescribed in accordance with section 3709.09 of the Revised Code plus any fee required by section 3109.14 of the Revised Code. No certified copy of a vital record or certification of birth shall be issued without payment of the fee unless otherwise specified by statute.~~

~~For a special search of the files and records to determine a date or place contained in a record on file, the office of vital statistics shall charge a fee of three dollars for each hour or fractional part of an hour required for the search.~~

~~(B)~~(1) The public health council shall, in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code, adopt rules prescribing fees for the following services provided by the state office of vital statistics:

(a) Except as provided in division (A)(4) of this section:

(i) A certified copy of a vital record or a certification of birth;

(ii) A search by the office of vital statistics of its files and records pursuant to a request for information, regardless of whether a copy of a record is provided;

(iii) A copy of a record provided pursuant to a request;

(b) Replacement of a birth certificate following an adoption,

legitimation, paternity determination or acknowledgement, or court order;

(c) Filing of a delayed registration of a vital record;

(d) Amendment of a vital record that is requested later than one year after the filing date of the vital record;

(e) Any other documents or services for which the public health council considers the charging of a fee appropriate.

(2) Fees prescribed under division (A)(1)(a) of this section shall not be less than seven dollars.

(3) Fees prescribed under division (A)(1) of this section shall be collected in addition to any fee required by section 3109.14 of the Revised Code.

(4) Fees prescribed under division (A) of this section shall not apply to certifications issued under division (H) of this section or copies provided under section 3705.241 of the Revised Code.

(B) In addition to the fees prescribed under division (A) of this section or section 3709.09 of the Revised Code, the office of vital statistics or the board of health of a city or general health district shall charge a five-dollar fee for each certified copy of a vital record and each certification of birth. This fee shall be deposited in the general operations fund created under section 3701.83 of the Revised Code and be used solely toward the modernization and automation of the system of vital records in this state. A board of health shall forward all fees collected under this division to the department of health not later than thirty days after the end of each calendar quarter.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in division ~~(C)~~(H) of this section, and except as provided in section 3705.241 of the Revised Code, fees collected by the director of health under sections 3705.01 to 3705.29 of the Revised Code shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the general operations fund created by section 3701.83 of the Revised Code. ~~Money~~ Except as provided in division (B) of this section, money generated by the fees shall be used only for administration and enforcement of this chapter and the rules adopted under it. Amounts submitted to the department of health for copies of vital records or services in excess of the fees imposed by this section shall be dealt with as follows:

(1) An overpayment of two dollars or less shall be retained by the department and deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general operations fund created by section 3701.83 of the Revised Code.

(2) An overpayment in excess of two dollars shall be returned to the person who made the overpayment.

~~(C)~~(D) If a local registrar is a salaried employee of a city or a general

health district, any fees the local registrar receives pursuant to section 3705.23 of the Revised Code shall be paid into the general fund of the city or the health fund of the general health district.

Each local registrar of vital statistics, or each health district where the local registrar is a salaried employee of the district, shall be entitled to a fee for each birth, fetal death, death, or military service certificate properly and completely made out and registered with the local registrar or district and correctly copied and forwarded to the office of vital statistics in accordance with the population of the primary registration district at the last federal census. The fee for each birth, fetal death, death, or military service certificate shall be:

(1) In primary registration districts of over two hundred fifty thousand, twenty cents;

(2) In primary registration districts of over one hundred twenty-five thousand and less than two hundred fifty thousand, sixty cents;

(3) In primary registration districts of over fifty thousand and less than one hundred twenty-five thousand, eighty cents;

(4) In primary registration districts of less than fifty thousand, one dollar.

~~(D)~~(E) The director of health shall annually certify to the county treasurers of the several counties the number of birth, fetal death, death, and military service certificates registered from their respective counties with the names of the local registrars and the amounts due each registrar and health district at the rates fixed in this section. Such amounts shall be paid by the treasurer of the county in which the registration districts are located. No fees shall be charged or collected by registrars except as provided by this chapter and section 3109.14 of the Revised Code.

~~(E)~~(F) A probate judge shall be paid a fee of fifteen cents for each certified abstract of marriage prepared and forwarded by the probate judge to the department of health pursuant to section 3705.21 of the Revised Code. The fee shall be in addition to the fee paid for a marriage license and shall be paid by the applicants for the license.

~~(F)~~(G) The clerk of a court of common pleas shall be paid a fee of one dollar for each certificate of divorce, dissolution, and annulment of marriage prepared and forwarded by the clerk to the department pursuant to section 3705.21 of the Revised Code. The fee for the certified abstract of divorce, dissolution, or annulment of marriage shall be added to the court costs allowed in these cases.

~~(G)~~(H) The fee for an heirloom certification of birth issued pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 3705.23 of the Revised Code shall be an amount

prescribed by rule by the director of health plus any fee required by section 3109.14 of the Revised Code. In setting the amount of the fee, the director shall establish a surcharge in addition to an amount necessary to offset the expense of processing heirloom certifications of birth. The fee prescribed by the director of health pursuant to this division shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the heirloom certification of birth fund which is hereby created. Money credited to the fund shall be used by the office of vital statistics to offset the expense of processing heirloom certifications of birth. However, the money collected for the surcharge, subject to the approval of the controlling board, shall be used for the purposes specified by the family and children first council pursuant to section 121.37 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3709.09. (A) The board of health of a city or general health district may, by rule, establish a uniform system of fees to pay the costs of any services provided by the board. ~~Fees~~

The fee for issuance of a certified copy of a vital record or a certification of birth shall not be less than the fee prescribed for the same service under division (A)(1) of section 3705.24 of the Revised Code and shall include the fees required by division (B) of section 3705.24 and section 3109.14 of the Revised Code.

Fees for services provided by the board for purposes specified in sections 3701.344, 3711.05, 3730.03, 3733.04, 3733.25, and 3749.04 of the Revised Code shall be established in accordance with rules adopted under division (B) of this section. The district advisory council, in the case of a general health district, and the legislative authority of the city, in the case of a city health district, may disapprove any fee established by the board of health under this division, and any such fee, as disapproved, shall not be charged by the board of health.

(B) The public health council shall adopt rules under section 111.15 of the Revised Code that establish fee categories and uniform methodologies for use in calculating the costs of services provided for purposes specified in sections 3701.344, 3711.05, 3730.03, 3733.04, 3733.25, and 3749.04 of the Revised Code. In adopting the rules, the public health council shall consider recommendations it receives from advisory boards established either by statute or the director of health for entities subject to the fees.

(C) At least thirty days prior to establishing a fee for a service provided by the board for a purpose specified in section 3701.344, 3711.05, 3730.03, 3733.04, 3733.25, or 3749.04 of the Revised Code, a board of health shall notify any entity that would be affected by the proposed fee of the amount of the proposed fee.

Sec. 3710.05. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, no person shall engage in any asbestos hazard abatement activities in this state unless licensed or certified pursuant to this chapter.

(B) To apply for licensure as an asbestos abatement contractor or certification as an asbestos hazard abatement specialist, an asbestos hazard evaluation specialist, an asbestos hazard abatement project designer, or an asbestos hazard abatement air-monitoring technician, a person shall do all of the following:

(1) Submit a completed application to the department of health, on a form provided by the department;

(2) Pay the requisite fee as provided in division (D) of this section;

(3) Submit any other information the public health council by rule requires.

(C) The application form for a business entity or public entity applying for an asbestos hazard abatement contractor's license shall include all of the following:

(1) A description of the protective clothing and respirators that the public entity will use to comply with rules adopted by the public health council and that the business entity will use to comply with requirements of the United States occupational safety and health administration;

(2) A description of procedures the business entity or public entity will use for the selection, utilization, handling, removal, and disposal of clothing to prevent contamination or recontamination of the environment and to protect the public health from the hazards associated with exposure to asbestos;

(3) The name and address of each asbestos disposal site that the business entity or public entity might use during the year;

(4) A description of the site decontamination procedures that the business entity or public entity will use;

(5) A description of the asbestos hazard abatement procedures that the business entity or public entity will use;

(6) A description of the procedures that the business entity or public entity will use for handling waste containing asbestos;

(7) A description of the air-monitoring procedures that the business entity or public entity will use to prevent contamination or recontamination of the environment and to protect the public health from the hazards of exposure to asbestos;

(8) A description of the final clean-up procedures that the business entity or public entity will use;

(9) A list of all partners, owners, and officers of the business entity

along with their social security numbers;

(10) The federal tax identification number of the business entity or the public entity.

(D) The fees to be charged to each public entity and business entity and their employees and agents for licensure, certification, approval, and renewal of licenses, certifications, and approvals granted under this chapter, subject to division (A)(4) of section 3710.02 of the Revised Code, are:

(1) ~~Five~~ Seven hundred fifty dollars for asbestos hazard abatement contractors;

(2) ~~One~~ Two hundred ~~twenty-five~~ dollars for asbestos hazard abatement project designers;

(3) ~~Twenty-five~~ Fifty dollars for asbestos hazard abatement workers;

(4) ~~One~~ Two hundred ~~twenty-five~~ dollars for asbestos hazard abatement specialists;

(5) ~~One~~ Two hundred ~~twenty-five~~ dollars for asbestos hazard evaluation specialists; and

(6) ~~Seven~~ Nine hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars for approval or renewal of asbestos hazard training providers.

(E) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, no business entity which engages in asbestos hazard abatement activities solely at its own place of business is required to be licensed as an asbestos hazard abatement contractor provided that the business entity is required to and does comply with all applicable standards of the United States environmental protection agency and the United States occupational safety and health administration and provided further that all persons employed by the business entity on the activity meet the requirements of this chapter.

Sec. 3710.07. (A) Prior to engaging in any asbestos hazard abatement project, an asbestos hazard abatement contractor shall do all of the following:

(1) Prepare a written respiratory protection program as defined by the public health council pursuant to rule, and make the program available to the department of health, and workers at the job site if the contractor is a public entity or prepare a written respiratory protection program, consistent with 29 C.F.R. 1910.134 and make the program available to the department, and workers at the job site if the contractor is a business entity;

(2) Ensure that each worker who will be involved in any asbestos hazard abatement project has been examined within the preceding year and has been declared by a physician to be physically capable of working while wearing a respirator;

(3) Ensure that each of ~~his~~ the contractor's employees or agents who will

come in contact with asbestos-containing materials or will be responsible for an asbestos hazard abatement project receives the appropriate certification or licensure required by this chapter and the following training:

(a) An initial course approved by the department pursuant to section 3710.10 of the Revised Code, completed before engaging in any asbestos hazard abatement project; and

(b) An annual review course approved by the department pursuant to section 3710.10 of the Revised Code.

(B) After obtaining or renewing a license, an asbestos hazard abatement contractor shall notify the department, on a form approved by the director of health, at least ten days before beginning each asbestos hazard abatement project conducted during the term of ~~his~~ the contractor's license.

(C) In addition to any other fee imposed under this chapter, an asbestos hazard abatement contractor shall pay, at the time of providing notice under division (B) of this section, the department a fee of ~~twenty-five~~ sixty-five dollars for each asbestos hazard abatement project conducted.

Sec. 3711.021. For the purposes of this chapter, a maternity hospital or lying-in hospital includes a limited maternity unit, which is a unit in a hospital that contains no other maternity unit, in which care is provided during all or part of the maternity cycle and newborns receive care in a private room serving all antepartum, labor, delivery, recovery, postpartum, and nursery needs.

The director of health may charge a maternity hospital or lying-in hospital seeking an initial or renewal license under this chapter a fee not exceeding the following:

(A) ~~Three~~ Four thousand ~~eight hundred fifty~~ forty-two dollars for a hospital in which not less than two thousand births occurred the previous calendar year;

(B) Three thousand ~~three~~ five hundred ~~fifty~~ seventeen dollars for a hospital in which not more than one thousand nine hundred ninety-nine and not less than one thousand births occurred the previous calendar year;

(C) Two thousand ~~eight~~ nine hundred ~~fifty~~ ninety-two dollars for a hospital in which not more than nine hundred ninety-nine and not less than six hundred fifty births occurred the previous calendar year;

(D) Two thousand ~~three~~ four hundred ~~fifty~~ sixty-seven dollars for a hospital in which not more than six hundred forty-nine and not less than four hundred fifty births occurred the previous calendar year;

(E) One thousand ~~eight~~ nine hundred ~~fifty~~ forty-two dollars for a hospital in which not more than four hundred forty-nine births and not less than one hundred births occurred the previous calendar year;

(F) One thousand ~~three~~ four hundred ~~fifty~~ seventeen dollars for a hospital in which not more than ninety-nine births occurred the previous calendar year.

The director shall deposit all fees collected under this section into the general operations fund created under section 3701.83 of the Revised Code. Money generated by the fees shall be used only for administration and enforcement of this chapter and rules adopted under it.

Sec. 3717.42. (A) The following are not food service operations:

(1) A retail food establishment licensed under this chapter, including a retail food establishment that provides the services of a food service operation pursuant to an endorsement issued under section 3717.24 of the Revised Code;

(2) An entity exempt from the requirement to be licensed as a retail food establishment under division (B) of section 3717.22 of the Revised Code;

(3) A business or that portion of a business that is regulated by the federal government or the department of agriculture as a food manufacturing or food processing business, including a business or that portion of a business regulated by the department of agriculture under Chapter 911., 913., 915., 917., 918., or 925. of the Revised Code.

(B) All of the following are exempt from the requirement to be licensed as a food service operation:

(1) A private home in which individuals related by blood, marriage, or law reside and in which the food that is prepared or served is intended only for those individuals and their nonpaying guests;

(2) A private home operated as a bed-and-breakfast that prepares and offers food to guests, if the home is owner-occupied, the number of available guest bedrooms does not exceed six, breakfast is the only meal offered, and the number of guests served does not exceed sixteen;

(3) A stand operated on the premises of a private home by one or more children under the age of twelve, if the food served is not potentially hazardous;

(4) A residential facility that accommodates not more than sixteen residents; is licensed, certified, registered, or otherwise regulated by the federal government or by the state or a political subdivision of the state; and prepares food for or serves food to only the residents of the facility, the staff of the facility, and any nonpaying guests of residents or staff;

(5) A church, school, fraternal or veterans' organization, volunteer fire organization, or volunteer emergency medical service organization preparing or serving food intended for individual portion service on its premises for not more than seven consecutive days or not more than

fifty-two separate days during a licensing period. This exemption extends to any individual or group raising all of its funds during the time periods specified in division (B)(5) of this section for the benefit of the church, school, or organization by preparing or serving food intended for individual portion service under the same conditions.

(6) A common carrier that prepares or serves food, if the carrier is regulated by the federal government;

(7) A food service operation serving ~~five~~ thirteen or fewer individuals daily;

(8) A type A or type B family day-care home, as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code, that prepares or serves food for the children receiving day-care;

(9) A vending machine location where the only foods dispensed are foods from one or both of the following categories:

(a) Prepackaged foods that are not potentially hazardous;

(b) Nuts, panned or wrapped bulk chewing gum, or panned or wrapped bulk candies.

(10) A place servicing the vending machines at a vending machine location described in division (B)(9) of this section;

(11) A commissary servicing vending machines that dispense only milk, milk products, or frozen desserts that are under a state or federal inspection and analysis program;

(12) A "controlled location vending machine location," which means a vending machine location at which all of the following apply:

(a) The vending machines dispense only foods that are not potentially hazardous;

(b) The machines are designed to be filled and maintained in a sanitary manner by untrained persons;

(c) Minimal protection is necessary to ensure against contamination of food and equipment.

(13) A private home that prepares and offers food to guests, if the home is owner-occupied, meals are served on the premises of that home, the number of meals served does not exceed one hundred fifteen per week, and the home displays a notice in a place conspicuous to all of its guests informing them that the home is not required to be licensed as a food service operation;

(14) An individual who prepares full meals or meal components, such as pies or baked goods, in the individual's home to be served off the premises of that home, if the number of meals or meal components prepared for that purpose does not exceed twenty in a seven-day period.

Sec. 3721.02. (A) The director of health shall license homes and establish procedures to be followed in inspecting and licensing homes. The director may inspect a home at any time. Each home shall be inspected by the director at least once prior to the issuance of a license and at least once every fifteen months thereafter. The state fire marshal or a township, municipal, or other legally constituted fire department approved by the marshal shall also inspect a home prior to issuance of a license, at least once every fifteen months thereafter, and at any other time requested by the director. A home does not have to be inspected prior to issuance of a license by the director, state fire marshal, or a fire department if ownership of the home is assigned or transferred to a different person and the home was licensed under this chapter immediately prior to the assignment or transfer. The director may enter at any time, for the purposes of investigation, any institution, residence, facility, or other structure that has been reported to the director or that the director has reasonable cause to believe is operating as a nursing home, residential care facility, or home for the aging without a valid license required by section 3721.05 of the Revised Code or, in the case of a county home or district home, is operating despite the revocation of its residential care facility license. The director may delegate the director's authority and duties under this chapter to any division, bureau, agency, or official of the department of health.

(B) A single facility may be licensed both as a nursing home pursuant to this chapter and as an adult care facility pursuant to Chapter 3722. of the Revised Code if the director determines that the part or unit to be licensed as a nursing home can be maintained separate and discrete from the part or unit to be licensed as an adult care facility.

(C) In determining the number of residents in a home for the purpose of licensing, the director shall consider all the individuals for whom the home provides accommodations as one group unless one of the following is the case:

(1) The home is a home for the aging, in which case all the individuals in the part or unit licensed as a nursing home shall be considered as one group, and all the individuals in the part or unit licensed as a rest home shall be considered as another group.

(2) The home is both a nursing home and an adult care facility. In that case, all the individuals in the part or unit licensed as a nursing home shall be considered as one group, and all the individuals in the part or unit licensed as an adult care facility shall be considered as another group.

(3) The home maintains, in addition to a nursing home or residential care facility, a separate and discrete part or unit that provides

accommodations to individuals who do not require or receive skilled nursing care and do not receive personal care services from the home, in which case the individuals in the separate and discrete part or unit shall not be considered in determining the number of residents in the home if the separate and discrete part or unit is in compliance with the Ohio basic building code established by the board of building standards under Chapters 3781. and 3791. of the Revised Code and the home permits the director, on request, to inspect the separate and discrete part or unit and speak with the individuals residing there, if they consent, to determine whether the separate and discrete part or unit meets the requirements of this division.

(D) The director of health shall charge an application fee and an annual renewal licensing and inspection fee of one hundred five dollars for each fifty persons or part thereof of a home's licensed capacity. All fees collected by the director for the issuance or renewal of licenses shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the general operations fund created in section 3701.83 of the Revised Code for use only in administering and enforcing this chapter and rules adopted under it.

(E)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the results of an inspection or investigation of a home that is conducted under this section, including any statement of deficiencies and all findings and deficiencies cited in the statement on the basis of the inspection or investigation, shall be used solely to determine the home's compliance with this chapter or another chapter of the Revised Code in any action or proceeding other than an action commenced under division (I) of section 3721.17 of the Revised Code. Those results of an inspection or investigation, that statement of deficiencies, and the findings and deficiencies cited in that statement shall not be used in any court or in any action or proceeding that is pending in any court and are not admissible in evidence in any action or proceeding unless that action or proceeding is an appeal of an action by the department of health under this chapter or is an action by any department or agency of the state to enforce this chapter or another chapter of the Revised Code.

(2) Nothing in division (E)(1) of this section prohibits the results of an inspection or investigation conducted under this section from being used in a criminal investigation or prosecution.

Sec. 3721.121. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Adult day-care program" means a program operated pursuant to rules adopted by the public health council under section 3721.04 of the Revised Code and provided by and on the same site as homes licensed under this chapter.

(2) "Applicant" means a person who is under final consideration for

employment with a home or adult day-care program in a full-time, part-time, or temporary position that involves providing direct care to an older adult. "Applicant" does not include a person who provides direct care as a volunteer without receiving or expecting to receive any form of remuneration other than reimbursement for actual expenses.

(3) "Criminal records check" and "older adult" have the same meanings as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Home" means a home as defined in section 3721.10 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (I) of this section, the chief administrator of a home or adult day-care program shall request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal records check with respect to each applicant. If an applicant for whom a criminal records check request is required under this division does not present proof of having been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date the criminal records check is requested or 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 chief administrator shall request that the superintendent obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check of the applicant. Even if an applicant for whom a criminal records check request is required under this division presents proof of having been a resident of this state for the five-year period, the chief administrator may request that the superintendent include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check.

(2) A person required by division (B)(1) of this section to request a criminal records check shall do both of the following:

(a) Provide to each applicant for whom a criminal records check request is required under that division a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a standard fingerprint impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section, and obtain the completed form and impression sheet from the applicant;

(b) Forward the completed form and impression sheet to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation.

(3) An applicant provided the form and fingerprint impression sheet under division (B)(2)(a) of this section who fails to complete the form or provide fingerprint impressions shall not be employed in any position for which a criminal records check is required by this section.

(C)(1) Except as provided in rules adopted by the director of health in accordance with division (F) of this section and subject to division (C)(2) of this section, no home or adult day-care program shall employ a person in a position that involves providing direct care to an older adult if the person 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, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09, 2907.12, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.40, 2913.43, 2913.47, 2913.51, 2919.25, 2921.36, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.11, 2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, or 3716.11 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 listed in division (C)(1)(a) of this section.

(2)(a) A home or an adult day-care program may employ conditionally an applicant for whom a criminal records check request is required under division (B) of this section prior to obtaining the results of a criminal records check regarding the individual, provided that the home or program shall request a criminal records check regarding the individual in accordance with division (B)(1) of this section not later than five business days after the individual begins conditional employment. In the circumstances described in division (I)(2) of this section, a home or adult day-care program may employ conditionally an applicant who has been referred to the home or adult day-care program by an employment service that supplies full-time, part-time, or temporary staff for positions involving the direct care of older adults and for whom, pursuant to that division, a criminal records check is not required under division (B) of this section.

(b) A home or adult day-care program that employs an individual conditionally under authority of division (C)(2)(a) of this section shall terminate the individual's employment if the results of the criminal records check requested under division (B) of this section or described in division (I)(2) of this section, other than the results of any request for information from the federal bureau of investigation, are not obtained within the period ending ~~sixty~~ thirty days after the date the request is made. Regardless of when the results of the criminal records check are obtained, if the results indicate that the individual has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the offenses listed or described in division (C)(1) of this section, the home or program shall terminate the individual's employment unless the home or

program chooses to employ the individual pursuant to division (F) of this section. Termination of employment under this division shall be considered just cause for discharge for purposes of division (D)(2) of section 4141.29 of the Revised Code if the individual makes any attempt to deceive the home or program about the individual's criminal record.

(D)(1) Each home or adult day-care 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 pursuant to a request made under division (B) of this section.

(2) A home or adult day-care program may charge an applicant a fee not exceeding the amount the home or program pays under division (D)(1) of this section. A home or program may collect a fee only if both of the following apply:

(a) The home or program notifies the person at the time of initial application for employment of the amount of the fee and that, unless the fee is paid, the person will not be considered for employment;

(b) The medical assistance program established under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code does not reimburse the home or program the fee it pays under division (D)(1) of this section.

(E) The report of any criminal records check conducted pursuant to a request made under 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 following:

(1) The individual who is the subject of the criminal records check or the individual's representative;

(2) The chief administrator of the home or program requesting the criminal records check or the administrator's representative;

(3) The administrator of any other facility, agency, or program that provides direct care to older adults that is owned or operated by the same entity that owns or operates the home or program;

(4) A court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with a denial of employment of the applicant or dealing with employment or unemployment benefits of the applicant;

(5) Any person to whom the report is provided pursuant to, and in accordance with, division (I)(1) or (2) of this section.

(F) In accordance with section 3721.11 of the Revised Code, the director of health shall adopt rules to implement this section. The rules shall specify circumstances under which a home or adult day-care program may employ a person who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense

listed or described in division (C)(1) of this section but meets personal character standards set by the director.

(G) The chief administrator of a home or adult day-care program shall inform each individual, at the time of initial application for a position that involves providing direct care to an older adult, that the individual is required to provide a set of fingerprint impressions and that a criminal records check is required to be conducted if the individual comes under final consideration for employment.

(H) In a tort or other civil action for damages that is brought as the result of an injury, death, or loss to person or property caused by an individual who a home or adult day-care program employs in a position that involves providing direct care to older adults, all of the following shall apply:

(1) If the home or program employed the individual in good faith and reasonable reliance on the report of a criminal records check requested under this section, the home or program shall not be found negligent solely because of its reliance on the report, even if the information in the report is determined later to have been incomplete or inaccurate;

(2) If the home or program employed the individual in good faith on a conditional basis pursuant to division (C)(2) of this section, the home or program shall not be found negligent solely because it employed the individual prior to receiving the report of a criminal records check requested under this section;

(3) If the home or program in good faith employed the individual according to the personal character standards established in rules adopted under division (F) of this section, the home or program shall not be found negligent solely because the individual prior to being employed had been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense listed or described in division (C)(1) of this section.

(I)(1) The chief administrator of a home or adult day-care program is not required to request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal records check of an applicant if the applicant has been referred to the home or program by an employment service that supplies full-time, part-time, or temporary staff for positions involving the direct care of older adults and both of the following apply:

(a) The chief administrator receives from the employment service or the applicant a report of the results of a criminal records check regarding the applicant that has been conducted by the superintendent within the one-year period immediately preceding the applicant's referral;

(b) The report of the criminal records check demonstrates that the person has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense listed or described in division (C)(1) of this section, or the report demonstrates that the person has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one or more of those offenses, but the home or adult day-care program chooses to employ the individual pursuant to division (F) of this section.

(2) The chief administrator of a home or adult day-care program is not required to request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal records check of an applicant and may employ the applicant conditionally as described in this division, if the applicant has been referred to the home or program by an employment service that supplies full-time, part-time, or temporary staff for positions involving the direct care of older adults and if the chief administrator receives from the employment service or the applicant a letter from the employment service that is on the letterhead of the employment service, dated, and signed by a supervisor or another designated official of the employment service and that states that the employment service has requested the superintendent to conduct a criminal records check regarding the applicant, that the requested criminal records check will include a determination of whether the applicant has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense listed or described in division (C)(1) of this section, that, as of the date set forth on the letter, the employment service had not received the results of the criminal records check, and that, when the employment service receives the results of the criminal records check, it promptly will send a copy of the results to the home or adult-care program. If a home or adult day-care program employs an applicant conditionally in accordance with this division, the employment service, upon its receipt of the results of the criminal records check, promptly shall send a copy of the results to the home or adult day-care program, and division (C)(2)(b) of this section applies regarding the conditional employment.

Sec. 3722.151. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Adult care facility" has the same meaning as in section 3722.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Applicant" means a person who is under final consideration for employment with an adult care facility in a full-time, part-time, or temporary position that involves providing direct care to an older adult. "Applicant" does not include a person who provides direct care as a volunteer without receiving or expecting to receive any form of remuneration other than reimbursement for actual expenses.

(3) "Criminal records check" and "older adult" have the same meanings

as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (I) of this section, the chief administrator of an adult care facility shall request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal records check with respect to each applicant. If an applicant for whom a criminal records check request is required under this division does not present proof of having been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date the criminal records check is requested or 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 chief administrator shall request that the superintendent obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as part of the criminal records check of the applicant. Even if an applicant for whom a criminal records check request is required under this division presents proof of having been a resident of this state for the five-year period, the chief administrator may request that the superintendent include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check.

(2) A person required by division (B)(1) of this section to request a criminal records check shall do both of the following:

(a) Provide to each applicant for whom a criminal records check request is required under that division a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a standard fingerprint impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section, and obtain the completed form and impression sheet from the applicant;

(b) Forward the completed form and impression sheet to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation.

(3) An applicant provided the form and fingerprint impression sheet under division (B)(2)(a) of this section who fails to complete the form or provide fingerprint impressions shall not be employed in any position for which a criminal records check is required by this section.

(C)(1) Except as provided in rules adopted by the public health council in accordance with division (F) of this section and subject to division (C)(2) of this section, no adult care facility shall employ a person in a position that involves providing direct care to an older adult if the person 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, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 2907.06, 2907.07, 2907.08, 2907.09,

2907.12, 2907.25, 2907.31, 2907.32, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11, 2911.12, 2911.13, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.40, 2913.43, 2913.47, 2913.51, 2919.25, 2921.36, 2923.12, 2923.13, 2923.161, 2925.02, 2925.03, 2925.11, 2925.13, 2925.22, 2925.23, or 3716.11 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 listed in division (C)(1)(a) of this section.

(2)(a) An adult care facility may employ conditionally an applicant for whom a criminal records check request is required under division (B) of this section prior to obtaining the results of a criminal records check regarding the individual, provided that the facility shall request a criminal records check regarding the individual in accordance with division (B)(1) of this section not later than five business days after the individual begins conditional employment. In the circumstances described in division (I)(2) of this section, an adult care facility may employ conditionally an applicant who has been referred to the adult care facility by an employment service that supplies full-time, part-time, or temporary staff for positions involving the direct care of older adults and for whom, pursuant to that division, a criminal records check is not required under division (B) of this section.

(b) An adult care facility that employs an individual conditionally under authority of division (C)(2)(a) of this section shall terminate the individual's employment if the results of the criminal records check requested under division (B) of this section or described in division (I)(2) of this section, other than the results of any request for information from the federal bureau of investigation, are not obtained within the period ending ~~sixty~~ thirty days after the date the request is made. Regardless of when the results of the criminal records check are obtained, if the results indicate that the individual has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the offenses listed or described in division (C)(1) of this section, the facility shall terminate the individual's employment unless the facility chooses to employ the individual pursuant to division (F) of this section. Termination of employment under this division shall be considered just cause for discharge for purposes of division (D)(2) of section 4141.29 of the Revised Code if the individual makes any attempt to deceive the facility about the individual's criminal record.

(D)(1) Each adult care facility 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 pursuant to a request made under division (B) of this section.

(2) An adult care facility may charge an applicant a fee not exceeding the amount the facility pays under division (D)(1) of this section. A facility may collect a fee only if it notifies the person at the time of initial application for employment of the amount of the fee and that, unless the fee is paid, the person will not be considered for employment.

(E) The report of any criminal records check conducted pursuant to a request made under 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 following:

(1) The individual who is the subject of the criminal records check or the individual's representative;

(2) The chief administrator of the facility requesting the criminal records check or the administrator's representative;

(3) The administrator of any other facility, agency, or program that provides direct care to older adults that is owned or operated by the same entity that owns or operates the adult care facility;

(4) A court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with a denial of employment of the applicant or dealing with employment or unemployment benefits of the applicant;

(5) Any person to whom the report is provided pursuant to, and in accordance with, division (I)(1) or (2) of this section.

(F) The public health council shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section. The rules shall specify circumstances under which an adult care facility may employ a person who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense listed or described in division (C)(1) of this section but meets personal character standards set by the council.

(G) The chief administrator of an adult care facility shall inform each individual, at the time of initial application for a position that involves providing direct care to an older adult, that the individual is required to provide a set of fingerprint impressions and that a criminal records check is required to be conducted if the individual comes under final consideration for employment.

(H) In a tort or other civil action for damages that is brought as the result of an injury, death, or loss to person or property caused by an individual who an adult care facility employs in a position that involves providing direct care to older adults, all of the following shall apply:

(1) If the facility employed the individual in good faith and reasonable reliance on the report of a criminal records check requested under this section, the facility shall not be found negligent solely because of its

reliance on the report, even if the information in the report is determined later to have been incomplete or inaccurate;

(2) If the facility employed the individual in good faith on a conditional basis pursuant to division (C)(2) of this section, the facility shall not be found negligent solely because it employed the individual prior to receiving the report of a criminal records check requested under this section;

(3) If the facility in good faith employed the individual according to the personal character standards established in rules adopted under division (F) of this section, the facility shall not be found negligent solely because the individual prior to being employed had been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense listed or described in division (C)(1) of this section.

(I)(1) The chief administrator of an adult care facility is not required to request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal records check of an applicant if the applicant has been referred to the facility by an employment service that supplies full-time, part-time, or temporary staff for positions involving the direct care of older adults and both of the following apply:

(a) The chief administrator receives from the employment service or the applicant a report of the results of a criminal records check regarding the applicant that has been conducted by the superintendent within the one-year period immediately preceding the applicant's referral;

(b) The report of the criminal records check demonstrates that the person has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense listed or described in division (C)(1) of this section, or the report demonstrates that the person has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one or more of those offenses, but the adult care facility chooses to employ the individual pursuant to division (F) of this section.

(2) The chief administrator of an adult care facility is not required to request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation conduct a criminal records check of an applicant and may employ the applicant conditionally as described in this division, if the applicant has been referred to the facility by an employment service that supplies full-time, part-time, or temporary staff for positions involving the direct care of older adults and if the chief administrator receives from the employment service or the applicant a letter from the employment service that is on the letterhead of the employment service, dated, and signed by a supervisor or another designated official of the employment service and that states that the employment service has requested the superintendent to conduct a criminal records check regarding the applicant, that the requested criminal records check will include a determination of whether the applicant

has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense listed or described in division (C)(1) of this section, that, as of the date set forth on the letter, the employment service had not received the results of the criminal records check, and that, when the employment service receives the results of the criminal records check, it promptly will send a copy of the results to the adult care facility. If an adult care facility employs an applicant conditionally in accordance with this division, the employment service, upon its receipt of the results of the criminal records check, promptly shall send a copy of the results to the adult care facility, and division (C)(2)(b) of this section applies regarding the conditional employment.

Sec. 3733.43. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this division, prior to the fifteenth day of April in each year, every person who intends to operate an agricultural labor camp shall make application to the licensor for a license to operate such camp, effective for the calendar year in which it is issued. The licensor may accept an application on or after the fifteenth day of April. The license fees specified in this division shall be submitted to the licensor with the application for a license. No agricultural labor camp shall be operated in this state without a license. Any person operating an agricultural labor camp without a current and valid agricultural labor camp license is not excepted from compliance with sections 3733.41 to 3733.49 of the Revised Code by holding a valid and current hotel license. Each person proposing to open an agricultural labor camp shall submit with the application for a license any plans required by any rule adopted under section 3733.42 of the Revised Code. The annual license fee is ~~twenty~~ seventy-five dollars, unless the application for a license is made on or after the fifteenth day of April, in which case the annual license fee is ~~forty~~ one hundred dollars. An additional fee of ~~three~~ ten dollars per housing unit per year shall be assessed to defray the costs of enforcing sections 3733.41 to 3733.49 of the Revised Code, unless the application for a license is made on or after the fifteenth day of April, in which case an additional fee of ~~six~~ fifteen dollars per housing unit shall be assessed. All fees collected under this division shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general operations fund created in section 3701.83 of the Revised Code and shall be used for the administration and enforcement of sections 3733.41 to 3733.49 of the Revised Code and rules adopted thereunder.

(B) Any license under this section may be denied, suspended, or revoked by the licensor for violation of sections 3733.41 to 3733.49 of the Revised Code or the rules adopted thereunder. Unless there is an immediate serious public health hazard, no denial, suspension, or revocation of a license shall be made effective until the person operating the agricultural

labor camp has been given notice in writing of the specific violations and a reasonable time to make corrections. When the licensor determines that an immediate serious public health hazard exists, ~~he~~ the licensor shall issue an order denying or suspending the license without a prior hearing.

(C) All proceedings under this section are subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code except as provided in section 3733.431 of the Revised Code.

(D) Every occupant of an agricultural labor camp shall keep that part of the dwelling unit, and premises thereof, that ~~he~~ the occupant occupies and controls in a clean and sanitary condition.

Sec. 3733.45. (A) The licensor shall inspect all agricultural labor camps and shall require compliance with sections 3733.41 to 3733.49 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted thereunder prior to the issuance of a license. Upon receipt of a complaint from the migrant agricultural ~~ombudsman~~ ombudsperson or upon the basis of a licensor's own information that an agricultural labor camp is operating without a license, the licensor shall inspect the camp. If the camp is operating without a license, the licensor shall require the camp to comply with sections 3733.41 to 3733.49 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under those sections. No license shall be issued unless results of water supply tests indicate that the water supply meets required standards or if any violations exist concerning sanitation, drainage, or habitability of housing units.

(B) The licensor shall, upon issuance of each license, distribute posters containing the toll-free telephone number of the migrant agricultural ~~ombudsman~~ ombudsperson established in section 3733.49 of the Revised Code and information in English and Spanish describing the purpose of the ~~ombudsman's~~ ombudsperson's office, as provided in that section. The licensor shall provide at least two posters to the licensee, one for ~~his~~ the licensee's personal use and at least one that shall be posted in a conspicuous place within the camp.

(C) The licensor may, upon proper identification to the operator or ~~his~~ the operator's agent, enter on any property or into any structure at any reasonable time for the purpose of making inspections required by this section.

The licensor shall make at least one inspection prior to licensing~~, and at least two inspections during occupancy of the camps, at least one of which shall be an unannounced evening inspection conducted after five p.m. The licensor shall determine and record housing unit occupancy during each evening inspection~~. The licensor shall make such other inspections as ~~he~~ the licensor considers necessary to enforce sections 3733.41 to 3733.49 of the Revised Code adequately.

(D) Any plans submitted to the licensor shall be in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to section 3733.42 of the Revised Code and shall be approved or disapproved within thirty days after they are filed.

(E) ~~All designees of the licensor who conduct inspections in the evening in accordance with this section shall speak both English and Spanish fluently. At least one member of the permanent staff assigned to conduct inspections in accordance with this section shall speak both English and Spanish fluently.~~

~~(F)~~ The licensor shall issue an annual report that shall accurately reflect the results of that year's inspections, including, but not limited to, numbers of ~~pre- and post-occupancy~~ inspections, number of violations found, and action taken in regard to violations. The report shall also include an assessment of any problems found in that year and proposed solutions for them.

Sec. 3734.02. (A) The director of environmental protection, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt and may amend, suspend, or rescind rules having uniform application throughout the state governing solid waste facilities and the inspections of and issuance of permits and licenses for all solid waste facilities in order to ensure that the facilities will be located, maintained, and operated, and will undergo closure and post-closure care, in a sanitary manner so as not to create a nuisance, cause or contribute to water pollution, create a health hazard, or violate 40 C.F.R. 257.3-2 or 40 C.F.R. 257.3-8, as amended. The rules may include, without limitation, financial assurance requirements for closure and post-closure care and corrective action and requirements for taking corrective action in the event of the surface or subsurface discharge or migration of explosive gases or leachate from a solid waste facility, or of ground water contamination resulting from the transfer or disposal of solid wastes at a facility, beyond the boundaries of any area within a facility that is operating or is undergoing closure or post-closure care where solid wastes were disposed of or are being disposed of. The rules shall not concern or relate to personnel policies, salaries, wages, fringe benefits, or other conditions of employment of employees of persons owning or operating solid waste facilities. The director, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt and may amend, suspend, or rescind rules governing the issuance, modification, revocation, suspension, or denial of variances from the director's solid waste rules, including, without limitation, rules adopted under this chapter governing the management of scrap tires.

Variances shall be issued, modified, revoked, suspended, or rescinded in accordance with this division, rules adopted under it, and Chapter 3745. of

the Revised Code. The director may order the person to whom a variance is issued to take such action within such time as the director may determine to be appropriate and reasonable to prevent the creation of a nuisance or a hazard to the public health or safety or the environment. Applications for variances shall contain such detail plans, specifications, and information regarding objectives, procedures, controls, and other pertinent data as the director may require. The director shall grant a variance only if the applicant demonstrates to the director's satisfaction that construction and operation of the solid waste facility in the manner allowed by the variance and any terms or conditions imposed as part of the variance will not create a nuisance or a hazard to the public health or safety or the environment. In granting any variance, the director shall state the specific provision or provisions whose terms are to be varied and also shall state specific terms or conditions imposed upon the applicant in place of the provision or provisions. The director may hold a public hearing on an application for a variance or renewal of a variance at a location in the county where the operations that are the subject of the application for the variance are conducted. The director shall give not less than twenty days' notice of the hearing to the applicant by certified mail and shall publish at least one notice of the hearing in a newspaper with general circulation in the county where the hearing is to be held. The director shall make available for public inspection at the principal office of the environmental protection agency a current list of pending applications for variances and a current schedule of pending variance hearings. The director shall make a complete stenographic record of testimony and other evidence submitted at the hearing. Within ten days after the hearing, the director shall make a written determination to issue, renew, or deny the variance and shall enter the determination and the basis for it into the record of the hearing. The director shall issue, renew, or deny an application for a variance or renewal of a variance within six months of the date upon which the director receives a complete application with all pertinent information and data required. No variance shall be issued, revoked, modified, or denied until the director has considered the relative interests of the applicant, other persons and property affected by the variance, and the general public. Any variance granted under this division shall be for a period specified by the director and may be renewed from time to time on such terms and for such periods as the director determines to be appropriate. No application shall be denied and no variance shall be revoked or modified without a written order stating the findings upon which the denial, revocation, or modification is based. A copy of the order shall be sent to the applicant or variance holder by certified mail.

(B) The director shall prescribe and furnish the forms necessary to administer and enforce this chapter. The director may cooperate with and enter into agreements with other state, local, or federal agencies to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The director may exercise all incidental powers necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

The director may use moneys in the infectious waste management fund created in section 3734.021 of the Revised Code exclusively for administering and enforcing the provisions of this chapter governing the management of infectious wastes. Of each registration and renewal fee collected under rules adopted under division (A)(2)(a) of section 3734.021 or under section 3734.022 of the Revised Code, the director, within forty-five days of its receipt, shall remit from the fund one-half of the fee received to the board of health of the health district in which the registered premises is located, or, in the instance of an infectious wastes transporter, to the board of health of the health district in which the transporter's principal place of business is located. However, if the board of health having jurisdiction over a registrant's premises or principal place of business is not on the approved list under section 3734.08 of the Revised Code, the director shall not make that payment to the board of health.

(C) Except as provided in this division and divisions (N)(2) and (3) of this section, no person shall establish a new solid waste facility or infectious waste treatment facility, or modify an existing solid waste facility or infectious waste treatment facility, without submitting an application for a permit with accompanying detail plans, specifications, and information regarding the facility and method of operation and receiving a permit issued by the director, except that no permit shall be required under this division to install or operate a solid waste facility for sewage sludge treatment or disposal when the treatment or disposal is authorized by a current permit issued under Chapter 3704. or 6111. of the Revised Code.

No person shall continue to operate a solid waste facility for which the director has denied a permit for which an application was required under division (A)(3) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code, or for which the director has disapproved plans and specifications required to be filed by an order issued under division (A)(5) of that section, after the date prescribed for commencement of closure of the facility in the order issued under division (A)(6) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code denying the permit application or approval.

On and after the effective date of the rules adopted under division (A) of this section and division (D) of section 3734.12 of the Revised Code governing solid waste transfer facilities, no person shall establish a new, or

modify an existing, solid waste transfer facility without first submitting an application for a permit with accompanying engineering detail plans, specifications, and information regarding the facility and its method of operation to the director and receiving a permit issued by the director.

No person shall establish a new compost facility or continue to operate an existing compost facility that accepts exclusively source separated yard wastes without submitting a completed registration for the facility to the director in accordance with rules adopted under divisions (A) and (N)(3) of this section.

This division does not apply to an infectious waste treatment facility that meets any of the following conditions:

(1) Is owned or operated by the generator of the wastes and exclusively treats, by methods, techniques, and practices established by rules adopted under division (C)(1) or (3) of section 3734.021 of the Revised Code, wastes that are generated at any premises owned or operated by that generator regardless of whether the wastes are generated on the premises where the generator's treatment facility is located or, if the generator is a hospital as defined in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code, infectious wastes that are described in division (A)(1)(g), (h), or (i) of section 3734.021 of the Revised Code;

(2) Holds a license or renewal of a license to operate a crematory facility issued under Chapter 4717. and a permit issued under Chapter 3704. of the Revised Code;

(3) Treats or disposes of dead animals or parts thereof, or the blood of animals, and is subject to any of the following:

(a) Inspection under the "Federal Meat Inspection Act," 81 Stat. 584 (1967), 21 U.S.C.A. 603, as amended;

(b) Chapter 918. of the Revised Code;

(c) Chapter 953. of the Revised Code.

(D) Neither this chapter nor any rules adopted under it apply to single-family residential premises; to infectious wastes generated by individuals for purposes of their own care or treatment that are disposed of with solid wastes from the individual's residence; to the temporary storage of solid wastes, other than scrap tires, prior to their collection for disposal; to the storage of one hundred or fewer scrap tires unless they are stored in such a manner that, in the judgment of the director or the board of health of the health district in which the scrap tires are stored, the storage causes a nuisance, a hazard to public health or safety, or a fire hazard; or to the collection of solid wastes, other than scrap tires, by a political subdivision or a person holding a franchise or license from a political subdivision of the

state; to composting, as defined in section 1511.01 of the Revised Code, conducted in accordance with section 1511.022 of the Revised Code; or to any person who is licensed to transport raw rendering material to a compost facility pursuant to section 953.23 of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) As used in this division and section 3734.18 of the Revised Code:

(a) "On-site facility" means a facility that stores, treats, or disposes of hazardous waste that is generated on the premises of the facility.

(b) "Off-site facility" means a facility that stores, treats, or disposes of hazardous waste that is generated off the premises of the facility and includes such a facility that is also an on-site facility.

(c) "Satellite facility" means any of the following:

(i) An on-site facility that also receives hazardous waste from other premises owned by the same person who generates the waste on the facility premises;

(ii) An off-site facility operated so that all of the hazardous waste it receives is generated on one or more premises owned by the person who owns the facility;

(iii) An on-site facility that also receives hazardous waste that is transported uninterruptedly and directly to the facility through a pipeline from a generator who is not the owner of the facility.

(2) Except as provided in division (E)(3) of this section, no person shall establish or operate a hazardous waste facility, or use a solid waste facility for the storage, treatment, or disposal of any hazardous waste, without a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit ~~from the hazardous waste facility board~~ issued in accordance with section 3734.05 of the Revised Code and subject to the payment of an application fee not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars, payable upon application for a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit and upon application for a renewal permit issued under division (H) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code, to be credited to the hazardous waste facility management fund created in section 3734.18 of the Revised Code. The term of a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit shall not exceed five years.

In addition to the application fee, there is hereby levied an annual permit fee to be paid by the permit holder upon the anniversaries of the date of issuance of the hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit and of any subsequent renewal permits and to be credited to the hazardous waste facility management fund. Annual permit fees totaling forty thousand dollars or more for any one facility may be paid on a quarterly basis with the first quarterly payment each year being due on the anniversary of the date of

issuance of the hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit and of any subsequent renewal permits. The annual permit fee shall be determined for each permit holder by the director in accordance with the following schedule:

TYPE OF BASIC MANAGEMENT UNIT	TYPE OF FACILITY	FEE
Storage facility using:		
Containers	On-site, off-site, and satellite	$ 500
Tanks	On-site, off-site, and satellite	500
Waste pile	On-site, off-site, and satellite	3,000
Surface impoundment	On-site and satellite	8,000
	Off-site	10,000
Disposal facility using:		
Deep well injection	On-site and satellite	15,000
	Off-site	25,000
Landfill	On-site and satellite	25,000
	Off-site	40,000
Land application	On-site and satellite	2,500
	Off-site	5,000
Surface impoundment	On-site and satellite	10,000
	Off-site	20,000
Treatment facility using:		
Tanks	On-site, off-site, and satellite	700
Surface impoundment	On-site and satellite	8,000
	Off-site	10,000
Incinerator	On-site and satellite	5,000
	Off-site	10,000
Other forms of treatment	On-site, off-site, and satellite	1,000

In determining the annual permit fee required by this section, the director shall not require additional payments for multiple units of the same method of storage, treatment, or disposal or for individual units that are used for both storage and treatment. A facility using more than one method of storage, treatment, or disposal shall pay the permit fee indicated by the schedule for each such method.

The director shall not require the payment of that portion of an annual permit fee of any permit holder that would apply to a hazardous waste management unit for which a permit has been issued, but for which construction has not yet commenced. Once construction has commenced, the director shall require the payment of a part of the appropriate fee indicated by the schedule that bears the same relationship to the total fee that the number of days remaining until the next anniversary date at which payment of the annual permit fee is due bears to three hundred sixty-five.

The director, by rules adopted in accordance with Chapters 119. and 3745. of the Revised Code, shall prescribe procedures for collecting the annual permit fee established by this division and may prescribe other requirements necessary to carry out this division.

(3) The prohibition against establishing or operating a hazardous waste facility without a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit ~~from the board~~ does not apply to either of the following:

(a) A facility that is operating in accordance with a permit renewal issued under division (H) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code, a revision issued under division (I) of that section as it existed prior to August 20, 1996, or a modification issued by the director under division (I) of that section on and after August 20, 1996;

(b) Except as provided in division (J) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code, a facility that will operate or is operating in accordance with a permit by rule, or that is not subject to permit requirements, under rules adopted by the director. In accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the director shall adopt, and subsequently may amend, suspend, or rescind, rules for the purposes of division (E)(3)(b) of this section. Any rules so adopted shall be consistent with and equivalent to regulations pertaining to interim status adopted under the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2806, 42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as amended, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

If a modification is requested or proposed for a facility described in division (E)(3)(a) or (b) of this section, division (I)~~(8)~~(7) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code applies.

(F) No person shall store, treat, or dispose of hazardous waste identified or listed under this chapter and rules adopted under it, regardless of whether generated on or off the premises where the waste is stored, treated, or disposed of, or transport or cause to be transported any hazardous waste identified or listed under this chapter and rules adopted under it to any other premises, except at or to any of the following:

(1) A hazardous waste facility operating under a permit issued in

accordance with this chapter;

(2) A facility in another state operating under a license or permit issued in accordance with the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2806, 42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as amended;

(3) A facility in another nation operating in accordance with the laws of that nation;

(4) A facility holding a permit issued pursuant to Title I of the "Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972," 86 Stat. 1052, 33 U.S.C.A. 1401, as amended;

(5) A hazardous waste facility as described in division (E)(3)(a) or (b) of this section.

(G) The director, by order, may exempt any person generating, collecting, storing, treating, disposing of, or transporting solid wastes or hazardous waste, or processing solid wastes that consist of scrap tires, in such quantities or under such circumstances that, in the determination of the director, are unlikely to adversely affect the public health or safety or the environment from any requirement to obtain a registration certificate, permit, or license or comply with the manifest system or other requirements of this chapter. Such an exemption shall be consistent with and equivalent to any regulations adopted by the administrator of the United States environmental protection agency under the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2806, 42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as amended, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(H) No person shall engage in filling, grading, excavating, building, drilling, or mining on land where a hazardous waste facility, or a solid waste facility, was operated without prior authorization from the director, who shall establish the procedure for granting such authorization by rules adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

A public utility that has main or distribution lines above or below the land surface located on an easement or right-of-way across land where a solid waste facility was operated may engage in any such activity within the easement or right-of-way without prior authorization from the director for purposes of performing emergency repair or emergency replacement of its lines; of the poles, towers, foundations, or other structures supporting or sustaining any such lines; or of the appurtenances to those structures, necessary to restore or maintain existing public utility service. A public utility may enter upon any such easement or right-of-way without prior authorization from the director for purposes of performing necessary or routine maintenance of those portions of its existing lines; of the existing poles, towers, foundations, or other structures sustaining or supporting its

lines; or of the appurtenances to any such supporting or sustaining structure, located on or above the land surface on any such easement or right-of-way. Within twenty-four hours after commencing any such emergency repair, replacement, or maintenance work, the public utility shall notify the director or the director's authorized representative of those activities and shall provide such information regarding those activities as the director or the director's representative may request. Upon completion of the emergency repair, replacement, or maintenance activities, the public utility shall restore any land of the solid waste facility disturbed by those activities to the condition existing prior to the commencement of those activities.

(I) No owner or operator of a hazardous waste facility, in the operation of the facility, shall cause, permit, or allow the emission therefrom of any particulate matter, dust, fumes, gas, mist, smoke, vapor, or odorous substance that, in the opinion of the director, unreasonably interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property by persons living or working in the vicinity of the facility, or that is injurious to public health. Any such action is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

(J) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, in the event the director finds an imminent and substantial danger to public health or safety or the environment that creates an emergency situation requiring the immediate treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste, the director may issue a temporary emergency permit to allow the treatment, storage, or disposal of the hazardous waste at a facility that is not otherwise authorized by a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit to treat, store, or dispose of the waste. The emergency permit shall not exceed ninety days in duration and shall not be renewed. The director shall adopt, and may amend, suspend, or rescind, rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the issuance, modification, revocation, and denial of emergency permits.

(K) No owner or operator of a sanitary landfill shall knowingly accept for disposal, or dispose of, any infectious wastes, other than those subject to division (A)(1)(c) of section 3734.021 of the Revised Code, that have not been treated to render them noninfectious. For the purposes of this division, certification by the owner or operator of the treatment facility where the wastes were treated on the shipping paper required by rules adopted under division (D)(2) of that section creates a rebuttable presumption that the wastes have been so treated.

(L) The director, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt, and may amend, suspend, or rescind, rules having uniform application throughout the state establishing a training and certification

program that shall be required for employees of boards of health who are responsible for enforcing the solid waste and infectious waste provisions of this chapter and rules adopted under them and for persons who are responsible for the operation of solid waste facilities or infectious waste treatment facilities. The rules shall provide all of the following, without limitation:

(1) The program shall be administered by the director and shall consist of a course on new solid waste and infectious waste technologies, enforcement procedures, and rules;

(2) The course shall be offered on an annual basis;

(3) Those persons who are required to take the course under division (L) of this section shall do so triennially;

(4) Persons who successfully complete the course shall be certified by the director;

(5) Certification shall be required for all employees of boards of health who are responsible for enforcing the solid waste or infectious waste provisions of this chapter and rules adopted under them and for all persons who are responsible for the operation of solid waste facilities or infectious waste treatment facilities;

(6)(a) All employees of a board of health who, on the effective date of the rules adopted under this division, are responsible for enforcing the solid waste or infectious waste provisions of this chapter and the rules adopted under them shall complete the course and be certified by the director not later than January 1, 1995;

(b) All employees of a board of health who, after the effective date of the rules adopted under division (L) of this section, become responsible for enforcing the solid waste or infectious waste provisions of this chapter and rules adopted under them and who do not hold a current and valid certification from the director at that time shall complete the course and be certified by the director within two years after becoming responsible for performing those activities.

No person shall fail to obtain the certification required under this division.

(M) The director shall not issue a permit under section 3734.05 of the Revised Code to establish a solid waste facility, or to modify a solid waste facility operating on December 21, 1988, in a manner that expands the disposal capacity or geographic area covered by the facility, that is or is to be located within the boundaries of a state park established or dedicated under Chapter 1541. of the Revised Code, a state park purchase area established under section 1541.02 of the Revised Code, any unit of the

national park system, or any property that lies within the boundaries of a national park or recreation area, but that has not been acquired or is not administered by the secretary of the United States department of the interior, located in this state, or any candidate area located in this state and identified for potential inclusion in the national park system in the edition of the "national park system plan" submitted under paragraph (b) of section 8 of "The Act of August 18, 1970," 84 Stat. 825, 16 U.S.C.A. 1a-5, as amended, current at the time of filing of the application for the permit, unless the facility or proposed facility is or is to be used exclusively for the disposal of solid wastes generated within the park or recreation area and the director determines that the facility or proposed facility will not degrade any of the natural or cultural resources of the park or recreation area. The director shall not issue a variance under division (A) of this section and rules adopted under it, or issue an exemption order under division (G) of this section, that would authorize any such establishment or expansion of a solid waste facility within the boundaries of any such park or recreation area, state park purchase area, or candidate area, other than a solid waste facility exclusively for the disposal of solid wastes generated within the park or recreation area when the director determines that the facility will not degrade any of the natural or cultural resources of the park or recreation area.

(N)(1) The rules adopted under division (A) of this section, other than those governing variances, do not apply to scrap tire collection, storage, monocell, monofill, and recovery facilities. Those facilities are subject to and governed by rules adopted under sections 3734.70 to 3734.73 of the Revised Code, as applicable.

(2) Division (C) of this section does not apply to scrap tire collection, storage, monocell, monofill, and recovery facilities. The establishment and modification of those facilities are subject to sections 3734.75 to 3734.78 and section 3734.81 of the Revised Code, as applicable.

(3) The director may adopt, amend, suspend, or rescind rules under division (A) of this section creating an alternative system for authorizing the establishment, operation, or modification of a solid waste compost facility in lieu of the requirement that a person seeking to establish, operate, or modify a solid waste compost facility apply for and receive a permit under division (C) of this section and section 3734.05 of the Revised Code and a license under division (A)(1) of that section. The rules may include requirements governing, without limitation, the classification of solid waste compost facilities, the submittal of operating records for solid waste compost facilities, and the creation of a registration or notification system in lieu of the issuance of permits and licenses for solid waste compost facilities. The

rules shall specify the applicability of divisions (A)(1), (2)(a), (3), and (4) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code to a solid waste compost facility.

Sec. 3734.05. (A)(1) Except as provided in divisions (A)(4), (8), and (9) of this section, no person shall operate or maintain a solid waste facility without a license issued under this division by the board of health of the health district in which the facility is located or by the director of environmental protection when the health district in which the facility is located is not on the approved list under section 3734.08 of the Revised Code.

During the month of December, but before the first day of January of the next year, every person proposing to continue to operate an existing solid waste facility shall procure a license under this division to operate the facility for that year from the board of health of the health district in which the facility is located or, if the health district is not on the approved list under section 3734.08 of the Revised Code, from the director. The application for such a license shall be submitted to the board of health or to the director, as appropriate, on or before the last day of September of the year preceding that for which the license is sought. In addition to the application fee prescribed in division (A)(2) of this section, a person who submits an application after that date shall pay an additional ten per cent of the amount of the application fee for each week that the application is late. Late payment fees accompanying an application submitted to the board of health shall be credited to the special fund of the health district created in division (B) of section 3734.06 of the Revised Code, and late payment fees accompanying an application submitted to the director shall be credited to the general revenue fund. A person who has received a license, upon sale or disposition of a solid waste facility, and upon consent of the board of health and the director, may have the license transferred to another person. The board of health or the director may include such terms and conditions in a license or revision to a license as are appropriate to ensure compliance with this chapter and rules adopted under it. The terms and conditions may establish the authorized maximum daily waste receipts for the facility. Limitations on maximum daily waste receipts shall be specified in cubic yards of volume for the purpose of regulating the design, construction, and operation of solid waste facilities. Terms and conditions included in a license or revision to a license by a board of health shall be consistent with, and pertain only to the subjects addressed in, the rules adopted under division (A) of section 3734.02 and division (D) of section 3734.12 of the Revised Code.

(2)(a) Except as provided in divisions (A)(2)(b), (8), and (9) of this

section, each person proposing to open a new solid waste facility or to modify an existing solid waste facility shall submit an application for a permit with accompanying detail plans and specifications to the environmental protection agency for required approval under the rules adopted by the director pursuant to division (A) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code and applicable rules adopted under division (D) of section 3734.12 of the Revised Code at least two hundred seventy days before proposed operation of the facility and shall concurrently make application for the issuance of a license under division (A)(1) of this section with the board of health of the health district in which the proposed facility is to be located.

(b) On and after the effective date of the rules adopted under division (A) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code and division (D) of section 3734.12 of the Revised Code governing solid waste transfer facilities, each person proposing to open a new solid waste transfer facility or to modify an existing solid waste transfer facility shall submit an application for a permit with accompanying engineering detail plans, specifications, and information regarding the facility and its method of operation to the environmental protection agency for required approval under those rules at least two hundred seventy days before commencing proposed operation of the facility and concurrently shall make application for the issuance of a license under division (A)(1) of this section with the board of health of the health district in which the facility is located or proposed.

(c) Each application for a permit under division (A)(2)(a) or (b) of this section shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee of four hundred dollars that shall be credited to the general revenue fund. Each application for an annual license under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee of one hundred dollars. If the application for an annual license is submitted to a board of health on the approved list under section 3734.08 of the Revised Code, the application fee shall be credited to the special fund of the health district created in division (B) of section 3734.06 of the Revised Code. If the application for an annual license is submitted to the director, the application fee shall be credited to the general revenue fund. If a permit or license is issued, the amount of the application fee paid shall be deducted from the amount of the permit fee due under division (Q) of section 3745.11 of the Revised Code or the amount of the license fee due under division (A)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of section 3734.06 of the Revised Code.

(d) As used in divisions (A)(2)(d), (e), and (f) of this section, "modify" means any of the following:

(i) Any increase of more than ten per cent in the total capacity of a solid waste facility;

(ii) Any expansion of the limits of solid waste placement at a solid waste facility;

(iii) Any increase in the depth of excavation at a solid waste facility;

(iv) Any change in the technique of waste receipt or type of waste received at a solid waste facility that may endanger human health, as determined by the director by rules adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Not later than thirty-five days after submitting an application under division (A)(2)(a) or (b) of this section for a permit to open a new or modify an existing solid waste facility, the applicant, in conjunction with an officer or employee of the environmental protection agency, shall hold a public meeting on the application within the county in which the new or modified solid waste facility is or is proposed to be located or within a contiguous county. Not less than thirty days before holding the public meeting on the application, the applicant shall publish notice of the meeting in each newspaper of general circulation that is published in the county in which the facility is or is proposed to be located. If no newspaper of general circulation is published in the county, the applicant shall publish the notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. The notice shall contain the date, time, and location of the public meeting and a general description of the proposed new or modified facility. Not later than five days after publishing the notice, the applicant shall send by certified mail a copy of the notice and the date the notice was published to the director and the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, township, and county, and to the chief executive officer of each municipal corporation, in which the facility is or is proposed to be located. At the public meeting, the applicant shall provide information and describe the application and respond to comments or questions concerning the application, and the officer or employee of the agency shall describe the permit application process. At the public meeting, any person may submit written or oral comments on or objections to the application. Not more than thirty days after the public meeting, the applicant shall provide the director with a copy of a transcript of the full meeting, copies of any exhibits, displays, or other materials presented by the applicant at the meeting, and the original copy of any written comments submitted at the meeting.

(e) Except as provided in division (A)(2)(f) of this section, prior to taking an action, other than a proposed or final denial, upon an application submitted under division (A)(2)(a) of this section for a permit to open a new

or modify an existing solid waste facility, the director shall hold a public information session and a public hearing on the application within the county in which the new or modified solid waste facility is or is proposed to be located or within a contiguous county. If the application is for a permit to open a new solid waste facility, the director shall hold the hearing not less than fourteen days after the information session. If the application is for a permit to modify an existing solid waste facility, the director may hold both the information session and the hearing on the same day unless any individual affected by the application requests in writing that the information session and the hearing not be held on the same day, in which case the director shall hold the hearing not less than fourteen days after the information session. The director shall publish notice of the public information session or public hearing not less than thirty days before holding the information session or hearing, as applicable. The notice shall be published in each newspaper of general circulation that is published in the county in which the facility is or is proposed to be located. If no newspaper of general circulation is published in the county, the director shall publish the notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. The notice shall contain the date, time, and location of the information session or hearing, as applicable, and a general description of the proposed new or modified facility. At the public information session, an officer or employee of the environmental protection agency shall describe the status of the permit application and be available to respond to comments or questions concerning the application. At the public hearing, any person may submit written or oral comments on or objections to the approval of the application. The applicant, or a representative of the applicant who has knowledge of the location, construction, and operation of the facility, shall attend the information session and public hearing to respond to comments or questions concerning the facility directed to the applicant or representative by the officer or employee of the environmental protection agency presiding at the information session and hearing.

(f) The solid waste management policy committee of a county or joint solid waste management district may adopt a resolution requesting expeditious consideration of a specific application submitted under division (A)(2)(a) of this section for a permit to modify an existing solid waste facility within the district. The resolution shall make the finding that expedited consideration of the application without the public information session and public hearing under division (A)(2)(e) of this section is in the public interest and will not endanger human health, as determined by the director by rules adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised

Code. Upon receiving such a resolution, the director, at the director's discretion, may issue a final action upon the application without holding a public information session or public hearing pursuant to division (A)(2)(e) of this section.

(3) Except as provided in division (A)(10) of this section, and unless the owner or operator of any solid waste facility, other than a solid waste transfer facility or a compost facility that accepts exclusively source separated yard wastes, that commenced operation on or before July 1, 1968, has obtained an exemption from the requirements of division (A)(3) of this section in accordance with division (G) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code, the owner or operator shall submit to the director an application for a permit with accompanying engineering detail plans, specifications, and information regarding the facility and its method of operation for approval under rules adopted under division (A) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code and applicable rules adopted under division (D) of section 3734.12 of the Revised Code in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) Not later than September 24, 1988, if the facility is located in the city of Garfield Heights or Parma in Cuyahoga county;

(b) Not later than December 24, 1988, if the facility is located in Delaware, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Madison, Mahoning, Ottawa, or Vinton county;

(c) Not later than March 24, 1989, if the facility is located in Champaign, Clinton, Columbiana, Huron, Paulding, Stark, or Washington county, or is located in the city of Brooklyn or Cuyahoga Heights in Cuyahoga county;

(d) Not later than June 24, 1989, if the facility is located in Adams, Auglaize, Coshocton, Darke, Harrison, Lorain, Lucas, or Summit county or is located in Cuyahoga county outside the cities of Garfield Heights, Parma, Brooklyn, and Cuyahoga Heights;

(e) Not later than September 24, 1989, if the facility is located in Butler, Carroll, Erie, Lake, Portage, Putnam, or Ross county;

(f) Not later than December 24, 1989, if the facility is located in a county not listed in divisions (A)(3)(a) to (e) of this section;

(g) Notwithstanding divisions (A)(3)(a) to (f) of this section, not later than December 31, 1990, if the facility is a solid waste facility owned by a generator of solid wastes when the solid waste facility exclusively disposes of solid wastes generated at one or more premises owned by the generator regardless of whether the facility is located on a premises where the wastes are generated and if the facility disposes of more than one hundred thousand tons of solid wastes per year, provided that any such facility shall be subject

to division (A)(5) of this section.

(4) Except as provided in divisions (A)(8), (9), and (10) of this section, unless the owner or operator of any solid waste facility for which a permit was issued after July 1, 1968, but before January 1, 1980, has obtained an exemption from the requirements of division (A)(4) of this section under division (G) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code, the owner or operator shall submit to the director an application for a permit with accompanying engineering detail plans, specifications, and information regarding the facility and its method of operation for approval under those rules.

(5) The director may issue an order in accordance with Chapter 3745. of the Revised Code to the owner or operator of a solid waste facility requiring the person to submit to the director updated engineering detail plans, specifications, and information regarding the facility and its method of operation for approval under rules adopted under division (A) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code and applicable rules adopted under division (D) of section 3734.12 of the Revised Code if, in the director's judgment, conditions at the facility constitute a substantial threat to public health or safety or are causing or contributing to or threatening to cause or contribute to air or water pollution or soil contamination. Any person who receives such an order shall submit the updated engineering detail plans, specifications, and information to the director within one hundred eighty days after the effective date of the order.

(6) The director shall act upon an application submitted under division (A)(3) or (4) of this section and any updated engineering plans, specifications, and information submitted under division (A)(5) of this section within one hundred eighty days after receiving them. If the director denies any such permit application, the order denying the application or disapproving the plans shall include the requirements that the owner or operator submit a plan for closure and post-closure care of the facility to the director for approval within six months after issuance of the order, cease accepting solid wastes for disposal or transfer at the facility, and commence closure of the facility not later than one year after issuance of the order. If the director determines that closure of the facility within that one-year period would result in the unavailability of sufficient solid waste management facility capacity within the county or joint solid waste management district in which the facility is located to dispose of or transfer the solid waste generated within the district, the director in the order of denial or disapproval may postpone commencement of closure of the facility for such period of time as the director finds necessary for the board of county commissioners or directors of the district to secure access to or for

there to be constructed within the district sufficient solid waste management facility capacity to meet the needs of the district, provided that the director shall certify in the director's order that postponing the date for commencement of closure will not endanger ground water or any property surrounding the facility, allow methane gas migration to occur, or cause or contribute to any other type of environmental damage.

If an emergency need for disposal capacity that may affect public health and safety exists as a result of closure of a facility under division (A)(6) of this section, the director may issue an order designating another solid waste facility to accept the wastes that would have been disposed of at the facility to be closed.

(7) If the director determines that standards more stringent than those applicable in rules adopted under division (A) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code and division (D) of section 3734.12 of the Revised Code, or standards pertaining to subjects not specifically addressed by those rules, are necessary to ensure that a solid waste facility constructed at the proposed location will not cause a nuisance, cause or contribute to water pollution, or endanger public health or safety, the director may issue a permit for the facility with such terms and conditions as the director finds necessary to protect public health and safety and the environment. If a permit is issued, the director shall state in the order issuing it the specific findings supporting each such term or condition.

(8) Divisions (A)(1), (2)(a), (3), and (4) of this section do not apply to a solid waste compost facility that accepts exclusively source separated yard wastes and that is registered under division (C) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code or, unless otherwise provided in rules adopted under division (N)(3) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code, to a solid waste compost facility if the director has adopted rules establishing an alternative system for authorizing the establishment, operation, or modification of a solid waste compost facility under that division.

(9) Divisions (A)(1) to (7) of this section do not apply to scrap tire collection, storage, monocell, monofill, and recovery facilities. The approval of plans and specifications, as applicable, and the issuance of registration certificates, permits, and licenses for those facilities are subject to sections 3734.75 to 3734.78 of the Revised Code, as applicable, and section 3734.81 of the Revised Code.

(10) Divisions (A)(3) and (4) of this section do not apply to a solid waste incinerator that was placed into operation on or before October 12, 1994, and that is not authorized to accept and treat infectious wastes pursuant to division (B) of this section.

(B)(1) Each person who is engaged in the business of treating infectious wastes for profit at a treatment facility located off the premises where the wastes are generated that is in operation on August 10, 1988, and who proposes to continue operating the facility shall submit to the board of health of the health district in which the facility is located an application for a license to operate the facility.

Thereafter, no person shall operate or maintain an infectious waste treatment facility without a license issued by the board of health of the health district in which the facility is located or by the director when the health district in which the facility is located is not on the approved list under section 3734.08 of the Revised Code.

(2)(a) During the month of December, but before the first day of January of the next year, every person proposing to continue to operate an existing infectious waste treatment facility shall procure a license to operate the facility for that year from the board of health of the health district in which the facility is located or, if the health district is not on the approved list under section 3734.08 of the Revised Code, from the director. The application for such a license shall be submitted to the board of health or to the director, as appropriate, on or before the last day of September of the year preceding that for which the license is sought. In addition to the application fee prescribed in division (B)(2)(c) of this section, a person who submits an application after that date shall pay an additional ten per cent of the amount of the application fee for each week that the application is late. Late payment fees accompanying an application submitted to the board of health shall be credited to the special infectious waste fund of the health district created in division (C) of section 3734.06 of the Revised Code, and late payment fees accompanying an application submitted to the director shall be credited to the general revenue fund. A person who has received a license, upon sale or disposition of an infectious waste treatment facility and upon consent of the board of health and the director, may have the license transferred to another person. The board of health or the director may include such terms and conditions in a license or revision to a license as are appropriate to ensure compliance with the infectious waste provisions of this chapter and rules adopted under them.

(b) Each person proposing to open a new infectious waste treatment facility or to modify an existing infectious waste treatment facility shall submit an application for a permit with accompanying detail plans and specifications to the environmental protection agency for required approval under the rules adopted by the director pursuant to section 3734.021 of the Revised Code two hundred seventy days before proposed operation of the

facility and concurrently shall make application for a license with the board of health of the health district in which the facility is or is proposed to be located. Not later than ninety days after receiving a completed application under division (B)(2)(b) of this section for a permit to open a new infectious waste treatment facility or modify an existing infectious waste treatment facility to expand its treatment capacity, or receiving a completed application under division (A)(2)(a) of this section for a permit to open a new solid waste incineration facility, or modify an existing solid waste incineration facility to also treat infectious wastes or to increase its infectious waste treatment capacity, that pertains to a facility for which a notation authorizing infectious waste treatment is included or proposed to be included in the solid waste incineration facility's license pursuant to division (B)(3) of this section, the director shall hold a public hearing on the application within the county in which the new or modified infectious waste or solid waste facility is or is proposed to be located or within a contiguous county. Not less than thirty days before holding the public hearing on the application, the director shall publish notice of the hearing in each newspaper that has general circulation and that is published in the county in which the facility is or is proposed to be located. If there is no newspaper that has general circulation and that is published in the county, the director shall publish the notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. The notice shall contain the date, time, and location of the public hearing and a general description of the proposed new or modified facility. At the public hearing, any person may submit written or oral comments on or objections to the approval or disapproval of the application. The applicant, or a representative of the applicant who has knowledge of the location, construction, and operation of the facility, shall attend the public hearing to respond to comments or questions concerning the facility directed to the applicant or representative by the officer or employee of the environmental protection agency presiding at the hearing.

(c) Each application for a permit under division (B)(2)(b) of this section shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee of four hundred dollars that shall be credited to the general revenue fund. Each application for an annual license under division (B)(2)(a) of this section shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee of one hundred dollars. If the application for an annual license is submitted to a board of health on the approved list under section 3734.08 of the Revised Code, the application fee shall be credited to the special infectious waste fund of the health district created in division (C) of section 3734.06 of the Revised Code. If the application for an annual license is submitted to the director, the application

fee shall be credited to the general revenue fund. If a permit or license is issued, the amount of the application fee paid shall be deducted from the amount of the permit fee due under division (Q) of section 3745.11 of the Revised Code or the amount of the license fee due under division (C) of section 3734.06 of the Revised Code.

(d) The owner or operator of any infectious waste treatment facility that commenced operation on or before July 1, 1968, shall submit to the director an application for a permit with accompanying engineering detail plans, specifications, and information regarding the facility and its method of operation for approval under rules adopted under section 3734.021 of the Revised Code in accordance with the following schedule:

(i) Not later than December 24, 1988, if the facility is located in Delaware, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Madison, Mahoning, Ottawa, or Vinton county;

(ii) Not later than March 24, 1989, if the facility is located in Champaign, Clinton, Columbiana, Huron, Paulding, Stark, or Washington county, or is located in the city of Brooklyn, Cuyahoga Heights, or Parma in Cuyahoga county;

(iii) Not later than June 24, 1989, if the facility is located in Adams, Auglaize, Coshocton, Darke, Harrison, Lorain, Lucas, or Summit county or is located in Cuyahoga county outside the cities of Brooklyn, Cuyahoga Heights, and Parma;

(iv) Not later than September 24, 1989, if the facility is located in Butler, Carroll, Erie, Lake, Portage, Putnam, or Ross county;

(v) Not later than December 24, 1989, if the facility is located in a county not listed in divisions (B)(2)(d)(i) to (iv) of this section.

The owner or operator of an infectious waste treatment facility required to submit a permit application under division (B)(2)(d) of this section is not required to pay any permit application fee under division (B)(2)(c) of this section, or permit fee under division (Q) of section 3745.11 of the Revised Code, with respect thereto unless the owner or operator also proposes to modify the facility.

(e) The director may issue an order in accordance with Chapter 3745. of the Revised Code to the owner or operator of an infectious waste treatment facility requiring the person to submit to the director updated engineering detail plans, specifications, and information regarding the facility and its method of operation for approval under rules adopted under section 3734.021 of the Revised Code if, in the director's judgment, conditions at the facility constitute a substantial threat to public health or safety or are causing or contributing to or threatening to cause or contribute to air or

water pollution or soil contamination. Any person who receives such an order shall submit the updated engineering detail plans, specifications, and information to the director within one hundred eighty days after the effective date of the order.

(f) The director shall act upon an application submitted under division (B)(2)(d) of this section and any updated engineering plans, specifications, and information submitted under division (B)(2)(e) of this section within one hundred eighty days after receiving them. If the director denies any such permit application or disapproves any such updated engineering plans, specifications, and information, the director shall include in the order denying the application or disapproving the plans the requirement that the owner or operator cease accepting infectious wastes for treatment at the facility.

(3) Division (B) of this section does not apply to an infectious waste treatment facility that meets any of the following conditions:

(a) Is owned or operated by the generator of the wastes and exclusively treats, by methods, techniques, and practices established by rules adopted under division (C)(1) or (3) of section 3734.021 of the Revised Code, wastes that are generated at any premises owned or operated by that generator regardless of whether the wastes are generated on the same premises where the generator's treatment facility is located or, if the generator is a hospital as defined in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code, infectious wastes that are described in division (A)(1)(g), (h), or (i) of section 3734.021 of the Revised Code;

(b) Holds a license or renewal of a license to operate a crematory facility issued under Chapter 4717. and a permit issued under Chapter 3704. of the Revised Code;

(c) Treats or disposes of dead animals or parts thereof, or the blood of animals, and is subject to any of the following:

(i) Inspection under the "Federal Meat Inspection Act," 81 Stat. 584 (1967), 21 U.S.C.A. 603, as amended;

(ii) Chapter 918. of the Revised Code;

(iii) Chapter 953. of the Revised Code.

Nothing in division (B) of this section requires a facility that holds a license issued under division (A) of this section as a solid waste facility and that also treats infectious wastes by the same method, technique, or process to obtain a license under division (B) of this section as an infectious waste treatment facility. However, the solid waste facility license for the facility shall include the notation that the facility also treats infectious wastes.

On and after the effective date of the amendments to the rules adopted

under division (C)(2) of section 3734.021 of the Revised Code that are required by Section 6 of Substitute House Bill No. 98 of the 120th General Assembly, the director shall not issue a permit to open a new solid waste incineration facility unless the proposed facility complies with the requirements for the location of new infectious waste incineration facilities established in the required amendments to those rules.

(C) Except for a facility or activity described in division (E)(3) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code, a person who proposes to establish or operate a hazardous waste facility shall submit ~~an~~ a complete application for a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit and accompanying detail plans, specifications, and such information as the director may require to the environmental protection agency~~, except as provided in division (E)(2) of this section,~~ at least one hundred eighty days before the proposed beginning of operation of the facility. The applicant shall notify by certified mail the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, township, and county in which the facility is proposed to be located of the submission of the application within ten days after the submission or at such earlier time as the director may establish by rule. If the application is for a proposed new hazardous waste disposal or thermal treatment facility, the applicant also shall give actual notice of the general design and purpose of the facility to the legislative authority of each municipal corporation, township, and county in which the facility is proposed to be located at least ninety days before the permit application is submitted to the environmental protection agency.

In accordance with rules adopted under section 3734.12 of the Revised Code, prior to the submission of a complete application for a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit, the applicant shall hold at least one meeting in the township or municipal corporation in which the facility is proposed to be located, whichever is geographically closer to the proposed location of the facility. The meeting shall be open to the public and shall be held to inform the community of the proposed hazardous waste management activities and to solicit questions from the community concerning the activities.

(D)(1) ~~There is hereby created the hazardous waste facility board, composed of the director of environmental protection who shall serve as chairperson, the director of natural resources, and the chairperson of the Ohio water development authority, or their respective designees, and one chemical engineer and one geologist who each shall be employed by a state university as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code. The chemical engineer and geologist each shall be appointed by the governor, with the~~

~~advice and consent of the senate, for a term of two years. The chemical engineer and geologist each shall receive as compensation five thousand dollars per year, plus expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.~~

~~The board shall not issue any final order without the consent of at least three members.~~

~~(2) The hazardous waste facility board shall do both of the following:~~

~~(a) Pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, adopt rules governing procedure to be followed in hearings before the board;~~

~~(b)~~ Except as provided in section 3734.123 of the Revised Code, ~~approve or disapprove applications for a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit for new facilities and applications for modifications to existing permits for which the board has jurisdiction as provided in division (I)(3) of this section.~~

~~(3) Except as provided in section 3734.123 of the Revised Code, upon receipt of the completed application for a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit and a preliminary determination by the staff of the environmental protection agency that the application appears to comply with agency rules and to meet the performance standards set forth in divisions (D), (I), and (J) of section 3734.12 of the Revised Code, the director shall transmit the application to the board, which shall do all of the following:~~

~~(a) Promptly fix a date for a public hearing on the application, not fewer than sixty nor more than ninety days after receipt of the completed application. At the public hearing, any person may submit written or oral comments or objections to the approval or disapproval of the application. A representative of the applicant who has knowledge of the location, construction, operation, closure, and post-closure care, if applicable, of the facility shall attend the public hearing in order to respond to comments or questions concerning the facility directed to the representative by the presiding officer.~~

~~(b) Give public notice of the date of the public hearing and a summary of the application in a newspaper having general circulation in the county in which the facility is proposed to be located. The notice shall contain, at a minimum, the date, time, and location of the public hearing and shall include the location and street address of, or the nearest intersection to, the proposed facility, a description of the proposed facility, and the location where copies of the application, a short statement by the applicant of the anticipated environmental impact of the facility, and a map of the facility are available for inspection.~~

~~(c) Promptly fix a date for an adjudication hearing, not fewer than ninety nor more than one hundred twenty days after receipt of the completed application, at which hearing the board shall hear and decide all disputed issues between the parties respecting the approval or disapproval of the application.~~

~~(4) The parties to any adjudication hearing before the board upon a completed application shall be the following:~~

~~(a) The applicant;~~

~~(b) The staff of the environmental protection agency;~~

~~(c) The board of county commissioners of the county, the board of township trustees of the township, and the chief executive officer of the municipal corporation in which the facility is proposed to be located;~~

~~(d) Any other person who would be aggrieved or adversely affected by the proposed facility and who files a petition to intervene in the adjudication hearing not later than thirty days after the date of publication of the notice required in division (D)(3)(b) of this section if the petition is granted by the board for good cause shown. The board may allow intervention by other aggrieved or adversely affected persons up to fifteen days prior to the date of the adjudication hearing for good cause shown when the intervention would not be unduly burdensome to or cause a delay in the permitting process.~~

~~(5) The hazardous waste facility board shall conduct any adjudication hearing upon disputed issues in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and the rules of the board governing the procedure of such hearings. Each party may call and examine witnesses and submit other evidence respecting the disputed issues presented by an application. A written record shall be made of the hearing and of all testimony and evidence submitted to the board~~ upon receipt of a complete application for a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit under division (C) of this section, the director shall consider the application and accompanying information to determine whether the application complies with agency rules and the requirements of division (D)(2) of this section. After making a determination, the director shall issue either a draft permit or a notice of intent to deny the permit. The director, in accordance with rules adopted under section 3734.12 of the Revised Code or with rules adopted to implement Chapter 3745. of the Revised Code, shall provide public notice of the application and the draft permit or the notice of intent to deny the permit, provide an opportunity for public comments, and, if significant interest is shown, schedule a public meeting in the county in which the facility is proposed to be located and give public notice of the date, time,

and location of the public meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in that county.

~~(6)~~(2) The ~~board~~ director shall not approve an application for a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit or an application for a modification under division (I)(3) of this section unless ~~it~~ the director finds and determines as follows:

(a) The nature and volume of the waste to be treated, stored, or disposed of at the facility;

(b) That the facility complies with the director's hazardous waste standards adopted pursuant to section 3734.12 of the Revised Code;

(c) That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations;

(d) That the facility represents the minimum risk of all of the following:

(i) ~~Contamination of ground and surface waters;~~

~~(ii)~~ Fires or explosions from treatment, storage, or disposal methods;

~~(iii) Accident~~ (ii) Release of hazardous waste during transportation of hazardous waste to or from the facility;

~~(iv) Impact~~ (iii) Adverse impact on the public health and safety~~;~~

~~(v) Air pollution;~~

~~(vi) Soil contamination~~.

(e) That the facility will comply with this chapter and Chapters 3704.~~,~~ ~~3734.,~~ and 6111. of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under ~~those chapters~~ them;

(f) That if the owner of the facility, the operator of the facility, or any other person in a position with the facility from which the person may influence the installation and operation of the facility has been involved in any prior activity involving transportation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste, that person has a history of compliance with this chapter and Chapters 3704.~~, 3734.,~~ and 6111. of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under ~~those chapters~~ them, the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2806, 42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as amended, and all regulations adopted under it, and similar laws and rules of other states if any such prior operation was located in another state that demonstrates sufficient reliability, expertise, and competency to operate a hazardous waste facility under the applicable provisions of this chapter and Chapters 3704.~~, 3734.,~~ and 6111. of the Revised Code, the applicable rules and standards adopted under ~~those chapters~~ them, and terms and conditions of a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit, given the potential for harm to the public health and safety and the environment that

could result from the irresponsible operation of the facility~~;~~. For off-site facilities, as defined in section 3734.41 of the Revised Code, the director may use the investigative reports of the attorney general prepared pursuant to section 3734.42 of the Revised Code as a basis for making a finding and determination under division (D)(2)(f) of this section.

(g) That the active areas within a new hazardous waste facility where acute hazardous waste as listed in 40 C.F.R. 261.33 (e), as amended, or organic waste that is toxic and is listed under 40 C.F.R. 261, as amended, is being stored, treated, or disposed of and where the aggregate of the storage design capacity and the disposal design capacity of all hazardous waste in those areas is greater than two hundred fifty thousand gallons, are not located or operated within any of the following:

(i) Two thousand feet of any residence, school, hospital, jail, or prison;

(ii) Any naturally occurring wetland;

(iii) Any flood hazard area if the applicant cannot show that the facility will be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to prevent washout by a one-hundred-year flood ~~or that procedures will be in effect to remove the waste before flood waters can reach it~~.

Division (D)~~(6)~~(2)(g) of this section does not apply to the facility of any applicant who demonstrates to the ~~board~~ director that the limitations specified in that division are not necessary because of the nature or volume of the waste and the manner of management applied, the facility will impose no substantial danger to the health and safety of persons occupying the structures listed in division (D)~~(6)~~(2)(g)(i) of this section, and the facility is to be located or operated in an area where the proposed hazardous waste activities will not be incompatible with existing land uses in the area.

(h) That the facility will not be located within the boundaries of a state park established or dedicated under Chapter 1541. of the Revised Code, a state park purchase area established under section 1541.02 of the Revised Code, any unit of the national park system, or any property that lies within the boundaries of a national park or recreation area, but that has not been acquired or is not administered by the secretary of the United States department of the interior, located in this state, or any candidate area located in this state identified for potential inclusion in the national park system in the edition of the "national park system plan" submitted under paragraph (b) of section 8 of "The Act of August 18, 1970," 84 Stat. 825, 16 U.S.C.A. 1a-5, as amended, current at the time of filing of the application for the permit, unless the facility will be used exclusively for the storage of hazardous waste generated within the park or recreation area in conjunction with the operation of the park or recreation area. Division (D)~~(6)~~(2)(h) of

this section does not apply to the facility of any applicant for modification of a permit unless the modification application proposes to increase the land area included in the facility or to increase the quantity of hazardous waste that will be treated, stored, or disposed of at the facility.

~~In rendering a decision upon an application for a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit, the board shall issue a written order and opinion, which shall include the specific findings of fact and conclusions of law that support the board's approval or disapproval of the application.~~

(3) Not later than one hundred eighty days after the end of the public comment period, the director, without prior hearing, shall issue or deny the permit in accordance with Chapter 3745. of the Revised Code. If the ~~board~~ director approves an application for a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit, ~~as a part of its written order, it~~ the director shall issue the permit, upon such terms and conditions as the ~~board~~ director finds are necessary to ensure the construction and operation of the hazardous waste facility in accordance with the standards of this section.

~~(7) Any party adversely affected by an order of the hazardous waste facility board may appeal the order and decision of the board to the court of appeals of Franklin county. An appellant shall file with the board a notice of appeal, which shall designate the order appealed from. A copy of the notice also shall be filed by the appellant with the court, and a copy shall be sent by certified mail to each party to the adjudication hearing before the board. Such notices shall be filed and mailed within thirty days after the date upon which the appellant received notice from the board by certified mail of the making of the order appealed from. No appeal bond shall be required to make an appeal effective.~~

~~The filing of a notice of appeal shall not operate automatically as a suspension of the order of the board. If it appears to the court that an unjust hardship to the appellant will result from the execution of the board's order pending determination of the appeal, the court may grant a suspension of the order and fix its terms.~~

~~Within twenty days after receipt of the notice of appeal, the board shall prepare and file in the court the complete record of proceedings out of which the appeal arises, including any transcript of the testimony and any other evidence that has been submitted before the board. The expense of preparing and transcribing the record shall be taxed as a part of the costs of the appeal. The appellant, other than the state or a political subdivision, an agency of either, or any officer of the appellant acting in the officer's representative capacity, shall provide security for costs satisfactory to the court considering~~

~~the respective interests of the parties and the public interest. Upon demand by a party, the board shall furnish, at the cost of the party requesting it, a copy of the record. If the complete record is not filed within the time provided for in this section, any party may apply to the court to have the case docketed, and the court shall order the record filed.~~

~~In hearing the appeal, the court is confined to the record as certified to it by the board. The court 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 board.~~

~~The court shall affirm the order complained of in the appeal if it finds, upon consideration of the entire record and such additional evidence as the court has admitted, that the order is supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is in accordance with law. In the absence of such findings, it shall reverse, vacate, or modify the order or make such other ruling as is supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is in accordance with law. The judgment of the court shall be final and conclusive unless reversed, vacated, or modified on appeal. Such appeals may be taken by any party to the appeal pursuant to the Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court and, to the extent not in conflict with those rules, Chapter 2505. of the Revised Code.~~

(E)~~(1) Upon receipt of a completed application, the board shall issue a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit for a hazardous waste facility subject to the requirements of divisions (D)(6) and (7) of this section and all applicable federal regulations if the facility for which the permit is requested satisfies all of the following:~~

~~(a) Was in operation immediately prior to October 9, 1980~~;

~~(b) Was in substantial compliance with applicable statutes and rules in effect immediately prior to October 9, 1980, as determined by the director;~~

~~(c) Demonstrates to the board that its operations after October 9, 1980, comply with applicable performance standards adopted by the director pursuant to division (D) of section 3734.12 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(d) Submits a completed application for a permit under division (C) of this section within six months after October 9, 1980.~~

~~The board shall act on the application within twelve months after October 9, 1980.~~

~~(2) A hazardous waste facility that was in operation immediately prior to October 9, 1980, may continue to operate after that date if it does all of the following:~~

~~(a) Complies with performance standards adopted by the director~~

~~pursuant to division (D) of section 3734.12 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(b) Submits a completed application for a hazardous waste installation and operation permit under division (C) of this section within six months after October 9, 1980;~~

~~(c) Obtains the permit under division (D) of this section within twelve months after October 9, 1980.~~

~~(3)~~ No political subdivision of this state shall require any additional zoning or other approval, consent, permit, certificate, or condition for the construction or operation of a hazardous waste facility authorized by a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit issued pursuant to this chapter, nor shall any political subdivision adopt or enforce any law, ordinance, or rule that in any way alters, impairs, or limits the authority granted in the permit.

~~(4) After the issuance of a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit by the board, each hazardous waste facility shall be subject to the rules and supervision of the director during the period of its operation, closure, and post-closure care, if applicable.~~

(F) ~~Upon approval of the board in accordance with divisions (D) and (E) of this section, the board~~ The director may issue a single hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit to a person who operates two or more adjoining facilities where hazardous waste is stored, treated, or disposed of if the application includes detail plans, specifications, and information on all facilities. For the purposes of this section, "adjoining" means sharing a common boundary, separated only by a public road, or in such proximity that the director determines that the issuance of a single permit will not create a hazard to the public health or safety or the environment.

(G) No person shall falsify or fail to keep or submit any plans, specifications, data, reports, records, manifests, or other information required to be kept or submitted to the director ~~or to the hazardous waste facility board~~ by this chapter or the rules adopted under it.

(H)(1) Each person who holds an installation and operation permit issued under this section and who wishes to obtain a permit renewal shall submit a completed application for an installation and operation permit renewal and any necessary accompanying general plans, detail plans, specifications, and such information as the director may require to the director no later than one hundred eighty days prior to the expiration date of the existing permit or upon a later date prior to the expiration of the existing permit if the permittee can demonstrate good cause for the late submittal. The director shall consider the application and accompanying information,

inspection reports of the facility, results of performance tests, a report regarding the facility's compliance or noncompliance with the terms and conditions of its permit and rules adopted by the director under this chapter, and such other information as is relevant to the operation of the facility and shall issue a draft renewal permit or a notice of intent to deny the renewal permit. The director, in accordance with rules adopted under this section or with rules adopted to implement Chapter 3745. of the Revised Code, shall give public notice of the application and draft renewal permit or notice of intent to deny the renewal permit, provide for the opportunity for public comments within a specified time period, schedule a public meeting in the county in which the facility is located if significant interest is shown, and give public notice of the public meeting.

(2) Within sixty days after the public meeting or close of the public comment period, the director, without prior hearing, shall issue or deny the renewal permit in accordance with Chapter 3745. of the Revised Code. The director shall not issue a renewal permit unless the director determines that the facility under the existing permit has a history of compliance with this chapter, rules adopted under it, the existing permit, or orders entered to enforce such requirements that demonstrates sufficient reliability, expertise, and competency to operate the facility henceforth under this chapter, rules adopted under it, and the renewal permit. If the director approves an application for a renewal permit, the director shall issue the permit subject to the payment of the annual permit fee required under division (E) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code and upon such terms and conditions as the director finds are reasonable to ensure that continued operation, maintenance, closure, and post-closure care of the hazardous waste facility are in accordance with the rules adopted under section 3734.12 of the Revised Code.

(3) An installation and operation permit renewal application submitted to the director that also contains or would constitute an application for a modification shall be acted upon by the director in accordance with division (I) of this section in the same manner as an application for a modification. In approving or disapproving the renewal portion of a permit renewal application containing an application for a modification, the director shall apply the criteria established under division (H)(2) of this section.

(4) An application for renewal or modification of a permit that does not contain an application for a modification as described in divisions (I)(3)(a) to (d) of this section shall not be subject to division (D)(2) of this section.

(I)(1) As used in this section, "modification" means a change or alteration to a hazardous waste facility or its operations that is inconsistent

with or not authorized by its existing permit or authorization to operate. Modifications shall be classified as Class 1, 2, or 3 modifications in accordance with rules adopted under division (K) of this section. Modifications classified as Class 3 modifications, in accordance with rules adopted under that division, shall be further classified by the director as either Class 3 modifications that are to be approved or disapproved by the ~~hazardous waste facility board as described in~~ director under divisions (I)(3)(a) to (d) of this section or as Class 3 modifications that are to be approved or disapproved by the director under division (I)(5) of this section. Not later than thirty days after receiving a request for a modification under division (I)(4) of this section that is not listed in Appendix I to 40 C.F.R. 270.42 or in rules adopted under division (K) of this section, the director shall classify the modification and shall notify the owner or operator of the facility requesting the modification of the classification. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any modification that involves the transfer of a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit to a new owner or operator shall be classified as a Class 3 modification.

(2) Except as provided in section 3734.123 of the Revised Code, a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit may be modified at the request of the director or upon the written request of the permittee only if any of the following applies:

(a) The permittee desires to accomplish alterations, additions, or deletions to the permitted facility or to undertake alterations, additions, deletions, or activities that are inconsistent with or not authorized by the existing permit;

(b) New information or data justify permit conditions in addition to or different from those in the existing permit;

(c) The standards, criteria, or rules upon which the existing permit is based have been changed by new, amended, or rescinded standards, criteria, or rules, or by judicial decision after the existing permit was issued, and the change justifies permit conditions in addition to or different from those in the existing permit;

(d) The permittee proposes to transfer the permit to another person.

(3) The director ~~has jurisdiction to~~ shall approve or disapprove ~~applications~~ an application for ~~Class 1 modifications, Class 2 modifications, and Class 3 modifications not otherwise described in divisions (I)(3)(a) to (d) of this section. The hazardous waste facility board has jurisdiction to approve or disapprove applications for any~~ a modification in accordance with division (D)(2) of this section and rules adopted under division (K) of this section for all of the following categories of Class 3 modifications:

(a) Authority to conduct treatment, storage, or disposal at a site, location, or tract of land that has not been authorized for the proposed category of treatment, storage, or disposal activity by the facility's permit;

(b) Modification or addition of a hazardous waste management unit, as defined in rules adopted under section 3734.12 of the Revised Code, that results in an increase in a facility's storage capacity of more than twenty-five per cent over the capacity authorized by the facility's permit, an increase in a facility's treatment rate of more than twenty-five per cent over the rate so authorized, or an increase in a facility's disposal capacity over the capacity so authorized. The authorized disposal capacity for a facility shall be calculated from the approved design plans for the disposal units at that facility. In no case during a five-year period shall a facility's storage capacity or treatment rate be modified to increase by more than twenty-five per cent in the aggregate without ~~board~~ the director's approval in accordance with division (D)(2) of this section. Notwithstanding any provision of division (I) of this section to the contrary, a request for modification of a facility's annual total waste receipt limit shall be classified and approved or disapproved by the director under division (I)(5) of this section.

(c) Authority to add any of the following categories of regulated activities not previously authorized at a facility by the facility's permit: storage at a facility not previously authorized to store hazardous waste, treatment at a facility not previously authorized to treat hazardous waste, or disposal at a facility not previously authorized to dispose of hazardous waste; or authority to add a category of hazardous waste management unit not previously authorized at the facility by the facility's permit. Notwithstanding any provision of division (I) of this section to the contrary, a request for authority to add or to modify an activity or a hazardous waste management unit for the purposes of performing a corrective action shall be classified and approved or disapproved by the director under division (I)(5) of this section.

(d) Authority to treat, store, or dispose of waste types listed or characterized as reactive or explosive, in rules adopted under section 3734.12 of the Revised Code, or any acute hazardous waste listed in 40 C.F.R. 261.33(e), as amended, at a facility not previously authorized to treat, store, or dispose of those types of wastes by the facility's permit unless the requested authority is limited to wastes that no longer exhibit characteristics meeting the criteria for listing or characterization as reactive or explosive wastes, or for listing as acute hazardous waste, but still are required to carry those waste codes as established in rules adopted under section 3734.12 of the Revised Code because of the requirements established in 40 C.F.R.

261(a) and (e), as amended, that is, the "mixture," "derived-from," or "contained-in" regulations.

(4) A written request for a modification from the permittee shall be submitted to the director and shall contain such information as is necessary to support the request. ~~The director shall transmit to the board requests for Class 3 modifications described in divisions (I)(3)(a) to (d) of this section within two hundred forty days after receiving the requests.~~ Requests for modifications shall be acted upon by the director ~~or the board, as appropriate,~~ in accordance with this section and rules adopted under it.

(5) Class 1 modification applications that require prior approval of the director, as determined in accordance with rules adopted under division (K) of this section, Class 2 modification applications, and Class 3 modification applications that are not described in divisions (I)(3)(a) to (d) of this section shall be approved or disapproved by the director in accordance with rules adopted under division (K) of this section. The board of county commissioners of the county, the board of township trustees of the township, and the city manager or mayor of the municipal corporation in which a hazardous waste facility is located shall receive notification of any application for a modification for that facility and shall be considered as interested persons with respect to the director's consideration of the application.

For those modification applications for a transfer of a permit to a new owner or operator of a facility, the director also shall determine that, if the transferee owner or operator has been involved in any prior activity involving the transportation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste, the transferee owner or operator has a history of compliance with this chapter and Chapters 3704. and 6111. of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under them, the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2806, 42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as amended, and all regulations adopted under it, and similar laws and rules of another state if the transferee owner or operator owns or operates a facility in that state, that demonstrates sufficient reliability, expertise, and competency to operate a hazardous waste facility under this chapter and Chapters 3704. and 6111. of the Revised Code, all rules and standards adopted under them, and terms and conditions of a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit, given the potential for harm to the public health and safety and the environment that could result from the irresponsible operation of the facility. A permit may be transferred to a new owner or operator only pursuant to a Class 3 permit modification.

As used in division (I)(5) of this section:

(a) "Owner" means the person who owns a majority or controlling interest in a facility.

(b) "Operator" means the person who is responsible for the overall operation of a facility.

The director shall approve or disapprove an application for a Class 1 modification that requires the director's approval within sixty days after receiving the request for modification. The director shall approve or disapprove an application for a Class 2 modification within three hundred days after receiving the request for modification. The director shall approve or disapprove an application for a Class 3 modification ~~that is not described in divisions (I)(3)(a) to (d) of this section~~ within three hundred sixty-five days after receiving the request for modification.

(6) The approval or disapproval by the director of a Class 1 modification application is not a final action that is appealable under Chapter 3745. of the Revised Code. The approval or disapproval by the director of a Class 2 modification or a Class 3 modification ~~that is not described in divisions (I)(3)(a) to (d) of this section~~ is a final action that is appealable under that chapter. In approving or disapproving a request for a modification, the director shall consider all comments pertaining to the request that are received during the public comment period and the public meetings. The administrative record for appeal of a final action by the director in approving or disapproving a request for a modification shall include all comments received during the public comment period relating to the request for modification, written materials submitted at the public meetings relating to the request, and any other documents related to the director's action.

(7) ~~The hazardous waste facility board shall approve or disapprove an application for a Class 3 modification transmitted to it under division (I)(4) of this section, or that portion of a permit renewal application that constitutes a Class 3 modification application so transmitted, of a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit in accordance with division (D) of this section. No other request for a modification shall be subject to division (D)(6) of this section. No aspect of a permitted facility or its operations that is not being modified as described in division (I)(3)(a), (b), (c), or (d) of this section shall be subject to review by the board under division (D) of this section.~~

~~(8)~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a change or alteration to a hazardous waste facility described in division (E)(3)(a) or (b) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code, or its operations, is a modification for the purposes of this section. An application for a

modification at such a facility shall be submitted, classified, and approved or disapproved in accordance with divisions (I)(1) to ~~(7)~~(6) of this section in the same manner as a modification to a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit.

(J)(1) Except as provided in division (J)(2) of this section, an owner or operator of a hazardous waste facility that is operating in accordance with a permit by rule under rules adopted by the director under division (E)(3)(b) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code shall submit either a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit application for the facility or a modification application, whichever is required under division (J)(1)(a) or (b) of this section, within one hundred eighty days after the director has requested the application or upon a later date if the owner or operator demonstrates to the director good cause for the late submittal.

(a) If the owner or operator does not have a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit for any hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal activities at the facility, the owner or operator shall submit an application for such a permit to the director for the activities authorized by the permit by rule. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the director shall approve or disapprove the application for the permit in accordance with the procedures governing the approval or disapproval of permit renewals under division (H) of this section.

(b) If the owner or operator has a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit for hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal activities at the facility other than those authorized by the permit by rule, the owner or operator shall submit to the director a request for modification in accordance with division (I) of this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the director shall approve or disapprove the modification application in accordance with ~~rules adopted under~~ division ~~(K)~~(I)(5) of this section.

(2) The owner or operator of a boiler or industrial furnace that is conducting thermal treatment activities in accordance with a permit by rule under rules adopted by the director under division (E)(3)(b) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code shall submit a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit application if the owner or operator does not have such a permit for any hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal activities at the facility or, if the owner or operator has such a permit for hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal activities at the facility other than thermal treatment activities authorized by the permit by rule, a modification application to add those activities authorized by the permit by rule, whichever is applicable, within one hundred eighty days

after the director has requested the submission of the application or upon a later date if the owner or operator demonstrates to the director good cause for the late submittal. The application shall be accompanied by information necessary to support the request. The ~~hazardous waste facility board~~ director shall approve or disapprove ~~the~~ an application for a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit in accordance with division (D) of this section and approve or disapprove an application for a modification in accordance with division (I)(3) of this section, except that the ~~board~~ director shall not disapprove an application for the thermal treatment activities on the basis of the criteria set forth in division (D)~~(6)~~(2)(g) or (h) of this section.

(3) As used in division (J) of this section:

(a) "Modification application" means a request for a modification submitted in accordance with division (I) of this section.

(b) "Thermal treatment," "boiler," and "industrial furnace" have the same meanings as in rules adopted under section 3734.12 of the Revised Code.

(K) The director shall adopt, and may amend, suspend, or rescind, rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code in order to implement divisions (H) and (I) of this section. Except when in actual conflict with this section, rules governing the classification of and procedures for the modification of hazardous waste facility installation and operation permits shall be substantively and procedurally identical to the regulations governing hazardous waste facility permitting and permit modifications adopted under the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2806, 42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as amended.

Sec. 3734.12. The director of environmental protection shall adopt and may amend, suspend, and rescind rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, which shall be consistent with and equivalent to the regulations adopted under the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2806, 42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as amended, except for rules adopted under divisions (D) and (F) of this section governing solid waste facilities and except as otherwise provided in this chapter, doing all of the following:

(A) Adopting the criteria and procedures established under the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2806, 42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as amended, for identifying hazardous waste. The director shall prepare, revise when appropriate, and publish a list of substances or categories of substances identified to be hazardous using the criteria specified in 40 C.F.R. 261, as amended, which shall be composed of at least those substances identified as hazardous pursuant to section 3001(B) of that

act. The director shall not list any waste that the administrator of the United States environmental protection agency delisted or excluded by an amendment to the federal regulations, any waste that the administrator declined to list by publishing a denial of a rulemaking petition or by withdrawal of a proposed listing in the United States federal register after May 18, 1980, or any waste oil or polychlorinated biphenyl not listed by the administrator.

(B) Establishing standards for generators of hazardous waste necessary to protect human health or safety or the environment in accordance with this chapter, including, but not limited to, requirements respecting all of the following:

(1) Record-keeping practices that accurately identify the quantities of hazardous waste generated, the constituents that are significant in quantity or in potential harm to human health or safety or the environment, and the disposition of the waste;

(2) Labeling of containers used for storage, transportation, or disposal of hazardous waste to identify the waste accurately;

(3) Use of appropriate containers for hazardous waste;

(4) Providing information on the general chemical composition of hazardous waste to persons transporting, treating, storing, or disposing of the waste;

(5) A manifest system requiring a manifest consistent with that prescribed under the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2795, 42 U.S.C.A. 6901, as amended, requiring a manifest for any hazardous waste transported off the premises where generated and assuring that all hazardous waste that is transported off the premises where generated is designated for treatment, storage, or disposal in facilities for which a permit has been issued or in the other facilities specified in division (F) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code;

(6) Submission of such reports to the director as the director determines necessary;

(7) Establishment of quality control and testing procedures that ensure compliance with the rules adopted under this section;

(8) Obtainment of a United States environmental protection agency identification number.

(C) Establishing standards for transporters of hazardous waste necessary to protect human health or safety or the environment in accordance with this chapter, including, but not limited to, requirements respecting all of the following:

(1) Record-keeping concerning hazardous waste transported, including

source and delivery points;

(2) Submission of such reports to the director as the director determines necessary;

(3) Transportation of only properly labeled waste;

(4) Compliance with the manifest system required by division (B) of this section;

(5) Transportation of hazardous waste only to the treatment, storage, or disposal facility that the shipper designates on the manifest to be a facility holding a permit or another facility specified in division (F) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code;

(6) Contingency plans to minimize unanticipated damage from transportation of hazardous waste;

(7) Financial responsibility, including, but not limited to, provisions requiring a financial mechanism to cover the costs of spill cleanup and liability for sudden accidental occurrences that result in damage to persons, property, or the environment;

(8) Obtainment of a United States environmental protection agency identification number.

In the case of any hazardous waste that is subject to the "Hazardous Materials Transportation Act," 88 Stat. 2156 (1975), 49 U.S.C.A. 1801, as amended, the rules shall be consistent with that act and regulations adopted under it.

(D) Establishing performance standards for owners and operators of hazardous waste facilities and owners and operators of solid waste facilities, necessary to protect human health or safety or the environment in accordance with this chapter, including, but not limited to, requirements respecting all of the following:

(1) Maintaining records of all hazardous waste that is treated, stored, or disposed of and of the manner in which the waste was treated, stored, or disposed of or records of all solid wastes transferred or disposed of and of the manner in which the wastes were disposed of;

(2) Submission of such reports to the director as the director determines necessary;

(3) Reporting, monitoring, inspection, and, except with respect to solid waste facilities, compliance with the manifest system referred to in division (B) of this section;

(4) Treatment, storage, or disposal of all hazardous waste received by methods, techniques, and practices approved by the director and disposal or transfer of all solid wastes received by methods, techniques, and practices approved by the director;

(5) Location, design, and construction of hazardous waste facilities and location, design, and construction of solid waste facilities;

(6) Contingency plans for effective action to minimize unanticipated damage from treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste and the disposal or transfer of solid wastes;

(7) Ownership, continuity of operation, training for personnel, and financial responsibility, including the filing of closure and post-closure financial assurance, if applicable. No private entity shall be precluded by reason of these requirements from the ownership or operation of facilities providing hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal services if the entity can provide assurances of financial responsibility and continuity of operation consistent with the degree and duration of risks associated with the treatment, storage, or disposal of specified hazardous waste.

(8) Closure and post-closure care of a hazardous waste facility where hazardous waste will no longer be treated, stored, or disposed of and of a solid waste facility where solid wastes will no longer be disposed of or transferred;

(9) Establishment of quality control and testing procedures that ensure compliance with the rules adopted under this section;

(10) Obtainment of a United States environmental protection agency identification number for each hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facility;

(11) Trial burns and land treatment demonstrations.

The rules adopted under divisions (D) and (F) of this section pertaining to solid waste facilities do not apply to scrap tire collection, storage, monocell, monofill, and recovery facilities. Those facilities are subject to and governed by rules adopted under sections 3734.70 to 3734.73 of the Revised Code, as applicable.

(E) Governing the issuance, modification, revocation, suspension, withdrawal, and denial of installation and operation permits, draft permits, and transportation certificates of registration;

(F) Specifying information required to be included in applications for hazardous waste facility installation and operation permits and solid waste permits, including, but not limited to, detail plans, specifications, and information respecting all of the following:

(1) The composition, quantities, and concentrations of hazardous waste and solid wastes to be stored, treated, transported, or disposed of and such other information as the director may require regarding the method of operation;

(2) The facility to which the waste will be transported or where it will

be stored, treated, or disposed of;

(3) The closure and post-closure care of a facility where hazardous waste will no longer be treated, stored, or disposed of and of a solid waste facility where solid wastes will no longer be disposed of or transferred.

(G) Establishing procedures ensuring that all information entitled to protection as trade secrets disclosed to the director or the director's authorized representative is not disclosed without the consent of the owner, except that such information may be disclosed, upon request, to authorized representatives of the United States environmental protection agency, or as required by law. As used in this section, "trade secrets" means any formula, plan, pattern, process, tool, mechanism, compound, procedure, production date, or compilation of information that is not patented, that is known only to certain individuals within a commercial concern who are using it to fabricate, produce, or compound an article, trade, or service having commercial value, and that gives its user an opportunity to obtain a business advantage over competitors who do not know or use it.

(H) Prohibiting the disposal of specified hazardous wastes in this state if the director has determined both of the following:

(1) The potential impacts on human health or safety or the environment are such that disposal of those wastes should not be allowed~~;~~.

(2) A technically feasible and environmentally sound alternative is reasonably available, either within or outside this state, for processing, recycling, fixation of, neutralization of, or other treatment of those wastes. Such reasonable availability shall not be determined without a consideration of the costs to the generator of implementing the alternatives.

The director shall adopt, and may amend, suspend, or rescind, rules to specify hazardous wastes that shall not be disposed of in accordance with this division. Nothing in this division, either prior to or after adoption of those rules, shall preclude the director ~~or the hazardous waste facility board created in section 3734.05 of the Revised Code~~ from prohibiting the disposal of specified hazardous wastes at particular facilities under the terms or conditions of a permit or ~~preclude the director from prohibiting that disposal~~ by order.

(I)(1)(a) Governing the following that may be more stringent than the regulations adopted under the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2806, 42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as amended, when the director determines that such more stringent rules are reasonable in order to protect human health or safety or the environment:

(i) Specific wastes that the director determines, because of their physical, chemical, or biological characteristics, are so extremely hazardous

that the storage, treatment, or disposal of the wastes in compliance with those regulations would present an imminent danger to human health or safety or the environment;

(ii) The use of only properly designed, operated, and approved transfer facilities;

(iii) Preventing illegitimate activities relating to the reuse, recycling, or reclaiming of hazardous waste, including record-keeping, reporting, and manifest requirements.

(b) In adopting such more stringent rules, the director shall give consideration to and base the rules on evidence concerning factors including, but not limited to, the following insofar as pertinent:

(i) Geography of the state;

(ii) Geology of the state;

(iii) Hydrogeology of the state;

(iv) Climate of the state;

(v) Engineering and technical feasibility;

(vi) Availability of alternative technologies or methods of storage, treatment, or disposal.

(2) The director may require from generators and transporters of hazardous waste and from owners or operators of treatment, storage, or disposal facilities, the submission of reports in addition to those required under regulations adopted under the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2806, 42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as amended, to the extent that such reports contain information that the generator, transporter, or facility owner or operator is required to obtain in order to comply with the regulations adopted by the administrator of the United States environmental protection agency under the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2806, 42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as amended, or to the extent that such reports are required by the director to meet the requirements of division (B)(7), (D)(9), or (H) of this section or section 3734.121 of the Revised Code.

(J) Governing the storage, treatment, or disposal of hazardous waste in, and the permitting, design, construction, operation, monitoring, inspection, closure, and post-closure care of, hazardous waste underground injection wells, surface impoundments, waste piles other than those composed of materials removed from the ground as part of coal or mineral extraction or cleaning processes, land treatment facilities, thermal treatment facilities, and landfills that may be more stringent than the regulations adopted under the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2806, 42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as amended, whenever the director reasonably determines

that federal regulations will not adequately protect the public health or safety or the environment of this state with respect to the subject matter of the more stringent rules. Such more stringent rules shall be developed to achieve a degree of protection, as determined by the director, consistent with the degree of hazard potentially posed by the various wastes or categories of wastes to be treated, stored, or disposed of and the types of facilities at which they are to be treated, stored, or disposed of. In adopting such more stringent rules, the director shall give consideration to and base the rules on evidence concerning factors including, but not limited to, the following insofar as pertinent:

(1) Geography of the state;

(2) Geology of the state;

(3) Hydrogeology of the state;

(4) Climate of the state;

(5) Engineering and technical feasibility;

(6) Availability of alternative technologies or methods of storage, treatment, or disposal.

(K) Establishing performance standards and other requirements necessary to protect public health and the environment from hazards associated with used oil, including, without limitation, standards and requirements respecting all of the following:

(1) Material that is subject to regulation as used oil;

(2) Generation of used oil;

(3) Used oil collection centers and aggregation points;

(4) Transportation of used oil;

(5) Processing and re-refining of used oil;

(6) Burning of used oil;

(7) Marketing of used oil;

(8) Disposal of used oil;

(9) Use of used oil as a dust suppressant.

Sec. 3734.123. (A) As used in this section and section 3734.124 of the Revised Code, "commercial hazardous waste incinerator" means an enclosed device that treats hazardous waste by means of controlled flame combustion and that accepts for treatment hazardous waste that is generated off the premises on which the device is located by any person other than the one who owns or operates the device or one who controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the person who owns or operates the device. "Commercial hazardous waste incinerator" does not include any "boiler" or "industrial furnace" as those terms are defined in rules adopted under section 3734.12 of the Revised Code.

(B) Not sooner than three years after April 15, 1993, and triennially thereafter, the director of environmental protection shall prepare, publish, and issue as a final action an assessment of commercial hazardous waste incinerator capacity in this state. However, after the issuance as a final action of a determination under division (A) of section 3734.124 of the Revised Code that terminates the restrictions established in division (C) of this section, the director shall cease preparing, publishing, and issuing the periodic assessments required under this division. The assessment shall determine the amount of commercial hazardous waste incinerator capacity needed to manage the hazardous waste expected to be generated in this state and imported into this state for incineration at commercial hazardous waste incinerators during the next succeeding twenty calendar years. The assessment shall include at least all of the following:

(1) A determination of the aggregate treatment capacity authorized at commercial hazardous waste incinerators located in this state;

(2) A determination of the quantity of hazardous waste generated in this state that is being treated at commercial hazardous waste incinerators located in this state and projections of the quantity of hazardous waste generated in this state that will be treated at those facilities;

(3) A determination of the quantity of hazardous waste generated outside this state that is being treated at commercial hazardous waste incinerators located in this state and projections of the quantity of hazardous waste generated outside this state that will be treated at those facilities;

(4) A determination of the quantity of hazardous waste generated in this state that is being treated at commercial hazardous waste incinerators located outside this state, and projections of the quantity of hazardous waste generated in this state that will be treated at those facilities;

(5) The amount of commercial hazardous waste incinerator capacity that the director reasonably anticipates will be needed during the first three years of the planning period to treat hazardous waste generated from the remediation of sites in this state that are on the national priority list required under the "Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980," 94 Stat. 2767, 42 U.S.C.A. 9601, as amended; as a result of corrective actions implemented under the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2806, 42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as amended; and as a result of clean-up activities conducted at sites listed on the master sites list prepared by the environmental protection agency;

(6) Based upon available data, provided that the data are reliable and are compatible with the data base of the environmental protection agency, an identification of any hazardous waste first listed as a hazardous waste in

regulations adopted under the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2806, 42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as amended, on or after April 15, 1993, and of any hazardous waste that has been proposed for such listing by publication of a notice in the federal register on or before December 1 of the year immediately preceding the triennial assessment;

(7) An analysis of other factors that may result in capacity changes over the period addressed by the assessment.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in section 3734.124 of the Revised Code, none of the following shall occur on or after April 15, 1993:

(1) The director shall not do any of the following:

(a) ~~Pursuant to division (D)(3) or (I)(4) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code, as applicable, transmit to the hazardous waste facility board created in that section any application for a~~ Issue any hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit under division (D) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code for the establishment of a new commercial hazardous waste incinerator, or ~~any request for a modification, as described in divisions (I)(3)(a) to (d) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code, of an existing commercial hazardous waste incinerator to increase either the treatment capacity of the incinerator or the quantity of hazardous waste authorized to be treated by it, for which the staff of the environmental protection agency has made a preliminary determination as to whether the application or request appears to comply with the rules and standards set forth under divisions (D), (I), and (J) of section 3734.12 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(b) Issue~~ issue any modified hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit under division (I)~~(5)~~ of that section ~~3734.05 of the Revised Code~~ that would authorize an increase in either the treatment capacity of a commercial hazardous waste incinerator or the quantity of hazardous waste authorized to be treated by it;

~~(c)~~(b) Issue any permit pursuant to rules adopted under division (F) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code, division (J) of section 6111.03 of the Revised Code, or the solid waste provisions of this chapter and rules adopted under those provisions, that is necessary for the establishment, modification, or operation of any appurtenant facility or equipment that is necessary for the operation of a new commercial hazardous waste incinerator, or the modification of such an existing incinerator to increase either the treatment capacity of the incinerator or the quantity of hazardous waste that is authorized to be treated by it. Upon determining that an application for any permit pertains to the establishment, modification, or operation of any appurtenant facility or equipment, the director shall cease

reviewing the application and return the application and accompanying materials to the applicant along with a written notice that division (C)(1)~~(c)~~(b) of this section precludes the director from reviewing and acting upon the application.

~~(d)~~(c) Issue any exemption order under division (G) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code exempting the establishment of a new commercial hazardous waste incinerator; the modification of an existing facility to increase either the treatment capacity of the incinerator or the quantity of hazardous waste that is authorized to be treated by it; or the establishment, modification, or operation of any facility or equipment appurtenant to a new or modified commercial hazardous waste incinerator, from divisions (C)(1)(a)~~,~~ or (b)~~, or (c)~~ or (C)(2) ~~or (3)~~ of this section.

(2) ~~The staff of the environmental protection agency shall not take any action under division (D)(3) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code to review, or to make a preliminary determination of compliance with the rules and standards set forth in divisions (D), (I), and (J) of section 3734.12 of the Revised Code regarding, any~~ If the director determines that an application for a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit submitted under division (D)~~(3)~~ of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code ~~that~~ pertains to the establishment of a new commercial hazardous waste incinerator, or ~~any~~ a request for a modification of an existing incinerator submitted under division (I)~~(4)~~ of that section ~~to modify an existing incinerator~~ pertains to an increase of either the treatment capacity of the incinerator or the quantity of hazardous waste that is authorized to be treated by it~~. Upon determining that an application or request submitted under those divisions pertains to the establishment of a new commercial hazardous waste incinerator or the modification of an existing incinerator~~, the ~~staff of the agency~~ director shall cease reviewing the application or request and shall return it and the accompanying materials to the applicant along with a written notice that division (C)(2) of this section precludes the ~~staff from reviewing or making any preliminary determination of compliance regarding~~ review of the application or request.

~~(3) The hazardous waste facility board created in section 3734.05 of the Revised Code shall not do either of the following:~~

~~(a) Approve any application for a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit, or issue any permit, under divisions (D) and (F) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code that authorizes the establishment and operation of a new commercial hazardous waste incinerator;~~

~~(b) Approve any request to modify an existing commercial hazardous waste incinerator under divisions (D) and (I)(7) of section 3734.05 of the~~

~~Revised Code that authorizes an increase in either the treatment capacity of the incinerator or the quantity of hazardous waste authorized to be treated by it.~~

Sec. 3734.124. (A) Promptly after issuing a periodic assessment under division (B) of section 3734.123 of the Revised Code, the director of environmental protection shall make a determination as to whether it is necessary or appropriate to continue the restrictions established in division (C) of section 3734.123 of the Revised Code during the period of time between the issuance of the assessment and the issuance of the next succeeding periodic assessment or as to whether it is necessary or appropriate to terminate the restrictions. The director shall consider all of the following when making a determination under this division:

(1) The findings of the assessment;

(2) The findings of an evaluation conducted by the director, in consultation with the chairperson of the state emergency response commission created in section 3750.02 of the Revised Code, regarding the capability of this state to respond to the types and frequencies of releases of hazardous waste that are likely to occur at commercial hazardous waste incinerators;

(3) The effect that a new commercial hazardous waste incinerator may have on ambient air quality in this state;

(4) The findings of a review of relevant information regarding the impacts of commercial hazardous waste incinerators on human health and the environment, such as health studies and risk assessments;

(5) The findings of a review of the operational records of commercial hazardous waste incinerators operating in this state;

(6) The findings of any review of relevant information concerning the following:

(a) The cost of and access to commercial hazardous waste incinerator capacity;

(b) The length of time and the regulatory review process necessary to fully permit a commercial hazardous waste incinerator;

(c) Access to long-term capital investment to fund the building of a commercial hazardous waste incinerator in this state;

(d) Efforts by generators of hazardous waste accepted by commercial hazardous waste incinerators to reduce the amount of hazardous waste that they generate.

(7) Regulatory and legislative concerns that may include, without limitation, the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of 40 C.F.R. 271.4, as they existed on April 15, 1993.

If, after considering all of the information and concerns that the director is required to consider under divisions (A)(1) to (7) of this section, the director determines that it is necessary or appropriate to terminate the restrictions established in division (C) of section 3734.123 of the Revised Code in order to protect human health or safety or the environment, the director shall issue as a final action a written determination to that effect. If the director determines that it is necessary or appropriate for those purposes to continue the restrictions until the issuance of the next succeeding periodic assessment under division (B) of section 3734.123 of the Revised Code, the director shall issue as a final action a written determination to that effect. After the issuance as a final action of a determination under this division that it is necessary or appropriate to terminate the restrictions established in division (C) of section 3734.123 of the Revised Code, the director shall cease making the periodic determinations required under this division.

(B) Beginning three years after April 15, 1993, but only on and after the date of issuance as final actions of an assessment under division (B) of section 3734.123 of the Revised Code and a determination under division (A) of this section that it is necessary or appropriate to terminate the restrictions established in division (C) of section 3734.123 of the Revised Code, ~~any of the following may occur:~~

~~(1) The~~ the director may do any of the following:

~~(a) Pursuant to division (D)(3) or (I)(4) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code, as applicable, transmit to the hazardous waste facility board created in that section an application for a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit that pertains to the establishment of a new commercial hazardous waste incinerator, or a request for a modification, as described in divisions (I)(3)(a) to (d) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code, of a commercial hazardous waste incinerator to increase either the treatment capacity of the incinerator or the quantity of hazardous waste authorized to be treated by it, for which the staff of the environmental protection agency has made a preliminary determination as to whether the application or request appears to comply with the rules and standards set forth under divisions (D), (I), and (K) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(b) To the extent otherwise authorized in division (I)(5) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code, issue a modified hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit under that division that authorizes an increase in either the treatment capacity of a commercial hazardous waste incinerator or the quantity of hazardous waste authorized to be treated by it;~~

~~(c)~~(1) To the extent otherwise authorized thereunder, issue any permit

pursuant to rules adopted under division (F) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code, division (J) of section 6111.03 of the Revised Code, or the solid waste provisions of this chapter and rules adopted under those provisions, that is necessary for the establishment, modification, or operation of any appurtenant facility or equipment that is necessary for the operation of a new commercial hazardous waste incinerator, or for the modification of an existing incinerator to increase either the treatment capacity of the incinerator or the quantity of hazardous waste authorized to be treated by it;

~~(d)~~(2) To the extent otherwise authorized in division (G) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code, issue an order exempting the establishment of a new commercial hazardous waste incinerator; the modification of an existing incinerator to increase either the treatment capacity of the incinerator or the quantity of hazardous waste that is authorized to be treated by it; or the establishment, modification, or operation of any facility or equipment appurtenant to a new or modified commercial hazardous waste incinerator, from division (C)(1)(a)~~,~~ or (b)~~, or (c)~~ or (C)(2) ~~or (3)~~ of section 3734.123 of the Revised Code~~.~~

~~(2) The staff of the environmental protection agency may do both of the following:~~

~~(a) Pursuant to division (D)(3) or (I)(4) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code, review an application for a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit to establish a new commercial hazardous waste incinerator or a request to modify an existing incinerator to increase either the treatment capacity of the incinerator or the quantity of hazardous waste authorized to be treated by it~~;

~~(b) Pursuant to division (D)(3) or (I)(4) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code, make a preliminary determination as to whether an application for a hazardous waste facility permit to install and operate a new commercial hazardous waste incinerator or a request to modify an existing incinerator to increase either the treatment capacity of the incinerator or the quantity of hazardous waste authorized to be treated by it appears to comply with the rules and performance standards set forth under divisions (D), (I), and (J) of section 3734.12 of the Revised Code.~~

(3) ~~The hazardous waste facility board may do both of the following:~~

~~(a)~~ Approve or disapprove an application for a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit, and issue a permit, under ~~divisions~~ division (D) ~~and (F)~~ of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code for a new commercial hazardous waste incinerator;

~~(b) Under divisions (D) and (I)(7) of that section, approve~~ (4) Approve

or disapprove under division (I) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code a request to modify the permit of an existing commercial hazardous waste incinerator to increase either the treatment capacity of the incinerator or the quantity of hazardous waste authorized to be treated by it.

Sec. 3734.18. (A) There are hereby levied fees on the disposal of hazardous waste to be collected according to the following schedule at each disposal facility to which ~~the hazardous waste facility board has issued~~ a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit or ~~the director of environmental protection has issued a~~ renewal of a permit ~~pursuant to section 3734.05 of the Revised Code~~ has been issued under this chapter:

(1) For disposal facilities that are off-site facilities as defined in division (E) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code, fees shall be levied at the rate of four dollars and fifty cents per ton for hazardous waste disposed of by deep well injection and nine dollars per ton for hazardous waste disposed of by land application or landfilling. The owner or operator of the facility, as a trustee for the state, shall collect the fees and forward them to the director in accordance with rules adopted under this section.

(2) For disposal facilities that are on-site or satellite facilities, as defined in division (E) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code, fees shall be levied at the rate of two dollars per ton for hazardous waste disposed of by deep well injection and four dollars per ton for hazardous waste disposed of by land application or landfilling. The maximum annual disposal fee for an on-site disposal facility that disposes of one hundred thousand tons or less of hazardous waste in a year is twenty-five thousand dollars. The maximum annual disposal fee for an on-site facility that disposes of more than one hundred thousand tons of hazardous waste in a year by land application or landfilling is fifty thousand dollars, and the maximum annual fee for an on-site facility that disposes of more than one hundred thousand tons of hazardous waste in a year by deep well injection is one hundred thousand dollars. The maximum annual disposal fee for a satellite facility that disposes of one hundred thousand tons or less of hazardous waste in a year is thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars, and the maximum annual disposal fee for a satellite facility that disposes of more than one hundred thousand tons of hazardous waste in a year is seventy-five thousand dollars, except that a satellite facility defined under division (E)(3)(b) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code that receives hazardous waste from a single generation site is subject to the same maximum annual disposal fees as an on-site disposal facility. The owner or operator shall pay the fee to the director each year upon the anniversary of the date of issuance of the owner's or operator's installation and operation permit during the term of

that permit and any renewal permit issued under division (H) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code. If payment is late, the owner or operator shall pay an additional ten per cent of the amount of the fee for each month that it is late.

(B) There are hereby levied fees at the rate of two dollars per ton on hazardous waste that is treated at treatment facilities that are not on-site or satellite facilities, as defined in division (E) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code, to which ~~the hazardous waste facility board has issued~~ a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit or ~~the director~~ renewal of a permit has been issued ~~a renewal permit~~ under this chapter, or that are not subject to the hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit requirements under rules adopted by the director.

(C) There are hereby levied additional fees on the treatment and disposal of hazardous waste at the rate of ten per cent of the applicable fees prescribed in division (A) or (B) of this section for the purposes of paying the costs of municipal corporations and counties for conducting reviews of applications for hazardous waste facility installation and operation permits for proposed new or modified hazardous waste landfills within their boundaries, emergency response actions with respect to releases of hazardous waste from hazardous waste facilities within their boundaries, monitoring the operation of such hazardous waste facilities, and local waste management planning programs. The owner or operator of a facility located within a municipal corporation, as a trustee for the municipal corporation, shall collect the fees levied by this division and forward them to the treasurer of the municipal corporation or such officer as, by virtue of the charter, has the duties of the treasurer in accordance with rules adopted under this section. The owner or operator of a facility located in an unincorporated area, as a trustee of the county in which the facility is located, shall collect the fees levied by this division and forward them to the county treasurer of that county in accordance with rules adopted under this section. The owner or operator shall pay the fees levied by this division to the treasurer or such other officer of the municipal corporation or to the county treasurer each year upon the anniversary of the date of issuance of the owner's or operator's installation and operation permit during the term of that permit and any renewal permit issued under division (H) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code. If payment is late, the owner or operator shall pay an additional ten per cent of the amount of the fee for each month that the payment is late.

Moneys received by a municipal corporation under this division shall be paid into a special fund of the municipal corporation and used exclusively

for the purposes of conducting reviews of applications for hazardous waste facility installation and operation permits for new or modified hazardous waste landfills located or proposed within the municipal corporation, conducting emergency response actions with respect to releases of hazardous waste from facilities located within the municipal corporation, monitoring operation of such hazardous waste facilities, and conducting waste management planning programs within the municipal corporation through employees of the municipal corporation or pursuant to contracts entered into with persons or political subdivisions. Moneys received by a board of county commissioners under this division shall be paid into a special fund of the county and used exclusively for those purposes within the unincorporated area of the county through employees of the county or pursuant to contracts entered into with persons or political subdivisions.

(D) As used in this section, "treatment" or "treated" does not include any method, technique, or process designed to recover energy or material resources from the waste or to render the waste amenable for recovery. The fees levied by division (B) of this section do not apply to hazardous waste that is treated and disposed of on the same premises or by the same person.

(E) The director, by rules adopted in accordance with Chapters 119. and 3745. of the Revised Code, shall prescribe any dates not specified in this section and procedures for collecting and forwarding the fees prescribed by this section and may prescribe other requirements that are necessary to carry out this section.

The director shall deposit the moneys collected under divisions (A) and (B) of this section into one or more minority banks, as "minority bank" is defined in division (F)(1) of section 135.04 of the Revised Code, to the credit of the hazardous waste facility management fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury, except that the director shall deposit to the credit of the underground injection control fund created in section 6111.046 of the Revised Code moneys in excess of fifty thousand dollars that are collected during a fiscal year under division (A)(2) of this section from the fee levied on the disposal of hazardous waste by deep well injection at an on-site disposal facility that disposes of more than one hundred thousand tons of hazardous waste in a year.

The environmental protection agency ~~and the hazardous waste facility board~~ may use moneys in the hazardous waste facility management fund for administration of the hazardous waste program established under this chapter and, in accordance with this section, may request approval by the controlling board for that use on an annual basis. In addition, the agency may use and pledge moneys in that fund for repayment of and for interest on

any loans made by the Ohio water development authority to the agency for the hazardous waste program established under this chapter without the necessity of requesting approval by the controlling board, which use and pledge shall have priority over any other use of the moneys in the fund.

Until September 28, 1996, the director also may use moneys in the fund to pay the start-up costs of administering Chapter 3746. of the Revised Code.

If moneys in the fund that the agency uses in accordance with this chapter are reimbursed by grants or other moneys from the United States government, the grants or other moneys shall be placed in the fund.

Before the agency makes any expenditure from the fund other than for repayment of and interest on any loan made by the Ohio water development authority to the agency in accordance with this section, the controlling board shall approve the expenditure.

Sec. 3734.28. All moneys collected under sections 3734.122, 3734.13, 3734.20, 3734.22, 3734.24, and 3734.26 of the Revised Code and natural resource damages collected by the state under the "Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980," 94 Stat. 2767, 42 U.S.C.A. 9601, as amended, shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the hazardous waste clean-up fund, which is hereby created. The environmental protection agency shall use the moneys in the fund for the purposes set forth in division (D) of section 3734.122, sections 3734.19, 3734.20, 3734.21, 3734.23, 3734.25, 3734.26, and 3734.27, and, through ~~June 30, 2003~~ October 15, 2005, divisions (A)(1) and (2) of section 3745.12 and Chapter 3746. of the Revised Code, including any related enforcement expenses. In addition, the agency shall use the moneys in the fund to pay the state's long-term operation and maintenance costs or matching share for actions taken under the "Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980," as amended. If those moneys are reimbursed by grants or other moneys from the United States or any other person, the moneys shall be placed in the fund and not in the general revenue fund.

Sec. 3734.42. (A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (E)(2) of this section, every applicant for a permit other than a permit modification or renewal shall file a disclosure statement, on a form developed by the attorney general, with the director of environmental protection and the attorney general at the same time the applicant files an application for a permit other than a permit modification or renewal with the director.

(2) Any individual required to be listed in the disclosure statement shall be fingerprinted for identification and investigation purposes in accordance

with procedures established by the attorney general. An individual required to be fingerprinted under this section shall not be required to be fingerprinted more than once under this section.

(3) The attorney general, within one hundred eighty days after receipt of the disclosure statement from an applicant for a permit, shall prepare and transmit to the director an investigative report on the applicant, based in part upon the disclosure statement, except that this deadline may be extended for a reasonable period of time, for good cause, by the director or the attorney general. In preparing this report, the attorney general may request and receive criminal history information from the federal bureau of investigation and any other law enforcement agency or organization. The attorney general may provide such confidentiality regarding the information received from a law enforcement agency as may be imposed by that agency as a condition for providing that information to the attorney general.

(4) The review of the application by the director ~~or the hazardous waste facility board~~ shall include a review of the disclosure statement and investigative report.

(B) All applicants and permittees shall provide any assistance or information requested by the director or the attorney general and shall cooperate in any inquiry or investigation conducted by the attorney general and any inquiry, investigation, or hearing conducted by the director ~~or the hazardous waste facility board~~. If, upon issuance of a formal request to answer any inquiry or produce information, evidence, or testimony, any applicant or permittee, any officer, director, or partner of any business concern, or any key employee of the applicant or permittee refuses to comply, the permit of the applicant or permittee may be denied or revoked by the director ~~or the board~~.

(C) The attorney general may charge and collect such fees from applicants and permittees as are necessary to cover the costs of administering and enforcing the investigative procedures authorized in sections 3734.41 to 3734.47 of the Revised Code. The attorney general shall transmit moneys collected under this division to the treasurer of state to be credited to the solid and hazardous waste background investigations fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. Moneys in the fund shall be used solely for paying the attorney general's costs of administering and enforcing the investigative procedures authorized in sections 3734.41 to 3734.47 of the Revised Code.

(D) Annually on the anniversary date of the submission to the director by the attorney general of the investigative report for a specific facility, or annually on another date assigned by the attorney general, the appropriate

applicant, permittee, or prospective owner shall submit to the attorney general, on a form provided by the attorney general, any and all information required to be included in a disclosure statement that has changed or been added in the immediately preceding year. If, in the immediately preceding year, there have been no changes in or additions to the information required to be included in a disclosure statement, the appropriate applicant, permittee, or prospective owner shall submit to the attorney general an affidavit stating that there have been no changes in or additions to that information during that time period.

Notwithstanding the requirement for an annual submission of information, the following information shall be submitted within the periods specified:

(1) Information required to be included in the disclosure statement for any new officer, director, partner, or key employee, to be submitted within ninety days from the addition of the officer, director, partner, or key employee;

(2) Information required to be included in a disclosure statement for any new business concern, to be submitted within ninety days from the addition of the new business concern;

(3) Information regarding any new criminal conviction, to be submitted within ninety days from the judgment entry of conviction.

The failure to provide such information may constitute the basis for the revocation or denial of renewal of any permit or license issued in accordance with this chapter, provided that prior to any such denial or revocation, the director shall notify the applicant or permittee of the director's intention to do so and give the applicant or permittee fourteen days from the date of the notice to explain why the information was not provided. The director shall consider this information when determining whether to revoke or deny the permit or license.

Nothing in this division affects the rights of the director or the attorney general granted under sections 3734.40 to 3734.47 of the Revised Code to request information from a person at any other time.

(E)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (E)(2) of this section, every permittee who is not otherwise required to file a disclosure statement shall file a disclosure statement within five years after June 24, 1988, pursuant to a schedule for submissions of disclosure statements developed by the attorney general. The schedule shall provide all permittees and holders of a license with at least one hundred eighty days' notice prior to the date upon which the statement is to be submitted. All other terms of the schedule shall be established at the discretion of the attorney general and

shall not be subject to judicial review.

(2) An applicant for a permit for an off-site solid waste facility that is a scrap tire storage, monocell, monofill, or recovery facility issued under section 3734.76, 3734.77, or 3734.78 of the Revised Code, as applicable, shall file a disclosure statement within five years after October 29, 1993, pursuant to a schedule for submissions of disclosure statements developed by the attorney general. The schedule shall provide all such applicants with at least one hundred eighty days' notice prior to the date upon which the statement shall be submitted. All other terms of the schedule shall be established at the discretion of the attorney general and shall not be subject to judicial review.

Beginning five years after October 29, 1993, an applicant for such a permit shall file a disclosure statement in accordance with division (A)(1) of this section.

(3) When a permittee submits a disclosure statement at the time it submits an application for a renewal or modification of its permit, the attorney general shall remove the permittee from the submission schedule established pursuant to division (E)(1) or (2) of this section.

(4) After receiving a disclosure statement under division (E)(1) or (2) of this section, the attorney general shall prepare an investigative report and transmit it to the director. The director shall review the disclosure statement and investigative report to determine whether the statement or report contains information that if submitted with a permit application would require a denial of the permit pursuant to section 3734.44 of the Revised Code. If the director determines that the statement or report contains such information, the director may revoke any previously issued permit pursuant to section 3734.45 of the Revised Code, or the director shall deny any application for a renewal of a permit or license. When the renewal of the license is being performed by a board of health, the director shall instruct the board of health about those circumstances under which the renewal is required to be denied by this section.

(F)(1) Whenever there is a change in ownership of any off-site solid waste facility, including incinerators, any transfer facility, any off-site infectious waste treatment facility, or any off-site hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facility, the prospective owner shall file a disclosure statement with the attorney general and the director at least one hundred eighty days prior to the proposed change in ownership. Upon receipt of the disclosure statement, the attorney general shall prepare an investigative report and transmit it to the director. The director shall review the disclosure statement and investigative report to determine whether the

statement or report contains information that if submitted with a permit application would require a denial of the permit pursuant to section 3734.44 of the Revised Code. If the director determines that the statement or report contains such information, the director shall disapprove the change in ownership.

(2) If the parties to a change in ownership decide to proceed with the change prior to the action of the director on the disclosure statement and investigative report, the parties shall include in all contracts or other documents reflecting the change in ownership language expressly making the change in ownership subject to the approval of the director and expressly negating the change if it is disapproved by the director pursuant to division (F)(1) of this section.

(3) As used in this section, "change in ownership" includes any change in the names, other than those of officers, directors, partners, or key employees, contained in the disclosure statement.

Sec. 3734.44. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, no permit or license shall be issued or renewed by the director of environmental protection~~, the hazardous waste facility board,~~ or a board of health:

(A) Unless the director~~, the hazardous waste facility board,~~ or the board of health finds that the applicant, in any prior performance record in the transportation, transfer, treatment, storage, or disposal of solid wastes, infectious wastes, or hazardous waste, has exhibited sufficient reliability, expertise, and competency to operate the solid waste, infectious waste, or hazardous waste facility, given the potential for harm to human health and the environment that could result from the irresponsible operation of the facility, or, if no prior record exists, that the applicant is likely to exhibit that reliability, expertise, and competence;

(B) If any individual or business concern required to be listed in the disclosure statement or shown to have a beneficial interest in the business of the applicant or the permittee, other than an equity interest or debt liability, by the investigation thereof, has been convicted of any of the following crimes under the laws of this state or equivalent laws of any other jurisdiction:

(1) Murder;

(2) Kidnapping;

(3) Gambling;

(4) Robbery;

(5) Bribery;

(6) Extortion;

(7) Criminal usury;

(8) Arson;

(9) Burglary;

(10) Theft and related crimes;

(11) Forgery and fraudulent practices;

(12) Fraud in the offering, sale, or purchase of securities;

(13) Alteration of motor vehicle identification numbers;

(14) Unlawful manufacture, purchase, use, or transfer of firearms;

(15) Unlawful possession or use of destructive devices or explosives;

(16) Violation of section 2925.03, 2925.04, 2925.05, 2925.06, 2925.11, 2925.32, or 2925.37 or Chapter 3719. of the Revised Code, unless the violation is for possession of less than one hundred grams of marihuana, less than five grams of marihuana resin or extraction or preparation of marihuana resin, or less than one gram of marihuana resin in a liquid concentrate, liquid extract, or liquid distillate form;

(17) Engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity under section 2923.32 of the Revised Code;

(18) Violation of criminal provisions of Chapter 1331. of the Revised Code;

(19) Any violation of the criminal provisions of any federal or state environmental protection laws, rules, or regulations that is committed knowingly or recklessly, as defined in section 2901.22 of the Revised Code;

(20) Violation of Chapter 2909. of the Revised Code;

(21) Any offense specified in Chapter 2921. of the Revised Code.

(C) Notwithstanding division (B) of this section, no applicant shall be denied the issuance or renewal of a permit or license on the basis of a conviction of any individual or business concern required to be listed in the disclosure statement or shown to have a beneficial interest in the business of the applicant or the permittee, other than an equity interest or debt liability, by the investigation thereof for any of the offenses enumerated in that division as disqualification criteria if that applicant has affirmatively demonstrated rehabilitation of the individual or business concern by a preponderance of the evidence. If any such individual was convicted of any of the offenses so enumerated that are felonies, a permit shall be denied unless five years have elapsed since the individual was fully discharged from imprisonment and parole for the offense, from a post-release control sanction imposed under section 2967.28 of the Revised Code for the offense, or imprisonment, probation, and parole for an offense that was committed prior to the effective date of this amendment. In determining whether an applicant has affirmatively demonstrated rehabilitation, the

director~~, the hazardous waste facility board,~~ or the board of health shall request a recommendation on the matter from the attorney general and shall consider and base the determination on the following factors:

(1) The nature and responsibilities of the position a convicted individual would hold;

(2) The nature and seriousness of the offense;

(3) The circumstances under which the offense occurred;

(4) The date of the offense;

(5) The age of the individual when the offense was committed;

(6) Whether the offense was an isolated or repeated incident;

(7) Any social conditions that may have contributed to the offense;

(8) Any evidence of rehabilitation, including good conduct in prison or in the community, counseling or psychiatric treatment received, acquisition of additional academic or vocational schooling, successful participation in correctional work release programs, or the recommendation of persons who have or have had the applicant under their supervision;

(9) In the instance of an applicant that is a business concern, rehabilitation shall be established if the applicant has implemented formal management controls to minimize and prevent the occurrence of violations and activities that will or may result in permit or license denial or revocation or if the applicant has formalized those controls as a result of a revocation or denial of a permit or license. Those controls may include, but are not limited to, instituting environmental auditing programs to help ensure the adequacy of internal systems to achieve, maintain, and monitor compliance with applicable environmental laws and standards or instituting an antitrust compliance auditing program to help ensure full compliance with applicable antitrust laws. The business concern shall prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the management controls are effective in preventing the violations that are the subject of concern.

(D) Unless the director~~, the hazardous waste facility board,~~ or the board of health finds that the applicant has a history of compliance with environmental laws in this state and other jurisdictions and is presently in substantial compliance with, or on a legally enforceable schedule that will result in compliance with, environmental laws in this state and other jurisdictions~~.~~;

(E) With respect to the approval of a permit, if the director ~~or the hazardous waste facility board~~ determines that current prosecutions or pending charges in any jurisdiction for any of the offenses enumerated in division (B) of this section against any individual or business concern required to be listed in the disclosure statement or shown by the

investigation to have a beneficial interest in the business of the applicant other than an equity interest or debt liability are of such magnitude that they prevent making the finding required under division (A) of this section, provided that at the request of the applicant or the individual or business concern charged, the director ~~or the hazardous waste facility board~~ shall defer decision upon the application during the pendency of the charge.

Sec. 3734.46. Notwithstanding the disqualification of the applicant or permittee pursuant to this chapter, the director of environmental protection~~,~~ ~~hazardous waste facility board,~~ or the board of health may issue or renew a permit or license if the applicant or permittee severs the interest of or affiliation with the individual or business concern that would otherwise cause that disqualification or may issue or renew a license on a temporary basis for a period not to exceed six months if the director or the board of health determines that the issuance or renewal of the permit or license is necessitated by the public interest.

Sec. 3734.57. (A) For the purposes of paying the state's long-term operation costs or matching share for actions taken under the "Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980," 94 Stat. 2767, 42 U.S.C.A. 9601, as amended; paying the costs of measures for proper clean-up of sites where polychlorinated biphenyls and substances, equipment, and devices containing or contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls have been stored or disposed of; paying the costs of conducting surveys or investigations of solid waste facilities or other locations where it is believed that significant quantities of hazardous waste were disposed of and for conducting enforcement actions arising from the findings of such surveys or investigations; paying the costs of acquiring and cleaning up, or providing financial assistance for cleaning up, any hazardous waste facility or solid waste facility containing significant quantities of hazardous waste, that constitutes an imminent and substantial threat to public health or safety or the environment; and, from July 1, ~~2001~~ 2003, through June 30, ~~2004~~ 2006, for the purposes of paying the costs of administering and enforcing the laws pertaining to solid wastes, infectious wastes, and construction and demolition debris, including, without limitation, ground water evaluations related to solid wastes, infectious wastes, and construction and demolition debris, under this chapter and Chapter 3714. of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under them, and paying a share of the administrative costs of the environmental protection agency pursuant to section 3745.014 of the Revised Code, the following fees are hereby levied on the disposal of solid wastes in this state:

(1) One dollar per ton on and after July 1, 1993;

(2) An additional ~~seventy-five cents~~ one dollar per ton on and after July 1, ~~2001~~ 2003, through June 30, ~~2004~~ 2006.

The owner or operator of a solid waste disposal facility shall collect the fees levied under this division as a trustee for the state and shall prepare and file with the director of environmental protection monthly returns indicating the total tonnage of solid wastes received for disposal at the gate of the facility and the total amount of the fees collected under this division. Not later than thirty days after the last day of the month to which such a return applies, the owner or operator shall mail to the director the return for that month together with the fees collected during that month as indicated on the return. The owner or operator may request an extension of not more than thirty days for filing the return and remitting the fees, provided that the owner or operator has submitted such a request in writing to the director together with a detailed description of why the extension is requested, the director has received the request not later than the day on which the return is required to be filed, and the director has approved the request. If the fees are not remitted within sixty days after the last day of the month during which they were collected, the owner or operator shall pay an additional fifty per cent of the amount of the fees for each month that they are late.

One-half of the moneys remitted to the director under division (A)(1) of this section shall be credited to the hazardous waste facility management fund created in section 3734.18 of the Revised Code, and one-half shall be credited to the hazardous waste clean-up fund created in section 3734.28 of the Revised Code. The moneys remitted to the director under division (A)(2) of this section shall be credited to the solid waste fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. The environmental protection agency shall use moneys in the solid waste fund only to pay the costs of administering and enforcing the laws pertaining to solid wastes, infectious wastes, and construction and demolition debris, including, without limitation, ground water evaluations related to solid wastes, infectious wastes, and construction and demolition debris, under this chapter and Chapter 3714. of the Revised Code and rules adopted under them and to pay a share of the administrative costs of the environmental protection agency pursuant to section 3745.014 of the Revised Code.

The fees levied under this division and divisions (B) and (C) of this section are in addition to all other applicable fees and taxes and shall be added to any other fee or amount specified in a contract that is charged by the owner or operator of a solid waste disposal facility or to any other fee or amount that is specified in a contract entered into on or after March 4, 1992, and that is charged by a transporter of solid wastes.

(B) For the purpose of preparing, revising, and implementing the solid waste management plan of the county or joint solid waste management district, including, without limitation, the development and implementation of solid waste recycling or reduction programs; providing financial assistance to boards of health within the district, if solid waste facilities are located within the district, for the enforcement of this chapter and rules adopted and orders and terms and conditions of permits, licenses, and variances issued under it, other than the hazardous waste provisions of this chapter and rules adopted and orders and terms and conditions of permits issued under those provisions; providing financial assistance to the county to defray the added costs of maintaining roads and other public facilities and of providing emergency and other public services resulting from the location and operation of a solid waste facility within the county under the district's approved solid waste management plan; paying the costs incurred by boards of health for collecting and analyzing water samples from public or private wells on lands adjacent to solid waste facilities that are contained in the approved or amended plan of the district; paying the costs of developing and implementing a program for the inspection of solid wastes generated outside the boundaries of this state that are disposed of at solid waste facilities included in the district's approved solid waste management plan or amended plan; providing financial assistance to boards of health within the district for enforcing laws prohibiting open dumping; providing financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies within the district for enforcing laws and ordinances prohibiting littering; providing financial assistance to boards of health of health districts within the district that are on the approved list under section 3734.08 of the Revised Code for the training and certification required for their employees responsible for solid waste enforcement by rules adopted under division (L) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code; providing financial assistance to individual municipal corporations and townships within the district to defray their added costs of maintaining roads and other public facilities and of providing emergency and other public services resulting from the location and operation within their boundaries of a composting, energy or resource recovery, incineration, or recycling facility that either is owned by the district or is furnishing solid waste management facility or recycling services to the district pursuant to a contract or agreement with the board of county commissioners or directors of the district; and payment of any expenses that are agreed to, awarded, or ordered to be paid under section 3734.35 of the Revised Code and of any administrative costs incurred pursuant to that section, the solid waste management policy committee of a county or joint solid waste management

district may levy fees upon the following activities:

(1) The disposal at a solid waste disposal facility located in the district of solid wastes generated within the district;

(2) The disposal at a solid waste disposal facility within the district of solid wastes generated outside the boundaries of the district, but inside this state;

(3) The disposal at a solid waste disposal facility within the district of solid wastes generated outside the boundaries of this state.

If any such fees are levied prior to January 1, 1994, fees levied under division (B)(1) of this section always shall be equal to one-half of the fees levied under division (B)(2) of this section, and fees levied under division (B)(3) of this section, which shall be in addition to fees levied under division (B)(2) of this section, always shall be equal to fees levied under division (B)(1) of this section, except as otherwise provided in this division. The solid waste management plan of the county or joint district approved under section 3734.521 or 3734.55 of the Revised Code and any amendments to it, or the resolution adopted under this division, as appropriate, shall establish the rates of the fees levied under divisions (B)(1), (2), and (3) of this section, if any, and shall specify whether the fees are levied on the basis of tons or cubic yards as the unit of measurement. Although the fees under divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section are levied on the basis of tons as the unit of measurement, the solid waste management plan of the district and any amendments to it or the solid waste management policy committee in its resolution levying fees under this division may direct that the fees levied under those divisions be levied on the basis of cubic yards as the unit of measurement based upon a conversion factor of three cubic yards per ton generally or one cubic yard per ton for baled wastes if the fees under divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section are being levied on the basis of cubic yards as the unit of measurement under the plan, amended plan, or resolution.

On and after January 1, 1994, the fee levied under division (B)(1) of this section shall be not less than one dollar per ton nor more than two dollars per ton, the fee levied under division (B)(2) of this section shall be not less than two dollars per ton nor more than four dollars per ton, and the fee levied under division (B)(3) of this section shall be not more than the fee levied under division (B)(1) of this section, except as otherwise provided in this division and notwithstanding any schedule of those fees established in the solid waste management plan of a county or joint district approved under section 3734.55 of the Revised Code or a resolution adopted and ratified under this division that is in effect on that date. If the fee that a district is

levying under division (B)(1) of this section on that date under its approved plan or such a resolution is less than one dollar per ton, the fee shall be one dollar per ton on and after January 1, 1994, and if the fee that a district is so levying under that division exceeds two dollars per ton, the fee shall be two dollars per ton on and after that date. If the fee that a district is so levying under division (B)(2) of this section is less than two dollars per ton, the fee shall be two dollars per ton on and after that date, and if the fee that the district is so levying under that division exceeds four dollars per ton, the fee shall be four dollars per ton on and after that date. On that date, the fee levied by a district under division (B)(3) of this section shall be equal to the fee levied under division (B)(1) of this section. Except as otherwise provided in this division, the fees established by the operation of this amendment shall remain in effect until the district's resolution levying fees under this division is amended or repealed in accordance with this division to amend or abolish the schedule of fees, the schedule of fees is amended or abolished in an amended plan of the district approved under section 3734.521 or division (A) or (D) of section 3734.56 of the Revised Code, or the schedule of fees is amended or abolished through an amendment to the district's plan under division (E) of section 3734.56 of the Revised Code; the notification of the amendment or abolishment of the fees has been given in accordance with this division; and collection of the amended fees so established commences, or collection of the fees ceases, in accordance with this division.

The solid waste management policy committee of a district levying fees under divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section on October 29, 1993, under its solid waste management plan approved under section 3734.55 of the Revised Code or a resolution adopted and ratified under this division that are within the ranges of rates prescribed by this amendment, by adoption of a resolution not later than December 1, 1993, and without the necessity for ratification of the resolution under this division, may amend those fees within the prescribed ranges, provided that the estimated revenues from the amended fees will not substantially exceed the estimated revenues set forth in the district's budget for calendar year 1994. Not later than seven days after the adoption of such a resolution, the committee shall notify by certified mail the owner or operator of each solid waste disposal facility that is required to collect the fees of the adoption of the resolution and of the amount of the amended fees. Collection of the amended fees shall take effect on the first day of the first month following the month in which the notification is sent to the owner or operator. The fees established in such a resolution shall remain in effect until the district's resolution levying fees

that was adopted and ratified under this division is amended or repealed, and the amendment or repeal of the resolution is ratified, in accordance with this division, to amend or abolish the fees, the schedule of fees is amended or abolished in an amended plan of the district approved under section 3734.521 or division (A) or (D) of section 3734.56 of the Revised Code, or the schedule of fees is amended or abolished through an amendment to the district's plan under division (E) of section 3734.56 of the Revised Code; the notification of the amendment or abolishment of the fees has been given in accordance with this division; and collection of the amended fees so established commences, or collection of the fees ceases, in accordance with this division.

Prior to the approval of the solid waste management plan of the district under section 3734.55 of the Revised Code, the solid waste management policy committee of a district may levy fees under this division by adopting a resolution establishing the proposed amount of the fees. Upon adopting the resolution, the committee shall deliver a copy of the resolution to the board of county commissioners of each county forming the district and to the legislative authority of each municipal corporation and township under the jurisdiction of the district and shall prepare and publish the resolution and a notice of the time and location where a public hearing on the fees will be held. Upon adopting the resolution, the committee shall deliver written notice of the adoption of the resolution; of the amount of the proposed fees; and of the date, time, and location of the public hearing to the director and to the fifty industrial, commercial, or institutional generators of solid wastes within the district that generate the largest quantities of solid wastes, as determined by the committee, and to their local trade associations. The committee shall make good faith efforts to identify those generators within the district and their local trade associations, but the nonprovision of notice under this division to a particular generator or local trade association does not invalidate the proceedings under this division. The publication shall occur at least thirty days before the hearing. After the hearing, the committee may make such revisions to the proposed fees as it considers appropriate and thereafter, by resolution, shall adopt the revised fee schedule. Upon adopting the revised fee schedule, the committee shall deliver a copy of the resolution doing so to the board of county commissioners of each county forming the district and to the legislative authority of each municipal corporation and township under the jurisdiction of the district. Within sixty days after the delivery of a copy of the resolution adopting the proposed revised fees by the policy committee, each such board and legislative authority, by ordinance or resolution, shall approve or

disapprove the revised fees and deliver a copy of the ordinance or resolution to the committee. If any such board or legislative authority fails to adopt and deliver to the policy committee an ordinance or resolution approving or disapproving the revised fees within sixty days after the policy committee delivered its resolution adopting the proposed revised fees, it shall be conclusively presumed that the board or legislative authority has approved the proposed revised fees.

In the case of a county district or a joint district formed by two or three counties, the committee shall declare the proposed revised fees to be ratified as the fee schedule of the district upon determining that the board of county commissioners of each county forming the district has approved the proposed revised fees and that the legislative authorities of a combination of municipal corporations and townships with a combined population within the district comprising at least sixty per cent of the total population of the district have approved the proposed revised fees, provided that in the case of a county district, that combination shall include the municipal corporation having the largest population within the boundaries of the district, and provided further that in the case of a joint district formed by two or three counties, that combination shall include for each county forming the joint district the municipal corporation having the largest population within the boundaries of both the county in which the municipal corporation is located and the joint district. In the case of a joint district formed by four or more counties, the committee shall declare the proposed revised fees to be ratified as the fee schedule of the joint district upon determining that the boards of county commissioners of a majority of the counties forming the district have approved the proposed revised fees; that, in each of a majority of the counties forming the joint district, the proposed revised fees have been approved by the municipal corporation having the largest population within the county and the joint district; and that the legislative authorities of a combination of municipal corporations and townships with a combined population within the joint district comprising at least sixty per cent of the total population of the joint district have approved the proposed revised fees.

For the purposes of this division, only the population of the unincorporated area of a township shall be considered. For the purpose of determining the largest municipal corporation within each county under this division, a municipal corporation that is located in more than one solid waste management district, but that is under the jurisdiction of one county or joint solid waste management district in accordance with division (A) of section 3734.52 of the Revised Code shall be considered to be within the boundaries of the county in which a majority of the population of the

municipal corporation resides.

The committee may amend the schedule of fees levied pursuant to a resolution or amended resolution adopted and ratified under this division by adopting a resolution establishing the proposed amount of the amended fees. The committee may abolish the fees levied pursuant to such a resolution or amended resolution by adopting a resolution proposing to repeal them. Upon adopting such a resolution, the committee shall proceed to obtain ratification of the resolution in accordance with this division.

Not later than fourteen days after declaring the fees or amended fees to be ratified under this division, the committee shall notify by certified mail the owner or operator of each solid waste disposal facility that is required to collect the fees of the ratification and the amount of the fees. Collection of any fees or amended fees ratified on or after March 24, 1992, shall commence on the first day of the second month following the month in which notification is sent to the owner or operator.

Not later than fourteen days after declaring the repeal of the district's schedule of fees to be ratified under this division, the committee shall notify by certified mail the owner or operator of each facility that is collecting the fees of the repeal. Collection of the fees shall cease on the first day of the second month following the month in which notification is sent to the owner or operator.

Not later than fourteen days after the director issues an order approving a district's solid waste management plan under section 3734.55 of the Revised Code or amended plan under division (A) or (D) of section 3734.56 of the Revised Code that establishes or amends a schedule of fees levied by the district, or the ratification of an amendment to the district's approved plan or amended plan under division (E) of section 3734.56 of the Revised Code that establishes or amends a schedule of fees, as appropriate, the committee shall notify by certified mail the owner or operator of each solid waste disposal facility that is required to collect the fees of the approval of the plan or amended plan, or the amendment to the plan, as appropriate, and the amount of the fees or amended fees. In the case of an initial or amended plan approved under section 3734.521 of the Revised Code in connection with a change in district composition, other than one involving the withdrawal of a county from a joint district, that establishes or amends a schedule of fees levied under divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section by a district resulting from the change, the committee, within fourteen days after the change takes effect pursuant to division (G) of that section, shall notify by certified mail the owner or operator of each solid waste disposal facility that is required to collect the fees that the change has taken effect and of the

amount of the fees or amended fees. Collection of any fees set forth in a plan or amended plan approved by the director on or after April 16, 1993, or an amendment of a plan or amended plan under division (E) of section 3734.56 of the Revised Code that is ratified on or after April 16, 1993, shall commence on the first day of the second month following the month in which notification is sent to the owner or operator.

Not later than fourteen days after the director issues an order approving a district's plan under section 3734.55 of the Revised Code or amended plan under division (A) or (D) of section 3734.56 of the Revised Code that abolishes the schedule of fees levied under divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section, or an amendment to the district's approved plan or amended plan abolishing the schedule of fees is ratified pursuant to division (E) of section 3734.56 of the Revised Code, as appropriate, the committee shall notify by certified mail the owner or operator of each facility that is collecting the fees of the approval of the plan or amended plan, or the amendment of the plan or amended plan, as appropriate, and the abolishment of the fees. In the case of an initial or amended plan approved under section 3734.521 of the Revised Code in connection with a change in district composition, other than one involving the withdrawal of a county from a joint district, that abolishes the schedule of fees levied under divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section by a district resulting from the change, the committee, within fourteen days after the change takes effect pursuant to division (G) of that section, shall notify by certified mail the owner or operator of each solid waste disposal facility that is required to collect the fees that the change has taken effect and of the abolishment of the fees. Collection of the fees shall cease on the first day of the second month following the month in which notification is sent to the owner or operator.

Except as otherwise provided in this division, if the schedule of fees that a district is levying under divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section pursuant to a resolution or amended resolution adopted and ratified under this division, the solid waste management plan of the district approved under section 3734.55 of the Revised Code, an amended plan approved under division (A) or (D) of section 3734.56 of the Revised Code, or an amendment to the district's approved plan or amended plan under division (E) of section 3734.56 of the Revised Code, is amended by the adoption and ratification of an amendment to the resolution or amended resolution or an amendment of the district's approved plan or amended plan, the fees in effect immediately prior to the approval of the plan or the amendment of the resolution, amended resolution, plan, or amended plan, as appropriate, shall continue to be collected until collection of the amended fees commences pursuant to this

division.

If, in the case of a change in district composition involving the withdrawal of a county from a joint district, the director completes the actions required under division (G)(1) or (3) of section 3734.521 of the Revised Code, as appropriate, forty-five days or more before the beginning of a calendar year, the policy committee of each of the districts resulting from the change that obtained the director's approval of an initial or amended plan in connection with the change, within fourteen days after the director's completion of the required actions, shall notify by certified mail the owner or operator of each solid waste disposal facility that is required to collect the district's fees that the change is to take effect on the first day of January immediately following the issuance of the notice and of the amount of the fees or amended fees levied under divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section pursuant to the district's initial or amended plan as so approved or, if appropriate, the abolishment of the district's fees by that initial or amended plan. Collection of any fees set forth in such a plan or amended plan shall commence on the first day of January immediately following the issuance of the notice. If such an initial or amended plan abolishes a schedule of fees, collection of the fees shall cease on that first day of January.

If, in the case of a change in district composition involving the withdrawal of a county from a joint district, the director completes the actions required under division (G)(1) or (3) of section 3734.521 of the Revised Code, as appropriate, less than forty-five days before the beginning of a calendar year, the director, on behalf of each of the districts resulting from the change that obtained the director's approval of an initial or amended plan in connection with the change proceedings, shall notify by certified mail the owner or operator of each solid waste disposal facility that is required to collect the district's fees that the change is to take effect on the first day of January immediately following the mailing of the notice and of the amount of the fees or amended fees levied under divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section pursuant to the district's initial or amended plan as so approved or, if appropriate, the abolishment of the district's fees by that initial or amended plan. Collection of any fees set forth in such a plan or amended plan shall commence on the first day of the second month following the month in which notification is sent to the owner or operator. If such an initial or amended plan abolishes a schedule of fees, collection of the fees shall cease on the first day of the second month following the month in which notification is sent to the owner or operator.

In the case of a change in district composition, the schedule of fees that the former districts that existed prior to the change were levying under

divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section pursuant to a resolution or amended resolution adopted and ratified under this division, the solid waste management plan of a former district approved under section 3734.521 or 3734.55 of the Revised Code, an amended plan approved under section 3734.521 or division (A) or (D) of section 3734.56 of the Revised Code, or an amendment to a former district's approved plan or amended plan under division (E) of section 3734.56 of the Revised Code, and that were in effect on the date that the director completed the actions required under division (G)(1) or (3) of section 3734.521 of the Revised Code shall continue to be collected until the collection of the fees or amended fees of the districts resulting from the change is required to commence, or if an initial or amended plan of a resulting district abolishes a schedule of fees, collection of the fees is required to cease, under this division. Moneys so received from the collection of the fees of the former districts shall be divided among the resulting districts in accordance with division (B) of section 343.012 of the Revised Code and the agreements entered into under division (B) of section 343.01 of the Revised Code to establish the former and resulting districts and any amendments to those agreements.

For the purposes of the provisions of division (B) of this section establishing the times when newly established or amended fees levied by a district are required to commence and the collection of fees that have been amended or abolished is required to cease, "fees" or "schedule of fees" includes, in addition to fees levied under divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section, those levied under section 3734.573 or 3734.574 of the Revised Code.

(C) For the purposes of defraying the added costs to a municipal corporation or township of maintaining roads and other public facilities and of providing emergency and other public services, and compensating a municipal corporation or township for reductions in real property tax revenues due to reductions in real property valuations resulting from the location and operation of a solid waste disposal facility within the municipal corporation or township, a municipal corporation or township in which such a solid waste disposal facility is located may levy a fee of not more than twenty-five cents per ton on the disposal of solid wastes at a solid waste disposal facility located within the boundaries of the municipal corporation or township regardless of where the wastes were generated.

The legislative authority of a municipal corporation or township may levy fees under this division by enacting an ordinance or adopting a resolution establishing the amount of the fees. Upon so doing the legislative authority shall mail a certified copy of the ordinance or resolution to the

board of county commissioners or directors of the county or joint solid waste management district in which the municipal corporation or township is located or, if a regional solid waste management authority has been formed under section 343.011 of the Revised Code, to the board of trustees of that regional authority, the owner or operator of each solid waste disposal facility in the municipal corporation or township that is required to collect the fee by the ordinance or resolution, and the director of environmental protection. Although the fees levied under this division are levied on the basis of tons as the unit of measurement, the legislative authority, in its ordinance or resolution levying the fees under this division, may direct that the fees be levied on the basis of cubic yards as the unit of measurement based upon a conversion factor of three cubic yards per ton generally or one cubic yard per ton for baled wastes.

Not later than five days after enacting an ordinance or adopting a resolution under this division, the legislative authority shall so notify by certified mail the owner or operator of each solid waste disposal facility that is required to collect the fee. Collection of any fee levied on or after March 24, 1992, shall commence on the first day of the second month following the month in which notification is sent to the owner or operator.

(D)(1) The fees levied under divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section do not apply to the disposal of solid wastes that:

(a) Are disposed of at a facility owned by the generator of the wastes when the solid waste facility exclusively disposes of solid wastes generated at one or more premises owned by the generator regardless of whether the facility is located on a premises where the wastes are generated;

(b) Are disposed of at facilities that exclusively dispose of wastes that are generated from the combustion of coal, or from the combustion of primarily coal in combination with scrap tires, that is not combined in any way with garbage at one or more premises owned by the generator.

(2) Except as provided in section 3734.571 of the Revised Code, any fees levied under division (B)(1) of this section apply to solid wastes originating outside the boundaries of a county or joint district that are covered by an agreement for the joint use of solid waste facilities entered into under section 343.02 of the Revised Code by the board of county commissioners or board of directors of the county or joint district where the wastes are generated and disposed of.

(3) When solid wastes, other than solid wastes that consist of scrap tires, are burned in a disposal facility that is an incinerator or energy recovery facility, the fees levied under divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section shall be levied upon the disposal of the fly ash and bottom ash remaining after

burning of the solid wastes and shall be collected by the owner or operator of the sanitary landfill where the ash is disposed of.

(4) When solid wastes are delivered to a solid waste transfer facility, the fees levied under divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section shall be levied upon the disposal of solid wastes transported off the premises of the transfer facility for disposal and shall be collected by the owner or operator of the solid waste disposal facility where the wastes are disposed of.

(5) The fees levied under divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section do not apply to sewage sludge that is generated by a waste water treatment facility holding a national pollutant discharge elimination system permit and that is disposed of through incineration, land application, or composting or at another resource recovery or disposal facility that is not a landfill.

(6) The fees levied under divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section do not apply to solid wastes delivered to a solid waste composting facility for processing. When any unprocessed solid waste or compost product is transported off the premises of a composting facility and disposed of at a landfill, the fees levied under divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section shall be collected by the owner or operator of the landfill where the unprocessed waste or compost product is disposed of.

(7) When solid wastes that consist of scrap tires are processed at a scrap tire recovery facility, the fees levied under divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section shall be levied upon the disposal of the fly ash and bottom ash or other solid wastes remaining after the processing of the scrap tires and shall be collected by the owner or operator of the solid waste disposal facility where the ash or other solid wastes are disposed of.

(E) The fees levied under divisions (B) and (C) of this section shall be collected by the owner or operator of the solid waste disposal facility where the wastes are disposed of as a trustee for the county or joint district and municipal corporation or township where the wastes are disposed of. Moneys from the fees levied under division (B) of this section shall be forwarded to the board of county commissioners or board of directors of the district in accordance with rules adopted under division (H) of this section. Moneys from the fees levied under division (C) of this section shall be forwarded to the treasurer or such other officer of the municipal corporation as, by virtue of the charter, has the duties of the treasurer or to the clerk of the township, as appropriate, in accordance with those rules.

(F) Moneys received by the treasurer or such other officer of the municipal corporation under division (E) of this section shall be paid into the general fund of the municipal corporation. Moneys received by the clerk of the township under that division shall be paid into the general fund of the

township. The treasurer or such other officer of the municipal corporation or the clerk, as appropriate, shall maintain separate records of the moneys received from the fees levied under division (C) of this section.

(G) Moneys received by the board of county commissioners or board of directors under division (E) of this section or section 3734.571, 3734.572, 3734.573, or 3734.574 of the Revised Code shall be paid to the county treasurer, or other official acting in a similar capacity under a county charter, in a county district or to the county treasurer or other official designated by the board of directors in a joint district and kept in a separate and distinct fund to the credit of the district. If a regional solid waste management authority has been formed under section 343.011 of the Revised Code, moneys received by the board of trustees of that regional authority under division (E) of this section shall be kept by the board in a separate and distinct fund to the credit of the district. Moneys in the special fund of the county or joint district arising from the fees levied under division (B) of this section and the fee levied under division (A) of section 3734.573 of the Revised Code shall be expended by the board of county commissioners or directors of the district in accordance with the district's solid waste management plan or amended plan approved under section 3734.521, 3734.55, or 3734.56 of the Revised Code exclusively for the following purposes:

(1) Preparation of the solid waste management plan of the district under section 3734.54 of the Revised Code, monitoring implementation of the plan, and conducting the periodic review and amendment of the plan required by section 3734.56 of the Revised Code by the solid waste management policy committee;

(2) Implementation of the approved solid waste management plan or amended plan of the district, including, without limitation, the development and implementation of solid waste recycling or reduction programs;

(3) Providing financial assistance to boards of health within the district, if solid waste facilities are located within the district, for enforcement of this chapter and rules, orders, and terms and conditions of permits, licenses, and variances adopted or issued under it, other than the hazardous waste provisions of this chapter and rules adopted and orders and terms and conditions of permits issued under those provisions;

(4) Providing financial assistance to each county within the district to defray the added costs of maintaining roads and other public facilities and of providing emergency and other public services resulting from the location and operation of a solid waste facility within the county under the district's approved solid waste management plan or amended plan;

(5) Pursuant to contracts entered into with boards of health within the district, if solid waste facilities contained in the district's approved plan or amended plan are located within the district, for paying the costs incurred by those boards of health for collecting and analyzing samples from public or private water wells on lands adjacent to those facilities;

(6) Developing and implementing a program for the inspection of solid wastes generated outside the boundaries of this state that are disposed of at solid waste facilities included in the district's approved solid waste management plan or amended plan;

(7) Providing financial assistance to boards of health within the district for the enforcement of section 3734.03 of the Revised Code or to local law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction within the district for enforcing anti-littering laws and ordinances;

(8) Providing financial assistance to boards of health of health districts within the district that are on the approved list under section 3734.08 of the Revised Code to defray the costs to the health districts for the participation of their employees responsible for enforcement of the solid waste provisions of this chapter and rules adopted and orders and terms and conditions of permits, licenses, and variances issued under those provisions in the training and certification program as required by rules adopted under division (L) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code;

(9) Providing financial assistance to individual municipal corporations and townships within the district to defray their added costs of maintaining roads and other public facilities and of providing emergency and other public services resulting from the location and operation within their boundaries of a composting, energy or resource recovery, incineration, or recycling facility that either is owned by the district or is furnishing solid waste management facility or recycling services to the district pursuant to a contract or agreement with the board of county commissioners or directors of the district;

(10) Payment of any expenses that are agreed to, awarded, or ordered to be paid under section 3734.35 of the Revised Code and of any administrative costs incurred pursuant to that section. In the case of a joint solid waste management district, if the board of county commissioners of one of the counties in the district is negotiating on behalf of affected communities, as defined in that section, in that county, the board shall obtain the approval of the board of directors of the district in order to expend moneys for administrative costs incurred.

Prior to the approval of the district's solid waste management plan under section 3734.55 of the Revised Code, moneys in the special fund of the

district arising from the fees shall be expended for those purposes in the manner prescribed by the solid waste management policy committee by resolution.

Notwithstanding division (G)(6) of this section as it existed prior to October 29, 1993, or any provision in a district's solid waste management plan prepared in accordance with division (B)(2)(e) of section 3734.53 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to that date, any moneys arising from the fees levied under division (B)(3) of this section prior to January 1, 1994, may be expended for any of the purposes authorized in divisions (G)(1) to (10) of this section.

(H) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code prescribing procedures for collecting and forwarding the fees levied under divisions (B) and (C) of this section to the boards of county commissioners or directors of county or joint solid waste management districts and to the treasurers or other officers of municipal corporations or to the clerks of townships. The rules also shall prescribe the dates for forwarding the fees to the boards and officials and may prescribe any other requirements the director considers necessary or appropriate to implement and administer divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section. Collection of the fees levied under division (A)(1) of this section shall commence on July 1, 1993. Collection of the fees levied under division (A)(2) of this section shall commence on January 1, 1994.

Sec. 3735.27. (A) Whenever the director of development has determined that there is need for a housing authority in any portion of any county that comprises two or more political subdivisions or portions ~~thereof~~ of two or more political subdivisions but is less than all the territory within the county, a metropolitan housing authority shall be declared to exist, and the territorial limits ~~thereof~~ of the authority shall be defined, by a letter from the director. The director shall issue a determination from the department of development declaring that there is need for a housing authority within ~~such~~ those territorial limits after finding either of the following:

(1) Unsanitary or unsafe inhabited housing accommodations exist in ~~such~~ that area;

(2) There is a shortage of safe and sanitary housing accommodations in ~~such~~ that area available to persons who lack the amount of income ~~which~~ that is necessary, as determined by the director, to enable them, without financial assistance, to live in decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings without congestion.

In determining whether dwelling accommodations are unsafe or unsanitary, the director may take into consideration the degree of

congestion, the percentage of land coverage, the light, air, space, and access available to the inhabitants of ~~such~~ the dwelling accommodations, the size and arrangement of ~~the~~ rooms, the sanitary facilities, and the extent to which conditions exist in ~~such buildings which~~ the dwelling accomodations that endanger life or property by fire or other causes.

The territorial limits of a metropolitan housing authority~~,~~ as defined by the director~~,~~ under this division shall be fixed for ~~such~~ the authority upon proof of a letter from the director declaring the need for ~~such~~ the authority to function in those territorial limits. Any such letter from the director, any certificate of determination issued by the director, and any certificate of appointment of members of the authority shall be admissible in evidence in any suit, action, or proceeding.

A certified copy of the letter from the director~~,~~ declaring the existence of a metropolitan housing authority and ~~boundaries~~ the territorial limits of ~~a housing authority~~ its district~~,~~ shall be immediately forwarded to each appointing authority. A metropolitan housing authority shall consist of ~~five~~ members~~,~~ who ~~shall be~~ are residents of the territory ~~embraced~~ in ~~such metropolitan housing authority district~~ which they serve.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (C), (D), or (E) of this section, one member shall be appointed by the probate court, one member by the court of common pleas, one member by the board of county commissioners, and two members by the chief executive officer of the most populous city in the ~~territory included in the~~ district, in accordance with the last preceding federal census. At the time of the initial appointment of the authority, the member appointed by the probate court shall be appointed for a period of four years, the ~~appointee of~~ member appointed by the court of common pleas shall be appointed for three years, the ~~appointee of~~ member appointed by the board of county commissioners shall be appointed for two years, one ~~appointee of the~~ member appointed by the chief executive officer of the most populous city in the district shall be appointed for one year, and ~~one appointee of~~ the other member appointed by the chief executive officer of the most populous city in the district shall be appointed for five years. Thereafter, all members of the authority shall be appointed for five-year terms, and vacancies due to expired terms shall be filled ~~by the same appointing powers~~ in the manner provided in the original appointments.

(C) For any metropolitan housing authority district that contained, as of the 1990 federal census, a population of at least one million, two members of the authority shall be appointed by the ~~municipal~~ legislative authority of the most populous city in the ~~territory included in the~~ district, two members shall be appointed by the chief executive officer of the most populous city in

the ~~territory included in the~~ district, and one member shall be appointed by the chief executive officer, with the approval of the ~~municipal~~ legislative authority, of the city in the district ~~which~~ that has the second highest number of housing units owned or managed by the authority.

At the time of the initial appointment of the authority, one member appointed by the ~~municipal~~ legislative authority of the most populous city in the ~~territory included in the~~ district shall be appointed for three years, and one such member shall be appointed for one year; the ~~appointee of~~ member appointed by the chief executive officer of the city with the second highest number of housing units owned or managed by the authority shall be appointed, with the approval of the ~~municipal~~ legislative authority, for three years; and one ~~appointee of~~ member appointed by the chief executive officer of the most populous city in the district shall be appointed for three years, and one such member shall be appointed for one year. Thereafter, all members of the authority shall be appointed for three-year terms, and any vacancy shall be filled by the same appointing power that made the initial appointment. At the expiration of the term of any member appointed by the chief executive officer of the most populous city in the ~~territory included in the~~ district prior to March 15, 1983, the chief executive officer of the most populous city in the district shall fill the vacancy by appointment for a three-year term. At the expiration of the term of any member appointed by the board of county commissioners prior to March 15, 1983, the chief executive officer of the city in the district with the second highest number of housing units owned or managed by the authority shall, with the approval of the municipal legislative authority, fill the vacancy by appointment for a three-year term. At the expiration of the term of any member appointed prior to March 15, 1983, by the court of common pleas or the probate court, the legislative authority of the most populous city in the ~~territory included in the~~ district shall fill the vacancy by appointment for a three-year term.

After March 15, 1983, at least one of the members appointed by the chief executive officer of the most populous city shall be a resident of a dwelling unit owned or managed by the ~~housing~~ authority. At least one of the initial appointments by the chief executive officer of the most populous city, after March 15, 1983, shall be a resident of a dwelling unit owned or managed by the ~~housing~~ authority. Thereafter, any member appointed by the chief executive officer of the most populous city for the term established by this initial appointment, or for any succeeding term ~~thereof~~, shall be a person who resides in a dwelling unit owned or managed by the ~~housing~~ authority. If there is an elected, representative body of all residents of the ~~housing~~ authority, ~~then~~ the chief executive officer of the most populous city

shall, whenever there is a vacancy in this resident term, provide written notice of the vacancy to the representative body. If the representative body submits to the chief executive officer of the most populous city, in writing and within sixty days after the date on which it was notified of the vacancy, the names of at least five residents of the ~~housing~~ authority who are willing and qualified to serve as a member, ~~then~~ the chief executive officer of the most populous city shall appoint to the resident term one of the residents recommended by the representative body. At no time shall residents constitute a majority of the members of the authority.

(D)(1) For any metropolitan housing authority district located in a county that had, as of the 2000 federal census, a population of at least four hundred thousand and no city with a population greater than thirty per cent of the total population of the county, one member of the authority shall be appointed by the probate court, one member shall be appointed by the court of common pleas, one member shall be appointed by the chief executive officer of the most populous city in the district, and two members shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners.

(2) At the time of the initial appointment of a metropolitan housing authority pursuant to this division, the member appointed by the probate court shall be appointed for a period of four years, the member appointed by the court of common pleas shall be appointed for three years, the member appointed by the chief executive officer of the most populous city shall be appointed for two years, one member appointed by the board of county commissioners shall be appointed for one year, and the other member appointed by the board of county commissioners shall be appointed for five years. Thereafter, all members of the authority shall be appointed for five-year terms, with each term ending on the same day of the same month as the term that it succeeds. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided in the original appointments. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term shall hold office as a member for the remainder of that term.

(E)(1) An additional two members shall be appointed to the metropolitan housing authority in any district that has three hundred or more assisted housing units and that does not have at least one resident as a member of its authority. For the purposes of this section an "assisted unit" is a housing unit owned or operated by the housing authority or a unit in which the occupants receive tenant-based housing assistance through the federal section 8 housing program, 24 C.F.R. Ch VIII, and, a "resident" is a person who lives in an assisted housing unit.

(2) The chief executive officer of the most populous city in the district

shall appoint an additional member who is a resident for an initial term of five years. The board of county commissioners shall appoint the other additional member, who need not be a resident, for an initial term of three years. After the initial term, the terms of both members shall be five years and vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided in the original appointments. 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 as a member for the remainder of that term.

(3) A member appointed as a resident member who no longer qualifies as a resident shall be deemed unable to serve and another resident member shall be appointed to serve the unexpired portion of that term.

(F) Public officials, other than the officers having the appointing power under this section, shall be eligible to serve as members, officers, or employees of ~~the~~ a metropolitan housing authority notwithstanding any statute, charter, or law to the contrary. Not more than two such public officials shall be members of the authority at any one time.

All members of ~~such housing~~ an authority shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to be reimbursed for all necessary expenses incurred. ~~After such~~

After a metropolitan housing authority district ~~has been~~ is formed, the director may enlarge the territory within ~~such~~ the district to include other political subdivisions, or portions ~~thereof~~ of other political subdivisions, but the territorial limits of ~~which~~ the district shall be less than that of the county.

Sec. 3735.66. The legislative authorities of municipal corporations and counties may survey the housing within their jurisdictions and, after the survey, may adopt resolutions describing the boundaries of community reinvestment areas which contain the conditions required for the finding under division (B) of section 3735.65 of the Revised Code. The findings resulting from the survey shall be incorporated in the resolution describing the boundaries of an area. The legislative authority may stipulate in the resolution that only new structures or remodeling classified as to use as commercial, industrial, or residential, or some combination thereof, and otherwise satisfying the requirements of section 3735.67 of the Revised Code are eligible for exemption from taxation under that section. If the resolution does not include such a stipulation, all new structures and remodeling satisfying the requirements of section 3735.67 of the Revised Code are eligible for exemption from taxation regardless of classification. Whether or not the resolution includes such a stipulation, the classification of the structures or remodeling eligible for exemption in the area shall at all times be consistent with zoning restrictions applicable to the area. For the

purposes of sections 3735.65 to 3735.70 of the Revised Code, whether a structure or remodeling composed of multiple units is classified as commercial or residential shall be determined by resolution or ordinance of the legislative authority or, in the absence of such a determination, by the classification of the use of the structure or remodeling under the applicable zoning regulations.

If construction or remodeling classified as residential is eligible for exemption from taxation, the resolution shall specify a percentage, not to exceed one hundred per cent, of the assessed valuation of such property to be exempted. The percentage specified shall apply to all residential construction or remodeling for which exemption is granted.

The resolution adopted pursuant to this section shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipal corporation, if the resolution is adopted by the legislative authority of a municipal corporation, or in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, if the resolution is adopted by the legislative authority of the county, once a week for two consecutive weeks immediately following its adoption.

Each legislative authority adopting a resolution pursuant to this section shall designate a housing officer. In addition, each such legislative authority, not later than fifteen days after the adoption of the resolution, shall petition the director of development for the director to confirm the findings described in the resolution. The petition shall be accompanied by a copy of the resolution and by a map of the community reinvestment area in sufficient detail to denote the specific boundaries of the area and to indicate zoning restrictions applicable to the area. The director shall determine whether the findings contained in the resolution are valid, and whether the classification of structures or remodeling eligible for exemption under the resolution is consistent with zoning restrictions applicable to the area as indicated on the map. Within thirty days of receiving the petition, the director shall forward ~~his~~ the director's determination to the legislative authority. The legislative authority or housing officer shall not grant any exemption from taxation under section 3735.67 of the Revised Code until the director forwards ~~his~~ the director's determination to the legislative authority. The director shall assign to each community reinvestment area a unique designation by which the area shall be identified for purposes of sections 3735.65 to 3735.70 of the Revised Code.

If zoning restrictions in any part of a community reinvestment area are changed at any time after the legislative authority petitions the director under this section, the legislative authority shall notify the director and shall submit a map of the area indicating the new zoning restrictions in the area.

Sec. 3735.67. (A) The owner of real property located in a community reinvestment area and eligible for exemption from taxation under a resolution adopted pursuant to section 3735.66 of the Revised Code may file an application for an exemption from real property taxation of a percentage of the assessed valuation of a new structure or remodeling, completed after the effective date of the resolution adopted pursuant to section 3735.66 of the Revised Code, with the housing officer designated pursuant to section 3735.66 of the Revised Code for the community reinvestment area in which the property is located. If any part of the new structure or remodeling that would be exempted is of real property to be used for commercial or industrial purposes, the legislative authority and the owner of the property shall enter into a written agreement pursuant to section 3735.671 of the Revised Code prior to commencement of construction or remodeling; if such an agreement is subject to approval by the board of education of the school district within the territory of which the property is or will be located, the agreement shall not be formally approved by the legislative authority until the board of education approves the agreement in the manner prescribed by that section.

(B) The housing officer shall verify the construction of the new structure or the cost of the remodeling and the facts asserted in the application. The housing officer shall determine whether the construction or the cost of the remodeling meets the requirements for an exemption under this section. In cases involving a structure of historical or architectural significance, the housing officer shall not determine whether the remodeling meets the requirements for a tax exemption unless the appropriateness of the remodeling has been certified, in writing, by the society, association, agency, or legislative authority that has designated the structure or by any organization or person authorized, in writing, by such society, association, agency, or legislative authority to certify the appropriateness of the remodeling.

(C) If the construction or remodeling meets the requirements for exemption, the housing officer shall forward the application to the county auditor with a certification as to the division of this section under which the exemption is granted, and the period and percentage of the exemption as determined by the legislative authority pursuant to that division. If the construction or remodeling is of commercial or industrial property and the legislative authority is not required to certify a copy of a resolution under section 3735.671 of the Revised Code, the housing officer shall comply with the notice requirements prescribed under section 5709.83 of the Revised Code, unless the board has adopted a resolution under that section waiving

its right to receive such a notice.

(D) The tax exemption shall first apply in the year the construction or remodeling would first be taxable but for this section. In the case of remodeling that qualifies for exemption, a percentage, not to exceed one hundred per cent, of the amount by which the remodeling increased the assessed value of the structure shall be exempted from real property taxation. In the case of construction of a structure that qualifies for exemption, a percentage, not to exceed one hundred per cent, of the assessed value of the structure shall be exempted from real property taxation. In either case, the percentage shall be the percentage set forth in the agreement if the structure or remodeling is to be used for commercial or industrial purposes, or the percentage set forth in the resolution describing the community reinvestment area if the structure or remodeling is to be used for residential purposes.

The construction of new structures and the remodeling of existing structures are hereby declared to be a public purpose for which exemptions from real property taxation may be granted for the following periods:

(1) For every dwelling containing not more than two family units located within the same community reinvestment area and upon which the cost of remodeling is at least two thousand five hundred dollars, a period to be determined by the legislative authority adopting the resolution describing the community reinvestment area where the dwelling is located, but not exceeding ten years;

(2) For every dwelling containing more than two units and commercial or industrial properties, located within the same community reinvestment area, upon which the cost of remodeling is at least five thousand dollars, a period to be determined by the legislative authority adopting the resolution, but not exceeding twelve years;

(3) For construction of every dwelling, and commercial or industrial structure located within the same community reinvestment area, a period to be determined by the legislative authority adopting the resolution, but not exceeding fifteen years.

(E) Any person, board, or officer authorized by section 5715.19 of the Revised Code to file complaints with the county board of revision may file a complaint with the housing officer challenging the continued exemption of any property granted an exemption under this section. A complaint against exemption shall be filed prior to the thirty-first day of December of the tax year for which taxation of the property is requested. The housing officer shall determine whether the property continues to meet the requirements for exemption and shall certify the housing officer's findings to the

complainant. If the housing officer determines that the property does not meet the requirements for exemption, the housing officer shall notify the county auditor, who shall correct the tax list and duplicate accordingly.

Sec. 3735.671. (A) If construction or remodeling of commercial or industrial property is to be exempted from taxation pursuant to section 3735.67 of the Revised Code, the legislative authority and the owner of the property, prior to the commencement of construction or remodeling, shall enter into a written agreement, binding on both parties for a period of time that does not end prior to the end of the period of the exemption, that includes all of the information and statements prescribed by this section. Agreements may include terms not prescribed by this section, but such terms shall in no way derogate from the information and statements prescribed by this section.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) or (3) of this section, an agreement entered into under this section shall not be approved by the legislative authority unless the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village school district within the territory of which the property is or will be located approves the agreement. For the purpose of obtaining such approval, the legislative authority shall certify a copy of the agreement to the board of education not later than forty-five days prior to approving the agreement, excluding Saturday, Sunday, and a legal holiday as defined in section 1.14 of the Revised Code. The board of education, by resolution adopted by a majority of the board, shall approve or disapprove the agreement and certify a copy of the resolution to the legislative authority not later than fourteen days prior to the date stipulated by the legislative authority as the date upon which approval of the agreement is to be formally considered by the legislative authority. The board of education may include in the resolution conditions under which the board would approve the agreement. The legislative authority may approve an agreement at any time after the board of education certifies its resolution approving the agreement to the legislative authority, or, if the board approves the agreement conditionally, at any time after the conditions are agreed to by the board and the legislative authority.

(2) Approval of an agreement by the board of education is not required under division (A)(1) of this section if, for each tax year the real property is exempted from taxation, the sum of the following quantities, as estimated at or prior to the time the agreement is formally approved by the legislative authority, equals or exceeds fifty per cent of the amount of taxes, as estimated at or prior to that time, that would have been charged and payable that year upon the real property had that property not been exempted from

taxation:

(a) The amount of taxes charged and payable on any portion of the assessed valuation of the new structure or remodeling that will not be exempted from taxation under the agreement;

(b) The amount of taxes charged and payable on tangible personal property located on the premises of the new structure or of the structure to be remodeled under the agreement, whether payable by the owner of the structure or by a related member, as defined in section 5733.042 of the Revised Code without regard to division (B) of that section.

(c) The amount of any cash payment by the owner of the new structure or structure to be remodeled to the school district, the dollar value, as mutually agreed to be the owner and the board of education, of any property or services provided by the owner of the property to the school district, whether by gift, loan, or otherwise, and any payment by the legislative authority to the school district pursuant to section 5709.82 of the Revised Code.

The estimates of quantities used for purposes of division (A)(2) of this section shall be estimated by the legislative authority. The legislative authority shall certify to the board of education that the estimates have been made in good faith. Departures of the actual quantities from the estimates subsequent to approval of the agreement by the board of education do not invalidate the agreement.

(3) If a board of education has adopted a resolution waiving its right to approve agreements and the resolution remains in effect, approval of an agreement by the board is not required under this division. If a board of education has adopted a resolution allowing a legislative authority to deliver the notice required under this division fewer than forty-five business days prior to the legislative authority's execution of the agreement, the legislative authority shall deliver the notice to the board not later than the number of days prior to such execution as prescribed by the board in its resolution. If a board of education adopts a resolution waiving its right to approve agreements or shortening the notification period, the board shall certify a copy of the resolution to the legislative authority. If the board of education rescinds such a resolution, it shall certify notice of the rescission to the legislative authority.

(B) Each agreement shall include the following information:

(1) The names of all parties to the agreement;

(2) A description of the remodeling or construction, whether or not to be exempted from taxation, including existing or new structure size and cost thereof; the value of machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures,

including an itemization of the value of machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures used at another location in this state prior to the agreement and relocated or to be relocated from that location to the property, and the value of machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures at the facility prior to the execution of the agreement; the value of inventory at the property, including an itemization of the value of inventory held at another location in this state prior to the agreement and relocated or to be relocated from that location to the property, and the value of inventory held at the property prior to the execution of the agreement;

(3) The scheduled starting and completion dates of remodeling or construction of real property or of investments made in machinery, equipment, furniture, fixtures, and inventory;

(4) Estimates of the number of employee positions to be created each year of the agreement and of the number of employee positions retained by the owner due to the remodeling or construction, itemized as to the number of full-time, part-time, permanent, and temporary positions;

(5) Estimates of the dollar amount of payroll attributable to the positions set forth in division (B)(4) of this section, similarly itemized;

(6) The number of employee positions, if any, at the property and at any other location in this state at the time the agreement is executed, itemized as to the number of full-time, part-time, permanent, and temporary positions.

(C) Each agreement shall set forth the following information and incorporate the following statements:

(1) A description of real property to be exempted from taxation under the agreement, the percentage of the assessed valuation of the real property exempted from taxation, and the period for which the exemption is granted, accompanied by the statement: "The exemption commences the first year for which the real property would first be taxable were that property not exempted from taxation. No exemption shall commence after ..... (insert date) nor extend beyond ..... (insert date)." ~~The tax commissioner shall adopt rules prescribing the form the description of such property shall assume in order to ensure that the property to be exempted from taxation under the agreement is distinguishable from property that is not to be exempted under that agreement.~~

(2) "..... (insert name of owner) shall pay such real property taxes as are not exempted under this agreement and are charged against such property and shall file all tax reports and returns as required by law. If ..... (insert name of owner) fails to pay such taxes or file such returns and reports, exemptions from taxation granted under this agreement are rescinded beginning with the year for which such taxes are charged or such

reports or returns are required to be filed and thereafter."

(3) "..... (insert name of owner) hereby certifies that at the time this agreement is executed, ... (insert name of owner) does not owe any delinquent real or tangible personal property taxes to any taxing authority of the State of Ohio, and does not owe delinquent taxes for which ..... (insert name of owner) is liable under Chapter 5733., 5735., 5739., 5741., 5743., 5747., or 5753. of the Ohio Revised Code, or, if such delinquent taxes are owed, ... (insert name of owner) currently is paying the delinquent taxes pursuant to an undertaking enforceable by the State of Ohio or an agent or instrumentality thereof, has filed a petition in bankruptcy under 11 U.S.C.A. 101, et seq., or such a petition has been filed against ..... (insert name of owner). For the purposes of this certification, delinquent taxes are taxes that remain unpaid on the latest day prescribed for payment without penalty under the chapter of the Revised Code governing payment of those taxes."

(4) "..... (insert name of municipal corporation or county) shall perform such acts as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to effect, claim, reserve, and maintain exemptions from taxation granted under this agreement including, without limitation, joining in the execution of all documentation and providing any necessary certificates required in connection with such exemptions."

(5) "If for any reason ..... (insert name of municipal corporation or county) revokes the designation of the area, entitlements granted under this agreement shall continue for the number of years specified under this agreement, unless ..... (insert name of owner) materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this agreement and ..... (insert name of municipal corporation or county) terminates or modifies the exemptions from taxation pursuant to this agreement."

(6) "If ..... (insert name of owner) materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this agreement, or if ..... (insert name of municipal corporation or county) determines that the certification as to delinquent taxes required by this agreement is fraudulent, ... (insert name of municipal corporation or county) may terminate or modify the exemptions from taxation granted under this agreement."

(7) "..... (insert name of owner) shall provide to the proper tax incentive review council any information reasonably required by the council to evaluate the applicant's compliance with the agreement, including returns filed pursuant to section 5711.02 of the Ohio Revised Code if requested by the council."

(8) "This agreement is not transferable or assignable without the express, written approval of ..... (insert name of municipal corporation or

county)."

(9) "Exemptions from taxation granted under this agreement shall be revoked if it is determined that ..... (insert name of owner), any successor to that person, or any related member (as those terms are defined in division (E) of section 3735.671 of the Ohio Revised Code) has violated the prohibition against entering into this agreement under division (E) of section 3735.671 or section 5709.62 or 5709.63 of the Ohio Revised Code prior to the time prescribed by that division or either of those sections."

(10) "..... (insert name of owner) and ..... (insert name of municipal corporation or county) acknowledge that this agreement must be approved by formal action of the legislative authority of ..... (insert name of municipal corporation or county) as a condition for the agreement to take effect. This agreement takes effect upon such approval."

The statement described in division (C)(6) of this section may include the following statement, appended at the end of the statement: ", and may require the repayment of the amount of taxes that would have been payable had the property not been exempted from taxation under this agreement."

(D) Except as otherwise provided in this division, an agreement entered into under this section shall require that the owner pay an annual fee equal to the greater of one per cent of the amount of taxes exempted under the agreement or five hundred dollars; provided, however, that if the value of the incentives exceeds two hundred fifty thousand dollars, the fee shall not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars. The fee shall be payable to the legislative authority once per year for each year the agreement is effective on the days and in the form specified in the agreement. Fees paid shall be deposited in a special fund created for such purpose by the legislative authority and shall be used by the legislative authority exclusively for the purpose of complying with section 3735.672 of the Revised Code and by the tax incentive review council created under section 5709.85 of the Revised Code exclusively for the purposes of performing the duties prescribed under that section. The legislative authority may waive or reduce the amount of the fee, but such waiver or reduction does not affect the obligations of the legislative authority or the tax incentive review council to comply with section 3735.672 or 5709.85 of the Revised Code.

(E) If any person that is party to an agreement granting an exemption from taxation discontinues operations at the structure to which that exemption applies prior to the expiration of the term of the agreement, that person, any successor to that person, and any related member shall not enter into an agreement under this section or section 5709.62, 5709.63, or 5709.632 of the Revised Code, and no legislative authority shall enter into

such an agreement with such a person, successor, or related member, prior to the expiration of five years after the discontinuation of operations. As used in this division, "successor" means a person to which the assets or equity of another person has been transferred, which transfer resulted in the full or partial nonrecognition of gain or loss, or resulted in a carryover basis, both as determined by rule adopted by the tax commissioner. "Related member" has the same meaning as defined in section 5733.042 of the Revised Code without regard to division (B) of that section.

The director of development shall review all agreements submitted to the director under division (F) of this section for the purpose of enforcing this division. If the director determines there has been a violation of this division, the director shall notify the legislative authority of such violation, and the legislative authority immediately shall revoke the exemption granted under the agreement.

(F) When an agreement is entered into under this section, the legislative authority authorizing the agreement shall forward a copy of the agreement to the director of development ~~and to the tax commissioner~~ within fifteen days after the agreement is entered into.

Sec. 3737.81. (A) There is hereby created the state fire commission consisting of ten members to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The fire marshal or chief deputy fire marshal, a representative designated by the department of public safety who has tenure in fire suppression, and a representative designated by the board of building standards shall be ex officio members. Of the initial appointments made to the commission, two shall be for a term ending one year after November 1, 1978, two shall be for a term ending two years after that date, two shall be for a term ending three years after that date, two shall be for a term ending four years after that date, and two shall be for a term ending five years after that date. Thereafter, terms of office shall be for five years, each term ending on the same day of the same month of the year as did the term which it succeeds. Each member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. 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 that term. Any 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. Members shall be qualified by experience and training to deal with the matters that are the responsibility of the commission. Two members shall be members of paid fire services, one shall be a member of volunteer fire services, two shall

be mayors, managers, or members of legislative authorities of municipal corporations, one shall represent commerce and industry, one shall be a representative of a fire insurance company domiciled in this state, one shall represent the flammable liquids industry, one shall represent the construction industry, and one shall represent the public. At no time shall more than six members be members of or associated with the same political party. Membership on the commission shall not constitute holding a public office, and no person shall forfeit or otherwise vacate the person's office or position of employment because of membership on the commission.

(B) The ex officio members may not vote, except that the fire marshal or chief deputy fire marshal may vote in case of a tie.

(C) Each member of the commission, other than ex officio members, shall be paid an amount ~~equal to that payable under pay range 32 (S)(D)~~ fixed pursuant to division (J) of section 124.15 of the Revised Code, and the member's actual and necessary expenses.

(D) The commission shall select a chairperson and a vice-chairperson from among its members. No business may be transacted in the absence of a quorum. A quorum shall be at least six members, excluding ex officio members, and shall include either the chairperson or vice-chairperson. The commission shall hold regular meetings at least once every two months and may meet at any other time at the call of the chairperson.

(E) The fire marshal shall provide the commission with office space, meeting rooms, staff, and clerical assistance necessary for the commission to perform its duties. If the commission maintains the Ohio fire service hall of fame under division (C) of section 3737.03 of the Revised Code, the fire marshal shall preserve, in an appropriate manner, in the office space or meeting rooms provided to the commission under this division or in another location, copies of all official commendations awarded to individuals recognized and commemorated for their exemplary accomplishments and acts of heroism at fire-related incidents or similar events that occurred in this state.

(F) If the commission maintains the Ohio fire service hall of fame under division (C) of section 3737.03 of the Revised Code, the expenses incurred for the recognition and commemoration of individuals for their exemplary accomplishments and acts of heroism at fire-related incidents or similar events that occurred in this state, including, but not limited to, expenses for official commendations and an annual awards ceremony as described in division ~~(C)~~(B) of section 3737.03 of the Revised Code, may be paid from moneys appropriated by the general assembly for purposes of that recognition and commemoration, from moneys that are available to the fire

marshal under this chapter, or from other funding sources available to the commission.

Sec. 3745.04. As used in this section, "any person" means any individual, any partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity, or any political subdivision, instrumentality, or agency of a state, whether or not the individual or legal entity is an applicant for or holder of a license, permit, or variance from the environmental protection agency, and includes any department, agency, or instrumentality of the federal government that is an applicant for or holder of a license, permit, or variance from the environmental protection agency.

As used in this section, "action" or "act" includes the adoption, modification, or repeal of a rule or standard, the issuance, modification, or revocation of any lawful order other than an emergency order, and the issuance, denial, modification, or revocation of a license, permit, lease, variance, or certificate, or the approval or disapproval of plans and specifications pursuant to law or rules adopted thereunder.

Any person who was a party to a proceeding before the director of environmental protection may participate in an appeal to the environmental review appeals commission for an order vacating or modifying the action of the director or a local board of health, or ordering the director or board of health to perform an act. The environmental review appeals commission has exclusive original jurisdiction over any matter that may, under this section, be brought before it.

The person so appealing to the commission shall be known as appellant, and the director and any party to a proceeding substantially supporting the finding from which the appeal is taken shall be known as appellee, except that when an appeal involves a license to operate a disposal site or facility, the local board of health or the director of environmental protection, and any party to a proceeding substantially supporting the finding from which the appeal is taken, shall, as appropriate, be known as the appellee. Appellant and appellee shall be deemed to be parties to the appeal.

The appeal shall be in writing and shall set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based.

The appeal shall be filed with the commission within thirty days after notice of the action. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the appellee within three days after the appeal is filed with the commission.

The appeal shall be accompanied by a filing fee of ~~sixty~~ seventy dollars, which the commission, in its discretion, may ~~waive in cases of~~ reduce if by affidavit the appellant demonstrates that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship.

Within seven days after receipt of the notice of appeal, the director or local board of health shall prepare and certify to the commission a record of the proceedings out of which the appeal arises, including all documents and correspondence, and a transcript of all testimony.

Upon the filing of the appeal, the commission shall fix the time and place at which the hearing on the appeal will be held. The commission shall give the appellant and the appellee at least ten days' written notice thereof by certified mail. The commission shall hold the hearing within thirty days after the notice of appeal is filed. The commission may postpone or continue any hearing upon its own motion or upon application of the appellant or of the appellee.

The filing of an appeal does not automatically suspend or stay execution of the action appealed from. Upon application by the appellant, the commission may suspend or stay the execution pending immediate determination of the appeal without interruption by continuances, other than for unavoidable circumstances.

As used in this section and sections 3745.05 and 3745.06 of the Revised Code, "director of environmental protection" and "director" are deemed to include the director of agriculture and "environmental protection agency" is deemed to include the department of agriculture with respect to actions that are appealable to the commission under Chapter 903. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3745.11. (A) Applicants for and holders of permits, licenses, variances, plan approvals, and certifications issued by the director of environmental protection pursuant to Chapters 3704., 3734., 6109., and 6111. of the Revised Code shall pay a fee to the environmental protection agency for each such issuance and each application for an issuance as provided by this section. No fee shall be charged for any issuance for which no application has been submitted to the director.

(B) ~~Prior to January 1, 1994, each~~ Each person who is issued a ~~permit to operate, variance, or~~ permit to install prior to July 1, 2003, pursuant to rules adopted under division (F) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code shall pay the fees specified in the following ~~schedule~~ schedules:

(1) Fuel-Burning Equipment (boilers)

Input capacity (maximum) (million British thermal units per hour)	~~Permit to operate~~	~~Variance~~	Permit to install
Greater than 0 ~~or more~~, but less than 10	~~$ 75~~	~~$225~~	$ ~~100~~ 200
10 or more, but less than 100	~~210~~	~~450~~	~~390~~ 400

100 or more, but less than 300	~~270~~	~~675~~	~~585~~ 800
300 or more, but less than 500	~~330~~	~~900~~	~~780~~ 1500
500 or more, but less than 1000	~~500~~	~~975~~	~~1000~~ 2500
1000 or more, but less than 5000			4000
5000 or more			6000

Units burning exclusively natural gas, number two fuel oil, or both shall be assessed a fee that is one-half of the applicable amount established in division (F)(1) of this section.

~~Any fuel-burning equipment using only natural gas, propane, liquefied petroleum gas, or number two or lighter fuel oil shall be assessed a fee one-half of that shown.~~

(2) Incinerators

Input capacity (pounds per hour)	~~Permit to operate~~	~~Variance~~	Permit to install
0 to ~~50~~ 100	~~$ 50~~	~~$225~~	$ ~~65~~ 100
~~51~~ 101 to 500	~~210~~	~~450~~	~~390~~ 400
501 to 2000	~~270~~	~~675~~	~~585~~ 750
2001 to ~~30,000~~ 20,000	~~330~~	~~900~~	~~780~~ 1000
more than ~~30,000~~ 20,000	~~500~~	~~975~~	~~1000~~ 2500

~~(3)~~(a) Process

Process weight rate (pounds per hour)	~~Permit to operate~~	~~Variance~~	Permit to install
0 to 1000	~~$100~~	~~$225~~	$ 200
1001 to 5000	~~210~~	~~450~~	~~390~~ 400
5001 to 10,000	~~270~~	~~675~~	~~585~~ 600
10,001 to 50,000	~~330~~	~~900~~	~~780~~ 800
more than 50,000	~~500~~	~~975~~	1000

In any process where process weight rate cannot be ascertained, the minimum fee shall be assessed.

(b) Notwithstanding division (B)(3)(a) of this section, any person issued a permit to install pursuant to rules adopted under division (F) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code shall pay the fees established in division (B)(3)(c) of this section for a process used in any of the following industries, as identified by the applicable four-digit standard industrial classification

code according to the Standard Industrial Classification Manual published by the United States office of management and budget in the executive office of the president, 1972, as revised:

1211 Bituminous coal and lignite mining;

1213 Bituminous coal and lignite mining services;

1411 Dimension stone;

1422 Crushed and broken limestone;

1427 Crushed and broken stone, not elsewhere classified;

1442 Construction sand and gravel;

1446 Industrial sand;

3281 Cut stone and stone products;

3295 Minerals and earth, ground or otherwise treated.

(c) The fees established in the following schedule apply to the issuance of a permit to install pursuant to rules adopted under division (F) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code for a process listed in division (B)(3)(b) of this section:

Process weight rate (pounds per hour)	Permit to install
0 to 1000	$ 200
10,001 to 50,000	300
50,001 to 100,000	400
100,001 to 200,000	500
200,001 to 400,000	600
400,001 or more	700

(4) Storage tanks

Gallons (maximum useful capacity)	~~Permit to operate~~	~~Variance~~	Permit to install
~~Less than 40,000~~ 0 to 20,000	~~$150~~	~~$225~~	$ ~~195~~ 100
20,001 to 40,000 ~~or more, but less than 100,000~~	~~210~~	~~450~~	~~390~~ 150
~~100,000 or more, but less than 400,000~~	~~270~~	~~675~~	~~585~~
~~400,000 or more, but less than~~ 40,001 to 100,000			200
100,001 to 250,000			250
250,001 to 500,000			350
500,001 to 1,000,000	~~330~~	~~900~~	~~780~~ 500
~~1,000,000~~ 1,000,001 or ~~more~~ greater	~~500~~	~~975~~	~~1000~~

			750
(5) ~~Gasoline~~			
Gasoline/fuel dispensing facilities	~~Permit to operate~~	~~Variance~~	Permit to install
For each gasoline/fuel dispensing facility	~~$20~~	~~$100~~	~~$50~~ 100
(6) ~~Dry cleaning~~			
Dry cleaning facilities	~~Permit to operate~~	~~Variance~~	Permit to install
For each dry cleaning facility (includes all units at the facility)	~~$50~~	~~$200~~	$100

(7) ~~Coal mining operations regulated under Chapter 1513. of the Revised Code shall be assessed a fee of two hundred fifty dollars per mine or location.~~ Registration status

	Permit to install
For each source covered by registration status	$75

(C)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(2) of this section, beginning July 1, 1994, each person who owns or operates an air contaminant source and who is required to apply for and obtain a Title V permit under section 3704.036 of the Revised Code shall pay the fees set forth in division (C)(1) of this section. For the purposes of that division, total emissions of air contaminants may be calculated using engineering calculations, emissions factors, material balance calculations, or performance testing procedures, as authorized by the director.

The following fees shall be assessed on the total actual emissions from a source in tons per year of the regulated pollutants particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, and lead:

(a) Fifteen dollars per ton on the total actual emissions of each such regulated pollutant during the period July through December 1993, to be collected no sooner than July 1, 1994;

(b) Twenty dollars per ton on the total actual emissions of each such regulated pollutant during calendar year 1994, to be collected no sooner than April 15, 1995;

(c) Twenty-five dollars per ton on the total actual emissions of each such regulated pollutant in calendar year 1995, and each subsequent

calendar year, to be collected no sooner than the fifteenth day of April of the year next succeeding the calendar year in which the emissions occurred.

The fees levied under division (C)(1) of this section do not apply to that portion of the emissions of a regulated pollutant at a facility that exceed four thousand tons during a calendar year.

(2) The fees assessed under division (C)(1) of this section are for the purpose of providing funding for the Title V permit program.

(3) The fees assessed under division (C)(1) of this section do not apply to emissions from any electric generating unit designated as a Phase I unit under Title IV of the federal Clean Air Act prior to calendar year 2000. Those fees shall be assessed on the emissions from such a generating unit commencing in calendar year 2001 based upon the total actual emissions from the generating unit during calendar year 2000 and shall continue to be assessed each subsequent calendar year based on the total actual emissions from the generating unit during the preceding calendar year.

(4) The director shall issue invoices to owners or operators of air contaminant sources who are required to pay a fee assessed under division (C) or (D) of this section. Any such invoice shall be issued no sooner than the applicable date when the fee first may be collected in a year under the applicable division, shall identify the nature and amount of the fee assessed, and shall indicate that the fee is required to be paid within thirty days after the issuance of the invoice.

(D)(1) Except as provided in division (D)~~(2)~~(3) of this section, ~~beginning~~ from January 1, 1994, through December 31, 2003, each person who owns or operates an air contaminant source; who is required to apply for a permit to operate pursuant to rules adopted under division (G), or a variance pursuant to division (H), of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code; and who is not required to apply for and obtain a Title V permit under section 3704.036 of the Revised Code shall pay a single fee based upon the sum of the actual annual emissions from the facility of the regulated pollutants particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, and lead in accordance with the following schedule:

Total tons per year of regulated pollutants emitted	Annual fee per facility
More than 0, but less than 50	$ 75
50 or more, but less than 100	300
100 or more	700

(2) Except as provided in division (D)(3) of this section, beginning January 1, 2004, each person who owns or operates an air contaminant

source; who is required to apply for a permit to operate pursuant to rules adopted under division (G), or a variance pursuant to division (H), of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code; and who is not required to apply for and obtain a Title V permit under section 3704.03 of the Revised Code shall pay a single fee based upon the sum of the actual annual emissions from the facility of the regulated pollutants particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, and lead in accordance with the following schedule:

Total tons per year of regulated pollutants emitted	Annual fee per facility
More than 0, but less than 10	$ 100
10 or more, but less than 50	200
50 or more, but less than 100	300
100 or more	700

(3)(a) As used in division (D) of this section, "synthetic minor facility" means a facility for which one or more permits to install or permits to operate have been issued for the air contaminant sources at the facility that include terms and conditions that lower the facility's potential to emit air contaminants below the major source thresholds established in rules adopted under section 3704.036 of the Revised Code.

(b) Beginning January 1, 2000, through June 30, ~~2004~~ 2006, each person who owns or operates a synthetic minor facility shall pay an annual fee based on the sum of the actual annual emissions from the facility of particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, organic compounds, and lead in accordance with the following schedule:

Combined total tons per year of all regulated pollutants emitted	Annual fee per facility
Less than 10	$ 170
10 or more, but less than 20	340
20 or more, but less than 30	670
30 or more, but less than 40	1,010
40 or more, but less than 50	1,340
50 or more, but less than 60	1,680
60 or more, but less than 70	2,010
70 or more, but less than 80	2,350
80 or more, but less than 90	2,680
90 or more, but less than 100	3,020
100 or more	3,350

~~(3)~~(4) The fees assessed under division (D)(1) of this section shall be collected annually no sooner than the fifteenth day of April, commencing in 1995. The fees assessed under division (D)(2) of this section shall be collected annually no sooner than the fifteenth day of April, commencing in 2005. The fees assessed under division (D)~~(2)~~(3) of this section shall be collected no sooner than the fifteenth day of April, commencing in 2000. The fees assessed under division (D) of this section in a calendar year shall be based upon the sum of the actual emissions of those regulated pollutants during the preceding calendar year. For the purpose of division (D) of this section, emissions of air contaminants may be calculated using engineering calculations, emission factors, material balance calculations, or performance testing procedures, as authorized by the director. The director, by rule, may require persons who are required to pay the fees assessed under division (D) of this section to pay those fees biennially rather than annually.

(E)(1) Consistent with the need to cover the reasonable costs of the Title V permit program, the director annually shall increase the fees prescribed in division (C)(1) of this section by the percentage, if any, by which the consumer price index for the most recent calendar year ending before the beginning of a year exceeds the consumer price index for calendar year 1989. Upon calculating an increase in fees authorized by division (E)(1) of this section, the director shall compile revised fee schedules for the purposes of division (C)(1) of this section and shall make the revised schedules available to persons required to pay the fees assessed under that division and to the public.

(2) For the purposes of division (E)(1) of this section:

(a) The consumer price index for any year is the average of the consumer price index for all urban consumers published by the United States department of labor as of the close of the twelve-month period ending on the thirty-first day of August of that year.

(b) If the 1989 consumer price index is revised, the director shall use the revision of the consumer price index that is most consistent with that for calendar year 1989.

(F) Each person who is issued a permit to install pursuant to rules adopted under division (F) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code on or after ~~January 1, 1994~~ July 1, 2003, shall pay the fees specified in the following schedules:

(1) Fuel-burning equipment (boilers, furnaces, or process heaters used in the process of burning fuel for the primary purpose of producing heat or power by indirect heat transfer)

Input capacity (maximum)

(million British thermal units per hour)	Permit to install
Greater than 0, but less than 10	$ 200
10 or more, but less than 100	400
100 or more, but less than 300	~~800~~ 1000
300 or more, but less than 500	~~1500~~ 2250
500 or more, but less than 1000	~~2500~~ 3750
1000 or more, but less than 5000	~~4000~~ 6000
5000 or more	~~6000~~ 9000

Units burning exclusively natural gas, number two fuel oil, or both shall be assessed a fee that is one-half the applicable amount shown in division (F)(1) of this section.

(2) Combustion turbines and stationary internal combustion engines designed to generate electricity

Generating capacity (mega watts)	Permit to install
0 or more, but less than 10	$ 25
10 or more, but less than 25	150
25 or more, but less than 50	300
50 or more, but less than 100	500
100 or more, but less than 250	1000
250 or more	2000

(3) Incinerators

Input capacity (pounds per hour)	Permit to install
0 to 100	$ 100
101 to 500	~~400~~ 500
501 to 2000	~~750~~ 1000
2001 to 20,000	~~1000~~ 1500
more than 20,000	~~2500~~ 3750

~~(3)~~(4)(a) Process

Process weight rate (pounds per hour)	Permit to install
0 to 1000	$ 200
1001 to 5000	~~400~~ 500
5001 to 10,000	~~600~~ 750
10,001 to 50,000	~~800~~ 1000
more than 50,000	~~1000~~ 1250

In any process where process weight rate cannot be ascertained, the minimum fee shall be assessed. A boiler, furnace, combustion turbine, stationary internal combustion engine, or process heater designed to provide direct heat or power to a process not designed to generate electricity shall be assessed a fee established in division (F)(4)(a) of this section. A combustion turbine or stationary internal combustion engine designed to generate

electricity shall be assessed a fee established in division (F)(2) of this section.

(b) Notwithstanding division (F)(3)(a) of this section, any person issued a permit to install pursuant to rules adopted under division (F) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code shall pay the fees set forth in division (F)(3)(c) of this section for a process used in any of the following industries, as identified by the applicable four-digit standard industrial classification code according to the Standard Industrial Classification Manual published by the United States office of management and budget in the executive office of the president, 1972, as revised:

1211 Bituminous coal and lignite mining;

1213 Bituminous coal and lignite mining services;

1411 Dimension stone;

1422 Crushed and broken limestone;

1427 Crushed and broken stone, not elsewhere classified;

1442 Construction sand and gravel;

1446 Industrial sand;

3281 Cut stone and stone products;

3295 Minerals and earth, ground or otherwise treated.

(c) The fees set forth in the following schedule apply to the issuance of a permit to install pursuant to rules adopted under division (F) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code for a process identified in division (F)(3)(b) of this section:

~~Gallons (maximum useful capacity~~ Process weight rate (pounds per hour)	Permit to install
0 to ~~20,000~~ 10,000	$ ~~100~~ 200
~~20,001~~ 10,001 to ~~40,000~~ 50,000	~~150~~ 400
~~40,001~~ 50,001 to 100,000	~~200~~ 500
100,001 to ~~250,000~~ 200,000	~~250~~ 600
~~250,001~~ 200,001 to ~~500,000~~ 400,000	~~350~~ 750
~~500,001 to 1,000,000~~	~~500~~
~~1,000,001~~ 400,001 or ~~greater~~ more	~~750~~ 900

~~(4)~~(5) Storage tanks

Gallons (maximum useful capacity)	Permit to install
0 to 20,000	$ 100
20,001 to 40,000	150
40,001 to 100,000	~~200~~ 250
100,001 ~~to 250,000~~	~~250~~

~~250,001~~ to 500,000	~~350~~ 400
500,001 ~~to 1,000,000~~	~~500~~
~~1,000,001~~ or greater	750

~~(5)~~(6) Gasoline/fuel dispensing facilities

For each gasoline/fuel dispensing facility (includes all units at the facility)	Permit to install $ 100

~~(6)~~(7) Dry cleaning facilities

For each dry cleaning facility (includes all units at the facility)	Permit to install $ 100

~~(7)~~(8) Registration status

For each source covered by registration status	Permit to install $ 75

(G) An owner or operator who is responsible for an asbestos demolition or renovation project pursuant to rules adopted under section 3704.03 of the Revised Code shall pay the fees set forth in the following schedule:

Action	Fee
Each notification	$75
Asbestos removal	$3/unit
Asbestos cleanup	$4/cubic yard

For purposes of this division, "unit" means any combination of linear feet or square feet equal to fifty.

(H) A person who is issued an extension of time for a permit to install an air contaminant source pursuant to rules adopted under division (F) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee equal to one-half the fee originally assessed for the permit to install under this section, except that the fee for such an extension shall not exceed two hundred dollars.

(I) A person who is issued a modification to a permit to install an air contaminant source pursuant to rules adopted under section 3704.03 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee equal to one-half of the fee that would be assessed under this section to obtain a permit to install the source. The fee assessed by this division only applies to modifications that are initiated by the owner or operator of the source and shall not exceed two thousand dollars.

(J) Notwithstanding division (B) or (F) of this section, a person who applies for or obtains a permit to install pursuant to rules adopted under division (F) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code after the date actual construction of the source began shall pay a fee for the permit to install that is equal to twice the fee that otherwise would be assessed under the

applicable division unless the applicant received authorization to begin construction under division (W) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code. This division only applies to sources for which actual construction of the source begins on or after July 1, 1993. The imposition or payment of the fee established in this division does not preclude the director from taking any administrative or judicial enforcement action under this chapter, Chapter 3704., 3714., 3734., or 6111. of the Revised Code, or a rule adopted under any of them, in connection with a violation of rules adopted under division (F) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code.

As used in this division, "actual construction of the source" means the initiation of physical on-site construction activities in connection with improvements to the source that are permanent in nature, including, without limitation, the installation of building supports and foundations and the laying of underground pipework.

(K) Fifty cents per ton of each fee assessed under division (C) of this section on actual emissions from a source and received by the environmental protection agency pursuant to that division shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the small business assistance fund created in section 3706.19 of the Revised Code. The remainder of the moneys received by the division pursuant to that division and moneys received by the agency pursuant to divisions (D), (F), (G), (H), (I), and (J) of this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the clean air fund created in section 3704.035 of the Revised Code.

(L)(1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (L)(1)(b) or (c) of this section, a person issued a water discharge permit or renewal of a water discharge permit pursuant to Chapter 6111. of the Revised Code shall pay a fee based on each point source to which the issuance is applicable in accordance with the following schedule:

Design flow discharge (gallons per day)	Fee
0 to 1000	$ 0
1,001 to 5000	100
5,001 to 50,000	200
50,001 to 100,000	300
100,001 to 300,000	525
over 300,000	750

(b) Notwithstanding the fee schedule specified in division (L)(1)(a) of this section, the fee for a water discharge permit that is applicable to coal mining operations regulated under Chapter 1513. of the Revised Code shall be two hundred fifty dollars per mine.

(c) Notwithstanding the fee schedule specified in division (L)(1)(a) of

this section, the fee for a water discharge permit for a public discharger identified by I in the third character of the permittee's NPDES permit number shall not exceed seven hundred fifty dollars.

(2) A person applying for a plan approval for a wastewater treatment works pursuant to section 6111.44, 6111.45, or 6111.46 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee of one hundred dollars plus sixty-five one-hundredths of one per cent of the estimated project cost through June 30, ~~2004~~ 2006, and one hundred dollars plus two-tenths of one per cent of the estimated project cost on and after July 1, ~~2004~~ 2006, except that the total fee shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars through June 30, ~~2004~~ 2006, and five thousand dollars on and after July 1, ~~2004~~ 2006. The fee shall be paid at the time the application is submitted.

(3) A person issued a modification of a water discharge permit shall pay a fee equal to one-half the fee that otherwise would be charged for a water discharge permit, except that the fee for the modification shall not exceed four hundred dollars.

(4) A person who has entered into an agreement with the director under section 6111.14 of the Revised Code shall pay an administrative service fee for each plan submitted under that section for approval that shall not exceed the minimum amount necessary to pay administrative costs directly attributable to processing plan approvals. The director annually shall calculate the fee and shall notify all persons who have entered into agreements under that section, or who have applied for agreements, of the amount of the fee.

(5)(a)(i) Not later than January 30, ~~2002~~ 2004, and January 30, ~~2003~~ 2005, a person holding an NPDES discharge permit issued pursuant to Chapter 6111. of the Revised Code with an average daily discharge flow of five thousand gallons or more shall pay a nonrefundable annual discharge fee. Any person who fails to pay the fee at that time shall pay an additional amount that equals ten per cent of the required annual discharge fee.

(ii) The billing year for the annual discharge fee established in division (L)(5)(a)(i) of this section shall consist of a twelve-month period beginning on the first day of January of the year preceding the date when the annual discharge fee is due. In the case of an existing source that permanently ceases to discharge during a billing year, the director shall reduce the annual discharge fee, including the surcharge applicable to certain industrial facilities pursuant to division (L)(5)(c) of this section, by one-twelfth for each full month during the billing year that the source was not discharging, but only if the person holding the NPDES discharge permit for the source notifies the director in writing, not later than the first day of October of the

billing year, of the circumstances causing the cessation of discharge.

(iii) The annual discharge fee established in division (L)(5)(a)(i) of this section, except for the surcharge applicable to certain industrial facilities pursuant to division (L)(5)(c) of this section, shall be based upon the average daily discharge flow in gallons per day calculated using first day of May through thirty-first day of October flow data for the period two years prior to the date on which the fee is due. In the case of NPDES discharge permits for new sources, the fee shall be calculated using the average daily design flow of the facility until actual average daily discharge flow values are available for the time period specified in division (L)(5)(a)(iii) of this section. The annual discharge fee may be prorated for a new source as described in division (L)(5)(a)(ii) of this section.

(b) An NPDES permit holder that is a public discharger shall pay the fee specified in the following schedule:

Average daily discharge flow	Fee due by January 30, ~~2002~~ 2004, and January 30, ~~2003~~ 2005
5,000 to 49,999	$ 200
50,000 to 100,000	500
100,001 to 250,000	1,050
250,001 to 1,000,000	2,600
1,000,001 to 5,000,000	5,200
5,000,001 to 10,000,000	10,350
10,000,001 to 20,000,000	15,550
20,000,001 to 50,000,000	25,900
50,000,001 to 100,000,000	41,400
100,000,001 or more	62,100

Public dischargers owning or operating two or more publicly owned treatment works serving the same political subdivision, as "treatment works" is defined in section 6111.01 of the Revised Code, and that serve exclusively political subdivisions having a population of fewer than one hundred thousand shall pay an annual discharge fee under division (L)(5)(b) of this section that is based on the combined average daily discharge flow of the treatment works.

(c) An NPDES permit holder that is an industrial discharger, other than a coal mining operator identified by P in the third character of the permittee's NPDES permit number, shall pay the fee specified in the following schedule:

Average daily discharge flow	Fee due by January 30, ~~2002~~ 2004, and January 30, ~~2003~~ 2005
5,000 to 49,999	$ 250
50,000 to 250,000	1,200
250,001 to 1,000,000	2,950
1,000,001 to 5,000,000	5,850
5,000,001 to 10,000,000	8,800
10,000,001 to 20,000,000	11,700
20,000,001 to 100,000,000	14,050
100,000,001 to 250,000,000	16,400
250,000,001 or more	18,700

In addition to the fee specified in the above schedule, an NPDES permit holder that is an industrial discharger classified as a major discharger during all or part of the annual discharge fee billing year specified in division (L)(5)(a)(ii) of this section shall pay a nonrefundable annual surcharge of seven thousand five hundred dollars not later than January 30, ~~2002~~ 2004, and not later than January 30, ~~2003~~ 2005. Any person who fails to pay the surcharge at that time shall pay an additional amount that equals ten per cent of the amount of the surcharge.

(d) Notwithstanding divisions (L)(5)(b) and (c) of this section, a public discharger identified by I in the third character of the permittee's NPDES permit number and an industrial discharger identified by I, J, L, V, W, X, Y, or Z in the third character of the permittee's NPDES permit number shall pay a nonrefundable annual discharge fee of one hundred eighty dollars not later than January 30, ~~2002~~ 2004, and not later than January 30, ~~2003~~ 2005. Any person who fails to pay the fee at that time shall pay an additional amount that equals ten per cent of the required fee.

(6) Each person obtaining a national pollutant discharge elimination system general or individual permit for municipal storm water discharge shall pay a nonrefundable storm water discharge fee of one hundred dollars per square mile of area permitted. The fee shall not exceed ten thousand dollars and shall be payable on or before January 30, 2004, and the thirtieth day of January of each year thereafter. Any person who fails to pay the fee on the date specified in division (L)(6) of this section shall pay an additional amount per year equal to ten per cent of the annual fee that is unpaid.

(7) The director shall transmit all moneys collected under division (L) of this section to the treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the

credit of the surface water protection fund created in section 6111.038 of the Revised Code.

(8) As used in division (L) of this section:

(a) "NPDES" means the federally approved national pollutant discharge elimination system program for issuing, modifying, revoking, reissuing, terminating, monitoring, and enforcing permits and imposing and enforcing pretreatment requirements under Chapter 6111. of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it.

(b) "Public discharger" means any holder of an NPDES permit identified by P in the second character of the NPDES permit number assigned by the director.

(c) "Industrial discharger" means any holder of an NPDES permit identified by I in the second character of the NPDES permit number assigned by the director.

(d) "Major discharger" means any holder of an NPDES permit classified as major by the regional administrator of the United States environmental protection agency in conjunction with the director.

(M) Through June 30, ~~2004~~ 2006, a person applying for a license or license renewal to operate a public water system under section 6109.21 of the Revised Code shall pay the appropriate fee established under this division at the time of application to the director. Any person who fails to pay the fee at that time shall pay an additional amount that equals ten per cent of the required fee. The director shall transmit all moneys collected under this division to the treasurer of state for deposit into the drinking water protection fund created in section 6109.30 of the Revised Code.

~~Fees~~ Except as provided in division (M)(4) of this section, fees required under this division shall be calculated and paid in accordance with the following schedule:

(1) For the initial license required under division (A)(1) of section 6109.21 of the Revised Code for any public water system that is a community water system as defined in section 6109.01 of the Revised Code, and for each license renewal required for such a system prior to January 31, ~~2004~~ 2006, the fee is:

Number of service connections	Fee amount
Not more than 49	$~~56~~ 112
50 to 99	~~88~~ 176
Number of service connections	**Average cost per connection**
100 to 2,499	$~~.96~~ 1.92
2,500 to 4,999	~~.92~~ 1.48
5,000 to 7,499	~~.88~~ 1.42

7,500 to 9,999	~~.84~~ 1.34
10,000 to 14,999	~~.80~~ 1.16
15,000 to 24,999	~~.76~~ 1.10
25,000 to 49,999	~~.72~~ 1.04
50,000 to 99,999	~~.68~~ .92
100,000 to 149,999	~~.64~~ .86
150,000 to 199,999	~~.60~~ .80
200,000 or more	~~.56~~ .76

A public water system may determine how it will pay the total amount of the fee calculated under division (M)(1) of this section, including the assessment of additional user fees that may be assessed on a volumetric basis.

As used in division (M)(1) of this section, "service connection" means the number of active or inactive pipes, goosenecks, pigtails, and any other fittings connecting a water main to any building outlet.

(2) For the initial license required under division (A)(2) of section 6109.21 of the Revised Code for any public water system that is not a community water system and serves a nontransient population, and for each license renewal required for such a system prior to January 31, ~~2004~~ 2006, the fee is:

Population served	Fee amount
Fewer than 150	$ ~~56~~ 112
150 to 299	~~88~~ 176
300 to 749	~~192~~ 384
750 to 1,499	~~392~~ 628
1,500 to 2,999	~~792~~ 1,268
3,000 to 7,499	~~1,760~~ 2,816
7,500 to 14,999	~~3,800~~ 5,510
15,000 to 22,499	~~6,240~~ 9,048
22,500 to 29,999	~~8,576~~ 12,430
30,000 or more	~~11,600~~ 16,820

As used in division (M)(2) of this section, "population served" means the total number of individuals receiving water from the water supply during a twenty-four-hour period for at least sixty days during any calendar year. In the absence of a specific population count, that number shall be calculated at the rate of three individuals per service connection.

(3) For the initial license required under division (A)(3) of section 6109.21 of the Revised Code for any public water system that is not a community water system and serves a transient population, and for each license renewal required for such a system prior to January 31, ~~2004~~ 2006,

the fee is:

Number of wells supplying system	Fee amount
1	$ ~~56~~ 112
2	~~56~~ 112
3	~~88~~ 176
4	~~192~~ 278
5	~~392~~ 568
System ~~supplied by~~ designated as using a surface water~~, springs, or dug wells~~ source	792

As used in division (M)(3) of this section, "number of wells supplying system" means those wells that are physically connected to the plumbing system serving the public water system.

(4) A public water system designated as using a surface water source shall pay a fee of seven hundred ninety-two dollars or the amount calculated under division (M)(1) or (2) of this section, whichever is greater.

(N)(1) A person applying for a plan approval for a public water supply system under section 6109.07 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee of one hundred fifty dollars plus ~~two-tenths~~ thirty-five hundredths of one per cent of the estimated project cost, except that the total fee shall not exceed ~~fifteen~~ twenty thousand dollars through June 30, ~~2004~~ 2006, and ~~five~~ fifteen thousand dollars on and after July 1, ~~2004~~ 2006. The fee shall be paid at the time the application is submitted.

(2) A person who has entered into an agreement with the director under division (A)(2) of section 6109.07 of the Revised Code shall pay an administrative service fee for each plan submitted under that section for approval that shall not exceed the minimum amount necessary to pay administrative costs directly attributable to processing plan approvals. The director annually shall calculate the fee and shall notify all persons that have entered into agreements under that division, or who have applied for agreements, of the amount of the fee.

(3) Through June 30, ~~2004~~ 2006, the following fee, on a per survey basis, shall be charged any person for services rendered by the state in the evaluation of laboratories and laboratory personnel for compliance with accepted analytical techniques and procedures established pursuant to Chapter 6109. of the Revised Code for determining the qualitative characteristics of water:

microbiological	~~$1,650~~
MMO-MUG	$2,000
MF	2,100

MMO-MUG and MF	2,550
organic chemical	~~3,500~~ 5,400
~~inorganic chemical~~ trace metals	~~3,500~~ 5,400
standard chemistry	~~1,800~~ 2,800
limited chemistry	~~1,000~~ 1,550

On and after July 1, ~~2004~~ 2006, the following fee, on a per survey basis, shall be charged any such person:

microbiological	~~$250~~ 1,650
organic chemicals	3,500
~~chemical/radiological~~ trace metals	~~250~~ 3,500
standard chemistry	1,800
~~nitrate/turbidity (only)~~ limited chemistry	~~150~~ 1,000

The fee for those services shall be paid at the time the request for the survey is made. Through June 30, ~~2004~~ 2006, an individual laboratory shall not be assessed a fee under this division more than once in any three-year period unless the person requests the addition of analytical methods or analysts, in which case the person shall pay eighteen hundred dollars for each additional survey requested.

As used in division (N)(3) of this section:

(a) "MF" means microfiltration.

(b) "MMO" means minimal medium ONPG.

(c) "MUG" means 4-methylumbelliferyl-beta-D-glucuronide.

(d) "ONPG" means o-nitrophenyl-beta-D-galactopyranoside.

The director shall transmit all moneys collected under this division to the treasurer of state for deposit into the drinking water protection fund created in section 6109.30 of the Revised Code.

(O) Any person applying to the director for examination for certification as an operator of a water supply system or wastewater system under Chapter 6109. or 6111. of the Revised Code, at the time the application is submitted, shall pay an application fee of twenty-five dollars through ~~June~~ November 30, ~~2004, and ten dollars on and after July 1, 2004~~ 2003. Upon approval from the director that the applicant is eligible to take the examination therefor, the applicant shall pay a fee in accordance with the following schedule through ~~June~~ November 30, ~~2004~~ 2003:

Class I operator	$45
Class II operator	55
Class III operator	65

Class IV operator	75

On and after December 1, 2003, any person applying to the director for examination for certification as an operator of a water supply system or wastewater system under Chapter 6109. or 6111. of the Revised Code, at the time the application is submitted, shall pay an application fee of forty-five dollars through November 30, 2006, and twenty-five dollars on and after December 1, 2006. Upon approval from the director that the applicant is eligible to take the examination therefor, the applicant shall pay a fee in accordance with the following schedule through November 30, 2006:

Class A operator	$35
Class I operator	60
Class II operator	75
Class III operator	85
Class IV operator	100

On and after ~~July~~ December 1, ~~2004~~ 2006, the applicant shall pay a fee in accordance with the following schedule:

Class A operator	$25
Class I operator	~~$25~~ 45
Class II operator	~~35~~ 55
Class III operator	~~45~~ 65
Class IV operator	~~55~~ 75

A person shall pay a biennial certification renewal fee for each applicable class of certification in accordance with the following schedule:

Class A operator	$25
Class I operator	35
Class II operator	45
Class III operator	55
Class IV operator	65

If a certification renewal fee is received by the director more than thirty days, but not more than one year after the expiration date of the certification, the person shall pay a certification renewal fee in accordance with the following schedule:

Class A operator	$45
Class I operator	55
Class II operator	65
Class III operator	75
Class IV operator	85

A person who requests a replacement certificate shall pay a fee of twenty-five dollars at the time the request is made.

The director shall transmit all moneys collected under this division to

the treasurer of state for deposit into the drinking water protection fund created in section 6109.30 of the Revised Code.

(P) ~~Through June 30, 2004, any~~ Any person submitting an application for an industrial water pollution control certificate under section 6111.31 of the Revised Code, as that section existed before its repeal by H.B. 95 of the 125th general assembly, shall pay a nonrefundable fee of five hundred dollars at the time the application is submitted. The director shall transmit all moneys collected under this division to the treasurer of state for deposit into the surface water protection fund created in section 6111.038 of the Revised Code. A person paying a certificate fee under this division shall not pay an application fee under division (S)(1) of this section. On and after the effective date of this amendment, persons shall file such applications and pay the fee as required under sections 5709.20 to 5709.27 of the Revised Code, and proceeds from the fee shall be credited as provided in section 5709.212 of the Revised Code.

(Q) Except as otherwise provided in division (R) of this section, a person issued a permit by the director for a new solid waste disposal facility other than an incineration or composting facility, a new infectious waste treatment facility other than an incineration facility, or a modification of such an existing facility that includes an increase in the total disposal or treatment capacity of the facility pursuant to Chapter 3734. of the Revised Code shall pay a fee of ten dollars per thousand cubic yards of disposal or treatment capacity, or one thousand dollars, whichever is greater, except that the total fee for any such permit shall not exceed eighty thousand dollars. A person issued a modification of a permit for a solid waste disposal facility or an infectious waste treatment facility that does not involve an increase in the total disposal or treatment capacity of the facility shall pay a fee of one thousand dollars. A person issued a permit to install a new, or modify an existing, solid waste transfer facility under that chapter shall pay a fee of two thousand five hundred dollars. A person issued a permit to install a new or to modify an existing solid waste incineration or composting facility, or an existing infectious waste treatment facility using incineration as its principal method of treatment, under that chapter shall pay a fee of one thousand dollars. The increases in the permit fees under this division resulting from the amendments made by Amended Substitute House Bill 592 of the 117th general assembly do not apply to any person who submitted an application for a permit to install a new, or modify an existing, solid waste disposal facility under that chapter prior to September 1, 1987; any such person shall pay the permit fee established in this division as it existed prior to June 24, 1988. In addition to the applicable permit fee under

this division, a person issued a permit to install or modify a solid waste facility or an infectious waste treatment facility under that chapter who fails to pay the permit fee to the director in compliance with division (V) of this section shall pay an additional ten per cent of the amount of the fee for each week that the permit fee is late.

Permit and late payment fees paid to the director under this division shall be credited to the general revenue fund.

(R)(1) A person issued a registration certificate for a scrap tire collection facility under section 3734.75 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee of two hundred dollars, except that if the facility is owned or operated by a motor vehicle salvage dealer licensed under Chapter 4738. of the Revised Code, the person shall pay a fee of twenty-five dollars.

(2) A person issued a registration certificate for a new scrap tire storage facility under section 3734.76 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee of three hundred dollars, except that if the facility is owned or operated by a motor vehicle salvage dealer licensed under Chapter 4738. of the Revised Code, the person shall pay a fee of twenty-five dollars.

(3) A person issued a permit for a scrap tire storage facility under section 3734.76 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee of one thousand dollars, except that if the facility is owned or operated by a motor vehicle salvage dealer licensed under Chapter 4738. of the Revised Code, the person shall pay a fee of fifty dollars.

(4) A person issued a permit for a scrap tire monocell or monofill facility under section 3734.77 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee of ten dollars per thousand cubic yards of disposal capacity or one thousand dollars, whichever is greater, except that the total fee for any such permit shall not exceed eighty thousand dollars.

(5) A person issued a registration certificate for a scrap tire recovery facility under section 3734.78 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee of one hundred dollars.

(6) A person issued a permit for a scrap tire recovery facility under section 3734.78 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee of one thousand dollars.

(7) In addition to the applicable registration certificate or permit fee under divisions (R)(1) to (6) of this section, a person issued a registration certificate or permit for any such scrap tire facility who fails to pay the registration certificate or permit fee to the director in compliance with division (V) of this section shall pay an additional ten per cent of the amount of the fee for each week that the fee is late.

(8) The registration certificate, permit, and late payment fees paid to the director under divisions (R)(1) to (7) of this section shall be credited to the

scrap tire management fund created in section 3734.82 of the Revised Code.

(S)(1) Except as provided by divisions (L), (M), (N), (O), (P), and (S)(2) of this section, division (A)(2) of section 3734.05 of the Revised Code, section 3734.79 of the Revised Code, and rules adopted under division (T)(1) of this section, any person applying for a registration certificate under section 3734.75, 3734.76, or 3734.78 of the Revised Code or a permit, variance, or plan approval under Chapter 3734. of the Revised Code shall pay a nonrefundable fee of fifteen dollars at the time the application is submitted.

Except as otherwise provided, any person applying for a permit, variance, or plan approval under Chapter 6109. or 6111. of the Revised Code shall pay a nonrefundable fee of one hundred dollars at the time the application is submitted through June 30, ~~2004~~ 2006, and a nonrefundable fee of fifteen dollars at the time the application is submitted on and after July 1, ~~2004~~ 2006. Through June 30, ~~2004~~ 2006, any person applying for a national pollutant discharge elimination system permit under Chapter 6111. of the Revised Code shall pay a nonrefundable fee of two hundred dollars at the time of application for the permit. On and after July 1, ~~2004~~ 2006, such a person shall pay a nonrefundable fee of fifteen dollars at the time of application.

In addition to the application fee established under division (S)(1) of this section, any person applying for a national pollutant discharge elimination system general storm water construction permit shall pay a nonrefundable fee of twenty dollars per acre for each acre that is permitted above five acres at the time the application is submitted. However, the per acreage fee shall not exceed three hundred dollars. In addition, any person applying for a national pollutant discharge elimination system general storm water industrial permit shall pay a nonrefundable fee of one hundred fifty dollars at the time the application is submitted.

The director shall transmit all moneys collected under division (S)(1) of this section pursuant to Chapter 6109. of the Revised Code to the treasurer of state for deposit into the drinking water protection fund created in section 6109.30 of the Revised Code.

The director shall transmit all moneys collected under division (S)(1) of this section pursuant to Chapter 6111. of the Revised Code to the treasurer of state for deposit into the surface water protection fund created in section 6111.038 of the Revised Code.

If a registration certificate is issued under section 3734.75, 3734.76, or 3734.78 of the Revised Code, the amount of the application fee paid shall be deducted from the amount of the registration certificate fee due under

division (R)(1), (2), or (5) of this section, as applicable.

If a person submits an electronic application for a registration certificate, permit, variance, or plan approval for which an application fee is established under division (S)(1) of this section, the person shall pay the applicable application fee as expeditiously as possible after the submission of the electronic application. An application for a registration certificate, permit, variance, or plan approval for which an application fee is established under division (S)(1) of this section shall not be reviewed or processed until the applicable application fee, and any other fees established under this division, are paid.

(2) Division (S)(1) of this section does not apply to an application for a registration certificate for a scrap tire collection or storage facility submitted under section 3734.75 or 3734.76 of the Revised Code, as applicable, if the owner or operator of the facility or proposed facility is a motor vehicle salvage dealer licensed under Chapter 4738. of the Revised Code.

(T) The director may adopt, amend, and rescind rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that do all of the following:

(1) Prescribe fees to be paid by applicants for and holders of any license, permit, variance, plan approval, or certification required or authorized by Chapter 3704., 3734., 6109., or 6111. of the Revised Code that are not specifically established in this section. The fees shall be designed to defray the cost of processing, issuing, revoking, modifying, denying, and enforcing the licenses, permits, variances, plan approvals, and certifications.

The director shall transmit all moneys collected under rules adopted under division (T)(1) of this section pursuant to Chapter 6109. of the Revised Code to the treasurer of state for deposit into the drinking water protection fund created in section 6109.30 of the Revised Code.

The director shall transmit all moneys collected under rules adopted under division (T)(1) of this section pursuant to Chapter 6111. of the Revised Code to the treasurer of state for deposit into the surface water protection fund created in section 6111.038 of the Revised Code.

(2) Exempt the state and political subdivisions thereof, including education facilities or medical facilities owned by the state or a political subdivision, or any person exempted from taxation by section 5709.07 or 5709.12 of the Revised Code, from any fee required by this section;

(3) Provide for the waiver of any fee, or any part thereof, otherwise required by this section whenever the director determines that the imposition of the fee would constitute an unreasonable cost of doing business for any applicant, class of applicants, or other person subject to the fee;

(4) Prescribe measures that the director considers necessary to carry out this section.

(U) When the director reasonably demonstrates that the direct cost to the state associated with the issuance of a permit to install, license, variance, plan approval, or certification exceeds the fee for the issuance or review specified by this section, the director may condition the issuance or review on the payment by the person receiving the issuance or review of, in addition to the fee specified by this section, the amount, or any portion thereof, in excess of the fee specified under this section. The director shall not so condition issuances for which fees are prescribed in divisions (B)(7) and (L)(1)(b) of this section.

(V) Except as provided in divisions (L), (M), and (P) of this section or unless otherwise prescribed by a rule of the director adopted pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, all fees required by this section are payable within thirty days after the issuance of an invoice for the fee by the director or the effective date of the issuance of the license, permit, variance, plan approval, or certification. If payment is late, the person responsible for payment of the fee shall pay an additional ten per cent of the amount due for each month that it is late.

(W) As used in this section, "fuel-burning equipment," "fuel-burning equipment input capacity," "incinerator," "incinerator input capacity," "process," "process weight rate," "storage tank," "gasoline dispensing facility," "dry cleaning facility," "design flow discharge," and "new source treatment works" have the meanings ascribed to those terms by applicable rules or standards adopted by the director under Chapter 3704. or 6111. of the Revised Code.

(X) As used in divisions (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (H), (I), and (J) of this section, and in any other provision of this section pertaining to fees paid pursuant to Chapter 3704. of the Revised Code:

(1) "Facility," "federal Clean Air Act," "person," and "Title V permit" have the same meanings as in section 3704.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Title V permit program" means the following activities as necessary to meet the requirements of Title V of the federal Clean Air Act and 40 C.F.R. part 70, including at least:

(a) Preparing and adopting, if applicable, generally applicable rules or guidance regarding the permit program or its implementation or enforcement;

(b) Reviewing and acting on any application for a Title V permit, permit revision, or permit renewal, including the development of an applicable requirement as part of the processing of a permit, permit revision, or permit

renewal;

(c) Administering the permit program, including the supporting and tracking of permit applications, compliance certification, and related data entry;

(d) Determining which sources are subject to the program and implementing and enforcing the terms of any Title V permit, not including any court actions or other formal enforcement actions;

(e) Emission and ambient monitoring;

(f) Modeling, analyses, or demonstrations;

(g) Preparing inventories and tracking emissions;

(h) Providing direct and indirect support to small business stationary sources to determine and meet their obligations under the federal Clean Air Act pursuant to the small business stationary source technical and environmental compliance assistance program required by section 507 of that act and established in sections 3704.18, 3704.19, and 3706.19 of the Revised Code.

(Y)(1) Except as provided in divisions (Y)(2), (3), and (4) of this section, each sewage sludge facility shall pay a nonrefundable annual sludge fee equal to three dollars and fifty cents per dry ton of sewage sludge, including the dry tons of sewage sludge in materials derived from sewage sludge, that the sewage sludge facility treats or disposes of in this state. The annual volume of sewage sludge treated or disposed of by a sewage sludge facility shall be calculated using the first day of January through the thirty-first day of December of the calendar year preceding the date on which payment of the fee is due.

(2)(a) Except as provided in division (Y)(2)(d) of this section, each sewage sludge facility shall pay a minimum annual sewage sludge fee of one hundred dollars.

(b) The annual sludge fee required to be paid by a sewage sludge facility that treats or disposes of exceptional quality sludge in this state shall be thirty-five per cent less per dry ton of exceptional quality sludge than the fee assessed under division (Y)(1) of this section, subject to the following exceptions:

(i) Except as provided in division (Y)(2)(d) of this section, a sewage sludge facility that treats or disposes of exceptional quality sludge shall pay a minimum annual sewage sludge fee of one hundred dollars.

(ii) A sewage sludge facility that treats or disposes of exceptional quality sludge shall not be required to pay the annual sludge fee for treatment or disposal in this state of exceptional quality sludge generated outside of this state and contained in bags or other containers not greater

than one hundred pounds in capacity.

A thirty-five per cent reduction for exceptional quality sludge applies to the maximum annual fees established under division (Y)(3) of this section.

(c) A sewage sludge facility that transfers sewage sludge to another sewage sludge facility in this state for further treatment prior to disposal in this state shall not be required to pay the annual sludge fee for the tons of sewage sludge that have been transferred. In such a case, the sewage sludge facility that disposes of the sewage sludge shall pay the annual sludge fee. However, the facility transferring the sewage sludge shall pay the one-hundred-dollar minimum fee required under division (Y)(2)(a) of this section.

In the case of a sewage sludge facility that treats sewage sludge in this state and transfers it out of this state to another entity for disposal, the sewage sludge facility in this state shall be required to pay the annual sludge fee for the tons of sewage sludge that have been transferred.

(d) A sewage sludge facility that generates sewage sludge resulting from an average daily discharge flow of less than five thousand gallons per day is not subject to the fees assessed under division (Y) of this section.

(3) No sewage sludge facility required to pay the annual sludge fee shall be required to pay more than the maximum annual fee for each disposal method that the sewage sludge facility uses. The maximum annual fee does not include the additional amount that may be charged under division (Y)(5) of this section for late payment of the annual sludge fee. The maximum annual fee for the following methods of disposal of sewage sludge is as follows:

(a) Incineration: five thousand dollars;

(b) Preexisting land reclamation project or disposal in a landfill: five thousand dollars;

(c) Land application, land reclamation, surface disposal, or any other disposal method not specified in division (Y)(3)(a) or (b) of this section: twenty thousand dollars.

(4)(a) In the case of an entity that generates sewage sludge or a sewage sludge facility that treats sewage sludge and transfers the sewage sludge to an incineration facility for disposal, the incineration facility, and not the entity generating the sewage sludge or the sewage sludge facility treating the sewage sludge, shall pay the annual sludge fee for the tons of sewage sludge that are transferred. However, the entity or facility generating or treating the sewage sludge shall pay the one-hundred-dollar minimum fee required under division (Y)(2)(a) of this section.

(b) In the case of an entity that generates sewage sludge and transfers

the sewage sludge to a landfill for disposal or to a sewage sludge facility for land reclamation or surface disposal, the entity generating the sewage sludge, and not the landfill or sewage sludge facility, shall pay the annual sludge fee for the tons of sewage sludge that are transferred.

(5) Not later than the first day of April of the calendar year following March 17, 2000, and each first day of April thereafter, the director shall issue invoices to persons who are required to pay the annual sludge fee. The invoice shall identify the nature and amount of the annual sludge fee assessed and state the first day of May as the deadline for receipt by the director of objections regarding the amount of the fee and the first day of July as the deadline for payment of the fee.

Not later than the first day of May following receipt of an invoice, a person required to pay the annual sludge fee may submit objections to the director concerning the accuracy of information regarding the number of dry tons of sewage sludge used to calculate the amount of the annual sludge fee or regarding whether the sewage sludge qualifies for the exceptional quality sludge discount established in division (Y)(2)(b) of this section. The director may consider the objections and adjust the amount of the fee to ensure that it is accurate.

If the director does not adjust the amount of the annual sludge fee in response to a person's objections, the person may appeal the director's determination in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Not later than the first day of June, the director shall notify the objecting person regarding whether the director has found the objections to be valid and the reasons for the finding. If the director finds the objections to be valid and adjusts the amount of the annual sludge fee accordingly, the director shall issue with the notification a new invoice to the person identifying the amount of the annual sludge fee assessed and stating the first day of July as the deadline for payment.

Not later than the first day of July, any person who is required to do so shall pay the annual sludge fee. Any person who is required to pay the fee, but who fails to do so on or before that date shall pay an additional amount that equals ten per cent of the required annual sludge fee.

(6) The director shall transmit all moneys collected under division (Y) of this section to the treasurer of state for deposit into the surface water protection fund created in section 6111.038 of the Revised Code. The moneys shall be used to defray the costs of administering and enforcing provisions in Chapter 6111. of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it that govern the use, storage, treatment, or disposal of sewage sludge.

(7) Beginning in fiscal year 2001, and every two years thereafter, the

director shall review the total amount of moneys generated by the annual sludge fees to determine if that amount exceeded six hundred thousand dollars in either of the two preceding fiscal years. If the total amount of moneys in the fund exceeded six hundred thousand dollars in either fiscal year, the director, after review of the fee structure and consultation with affected persons, shall issue an order reducing the amount of the fees levied under division (Y) of this section so that the estimated amount of moneys resulting from the fees will not exceed six hundred thousand dollars in any fiscal year.

If, upon review of the fees under division (Y)(7) of this section and after the fees have been reduced, the director determines that the total amount of moneys collected and accumulated is less than six hundred thousand dollars, the director, after review of the fee structure and consultation with affected persons, may issue an order increasing the amount of the fees levied under division (Y) of this section so that the estimated amount of moneys resulting from the fees will be approximately six hundred thousand dollars. Fees shall never be increased to an amount exceeding the amount specified in division (Y)(7) of this section.

Notwithstanding section 119.06 of the Revised Code, the director may issue an order under division (Y)(7) of this section without the necessity to hold an adjudicatory hearing in connection with the order. The issuance of an order under this division is not an act or action for purposes of section 3745.04 of the Revised Code.

(8) As used in division (Y) of this section:

(a) "Sewage sludge facility" means an entity that performs treatment on or is responsible for the disposal of sewage sludge.

(b) "Sewage sludge" means a solid, semi-solid, or liquid residue generated during the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works as defined in section 6111.01 of the Revised Code. "Sewage sludge" includes, but is not limited to, scum or solids removed in primary, secondary, or advanced wastewater treatment processes. "Sewage sludge" does not include ash generated during the firing of sewage sludge in a sewage sludge incinerator, grit and screenings generated during preliminary treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works, animal manure, residue generated during treatment of animal manure, or domestic septage.

(c) "Exceptional quality sludge" means sewage sludge that meets all of the following qualifications:

(i) Satisfies the class A pathogen standards in 40 C.F.R. 503.32(a);

(ii) Satisfies one of the vector attraction reduction requirements in 40 C.F.R. 503.33(b)(1) to (b)(8);

(iii) Does not exceed the ceiling concentration limitations for metals listed in table one of 40 C.F.R. 503.13;

(iv) Does not exceed the concentration limitations for metals listed in table three of 40 C.F.R. 503.13.

(d) "Treatment" means the preparation of sewage sludge for final use or disposal and includes, but is not limited to, thickening, stabilization, and dewatering of sewage sludge.

(e) "Disposal" means the final use of sewage sludge, including, but not limited to, land application, land reclamation, surface disposal, or disposal in a landfill or an incinerator.

(f) "Land application" means the spraying or spreading of sewage sludge onto the land surface, the injection of sewage sludge below the land surface, or the incorporation of sewage sludge into the soil for the purposes of conditioning the soil or fertilizing crops or vegetation grown in the soil.

(g) "Land reclamation" means the returning of disturbed land to productive use.

(h) "Surface disposal" means the placement of sludge on an area of land for disposal, including, but not limited to, monofills, surface impoundments, lagoons, waste piles, or dedicated disposal sites.

(i) "Incinerator" means an entity that disposes of sewage sludge through the combustion of organic matter and inorganic matter in sewage sludge by high temperatures in an enclosed device.

(j) "Incineration facility" includes all incinerators owned or operated by the same entity and located on a contiguous tract of land. Areas of land are considered to be contiguous even if they are separated by a public road or highway.

(k) "Annual sludge fee" means the fee assessed under division (Y)(1) of this section.

(l) "Landfill" means a sanitary landfill facility, as defined in rules adopted under section 3734.02 of the Revised Code, that is licensed under section 3734.05 of the Revised Code.

(m) "Preexisting land reclamation project" means a property-specific land reclamation project that has been in continuous operation for not less than five years pursuant to approval of the activity by the director and includes the implementation of a community outreach program concerning the activity.

Sec. 3745.14. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Compliance review" means the review of an application for a permit, renewal of a permit, or plan approval, or modification thereof, for an existing or proposed facility, source, or activity and the accompanying

engineering plans, specifications, and materials and information that are submitted under Chapter 3704., 3734., 6109., or 6111. of the Revised Code and rules adopted under them for compliance with performance standards under the applicable chapter and rules adopted under it. "Compliance review" does not include the review of an application for a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit or the renewal or modification of such a permit, a permit to establish or modify an infectious waste treatment facility, a permit to install a solid waste incineration facility that also would treat infectious wastes, or a permit to modify a solid waste incineration facility to also treat infectious wastes under Chapter 3734. of the Revised Code.

(2) "Engineer" includes both of the following:

(a) A professional engineer registered under Chapter 4733. of the Revised Code;

(b) A firm, partnership, association, or corporation providing engineering services in this state in compliance with Chapter 4733. of the Revised Code.

(B) The director of environmental protection, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt, and may amend and rescind, rules establishing a program for the certification of engineers to conduct compliance reviews. The rules, at a minimum, shall do all of the following:

(1) Require that the program be administered by the director;

(2) Establish eligibility criteria for certification to conduct compliance reviews;

(3) Establish criteria for denying, suspending, and revoking certifications and renewals of certifications issued pursuant to rules adopted under division (B) of this section;

(4) Require the periodic renewal of certifications issued pursuant to rules adopted under division (B) of this section;

(5) Establish an application fee and fee for issuance for certifications under this section. The fees shall be established at a level calculated to defray the costs to the environmental protection agency for administering the certification program established by rules adopted under division (B) of this section. All such application and certification fees received by the director shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the permit review fund created in division (E) of this section.

(C) The director shall maintain a current list of all engineers who are certified to conduct compliance reviews pursuant to rules adopted under this section. The list shall indicate the types of permits, permit renewals, and plan approvals that each engineer is certified to review and the types or

categories of facilities, sources, or activities in connection with which the engineer is certified to conduct the reviews. Upon request, the director shall provide a copy of the list to anyone requesting it.

(D) An applicant for a permit, renewal of a permit, plan approval, or modification thereof, under Chapter 3704., 3734., 6109., or 6111. of the Revised Code and applicable rules adopted under them, other than a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit or renewal or modification of such a permit, a permit to establish or modify an infectious waste treatment facility, a permit to install a solid waste incineration facility that also would treat infectious wastes, or a permit to modify a solid waste incineration facility to also treat infectious wastes under Chapter 3734. of the Revised Code, may submit a written request to the director to have the compliance review conducted by an engineer certified under this section. The request shall accompany the permit application, shall indicate the applicant's choice from among the certified engineers on the director's list who are qualified to conduct the compliance review, shall be accompanied by separate certifications by the applicant and the engineer indicating that the applicant does not have and has not had during the preceding two years a financial interest in the engineer and has not employed or retained the engineer to perform services for the applicant during the preceding two years, and may be accompanied by a draft proposal for conducting the compliance review that was developed by the applicant and the engineer. No such draft proposal is binding upon the director.

Within seven days after receiving a request under this division, the director shall do all of the following, as appropriate:

(1) In the director's discretion, approve or disapprove the applicant's request to have the compliance review of the application conducted by an engineer on the list of certified engineers prepared under this section;

(2) If the director approves the conducting of the compliance review by such a certified engineer, approve or disapprove, in the director's discretion, the applicant's choice of the engineer;

(3) Mail written notice of decisions made under divisions (D)(1) and (2) of this section to the applicant.

If the director fails to mail notice of the director's decisions on the request to the applicant within seven days after receiving the request, it is conclusively presumed that the director approved the applicant's request to have the compliance review conducted by a certified engineer and the applicant's choice of the engineer, and the director shall enter into a contract with the engineer chosen by the applicant. If the director disapproves the applicant's choice of an engineer and provides timely notice of the

disapproval to the applicant, the director and applicant, by mutual agreement, shall select another engineer from the list prepared under this section to conduct the compliance review, and the director shall enter into a contract with that engineer.

(E) The director may enter into contracts for conducting performance reviews under division (D) of this section without advertising for bids. The commencement of any work under such a contract shall be contingent upon the director's receipt of payment from the applicant of an amount that is equal to one hundred ten per cent of the amount specified in the contract, excluding contingencies for any additional work that may be needed to properly complete the review and that was not anticipated when the contract was made. Moneys received by the director from an applicant shall be deposited into the permit review fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. The director shall use moneys in the fund to pay the cost of compliance reviews conducted pursuant to contracts entered into under division (D) of this section and to administer the certification program established under division (B) of this section. The director may use any moneys in the fund not needed for those purposes to administer the environmental laws or programs of this state.

If, while conducting a compliance review, the engineer finds that work in addition to that upon which the cost under the contract was based, or any additional work previously authorized under this division, is needed to properly review the application and accompanying information for compliance with the applicable performance standards, the engineer shall notify the director of that fact and of the cost of the additional work, as determined pursuant to the terms of the contract. If the director finds that the additional work is needed and that the costs of performing the work have been determined in accordance with the terms of the contract, the director shall authorize the contractor to perform the work. Upon completion of the additional work, the contractor shall submit to the director an invoice for the cost of performing the additional work, and the director shall forward a copy of the invoice to the applicant. The applicant is liable to the state for an amount equal to one hundred ten per cent of the cost of performing the additional work and, within thirty days after receiving a copy of the invoice, shall pay to the director an amount equal to one hundred ten per cent of the amount indicated on the invoice. Upon receiving this payment, the director shall forward the moneys to the treasurer of state, who shall deposit them into the state treasury to the credit of the permit review fund.

Until the applicant pays to the director the amount due in connection with the additional work, the director shall not issue to the applicant any

permit, renewal of a permit, or plan approval, or modification thereof, for which an application is pending before the director. The director also may certify the unpaid amount to the attorney general and request that the attorney general bring a civil action against the applicant to recover that amount. Any moneys so recovered shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the permit review fund.

(F) Upon completing a compliance review conducted under this section, the engineer shall make a certification to the director as to whether the existing or proposed facility, source, activity, or modification will comply with the applicable performance standards. If the certification indicates that the existing or proposed facility, source, activity, or modification will not comply, the engineer shall include in the certification the engineer's findings as to the causes of the noncompliance.

(G) When a compliance review is conducted by an engineer certified under this section, the other activities in connection with the consideration, approval, and issuance of the permit, renewal of the permit, or plan approval, or modification thereof, shall be conducted by the director ~~or, when applicable, the hazardous waste facility board established in section 3734.05 of the Revised Code,~~ in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 3704., 3734., 6109., or 6111. of the Revised Code and rules adopted under the applicable chapter.

(H) All expenses incurred by the attorney general in bringing a civil action under this section shall be reimbursed from the permit review fund in accordance with Chapter 109. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3745.40. (A) There is hereby created the clean Ohio operating fund consisting of moneys credited to the fund in accordance with this section. The fund shall be used to pay the costs incurred by the director of environmental protection pursuant to sections 122.65 to 122.658 of the Revised Code. Investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund~~. For two years after the effective date of this section, investment earnings credited to the fund~~ and may be used to pay administrative costs incurred by the director pursuant to those sections.

(B) Notwithstanding section 3746.16 of the Revised Code, upon the request of the director of environmental protection, the director of development shall certify to the director of budget and management the amount of excess investment earnings that are available to be transferred from the clean Ohio revitalization fund created in section 122.658 of the Revised Code to the clean Ohio operating fund. Upon certification, the director of budget and management may transfer from the clean Ohio revitalization fund to the clean Ohio operating fund an amount not

exceeding the amount of the annual appropriation to the clean Ohio operating fund.

Sec. 3746.13. (A) For property that does not involve the issuance of a consolidated standards permit under section 3746.15 of the Revised Code and where no engineering or institutional controls are used to comply with applicable standards, the director of environmental protection shall issue a covenant not to sue pursuant to section 3746.12 of the Revised Code by issuance of an order as a final action under Chapter 3745. of the Revised Code within thirty days after the director receives the no further action letter for the property and accompanying verification from the certified professional who prepared the letter under section 3746.11 of the Revised Code.

(B) For property that involves the issuance of a consolidated standards permit under section 3746.15 of the Revised Code or where engineering or institutional controls are used to comply with applicable standards, the director shall issue a covenant not to sue by issuance of an order as a final action under Chapter 3745. of the Revised Code within ninety days after the director receives the no further action letter for the property and accompanying verification from the certified professional who prepared the letter.

(C) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, each person who is issued a covenant not to sue under this section shall pay the fee established pursuant to rules adopted under division (B)(8) of section 3746.04 of the Revised Code. Until those rules become effective, each person who is issued a covenant not to sue shall pay a fee of two thousand dollars. The fee shall be paid to the director at the time that the no further action letter and accompanying verification are submitted to the director.

(D) An applicant, as defined in section 122.65 of the Revised Code, who has entered into an agreement under section 122.653 of the Revised Code and who is issued a covenant not to sue under this section shall not be required to pay the fee <u>for the issuance of a covenant not to sue</u> established in rules adopted under division (B)(8) of section 3746.04 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3748.07. (A) Every facility that proposes to handle radioactive material or radiation-generating equipment for which licensure or registration, respectively, by its handler is required shall apply in writing to the director of health on forms prescribed and provided by the director for licensure or registration. Terms and conditions of licenses and certificates of registration may be amended in accordance with rules adopted under section 3748.04 of the Revised Code or orders issued by the director pursuant to

section 3748.05 of the Revised Code.

(B) Until rules are adopted under section 3748.04 of the Revised Code, an application for a certificate of registration shall be accompanied by a biennial registration fee of ~~one~~ two hundred ~~sixty~~ dollars. On and after the effective date of those rules, an applicant for a license, registration certificate, or renewal of either shall pay the appropriate fee established in those rules.

All fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general operations fund created in section 3701.83 of the Revised Code. The fees shall be used solely to administer and enforce this chapter and rules adopted under it.

Any fee required under this section that has not been paid within ninety days after the invoice date shall be assessed at two times the original invoiced fee. Any fee that has not been paid within one hundred eighty days after the invoice date shall be assessed at five times the original invoiced fee.

(C) The director shall grant a license or registration to any applicant who has paid the required fee and is in compliance with this chapter and rules adopted under it.

Until rules are adopted under section 3748.04 of the Revised Code, certificates of registration shall be effective for two years from the date of issuance. On and after the effective date of those rules, licenses and certificates of registration shall be effective for the applicable period established in those rules. Licenses and certificates of registration shall be renewed in accordance with the standard renewal procedure established in Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3748.13. (A) The director of health shall inspect sources of radiation for which licensure or registration by the handler is required, and the sources' shielding and surroundings, according to the schedule established in rules adopted under division (D) of section 3748.04 of the Revised Code. In accordance with rules adopted under that section, the director shall inspect all records and operating procedures of handlers that install sources of radiation and all sources of radiation for which licensure of radioactive material or registration of radiation-generating equipment by the handler is required. The director may make other inspections upon receiving complaints or other evidence of violation of this chapter or rules adopted under it.

The director shall require any hospital registered under division (A) of section 3701.07 of the Revised Code to develop and maintain a quality assurance program for all sources of radiation-generating equipment. A

certified radiation expert shall conduct oversight and maintenance of the program and shall file a report of audits of the program with the director on forms prescribed by the director. The audit reports shall become part of the inspection record.

(B) Until rules are adopted under division (A)(8) of section 3748.04 of the Revised Code, a facility shall pay inspection fees according to the following schedule and categories:

First dental x-ray tube	$ ~~94.00~~ 118.00
Each additional dental x-ray tube at the same location	$ ~~47.00~~ 59.00
First medical x-ray tube	$~~187.00~~ 235.00
Each additional medical x-ray tube at the same location	$ ~~94.00~~ 125.00
Each unit of ionizing radiation-generating equipment capable of operating at or above 250 kilovoltage peak	$~~373.00~~ 466.00
First nonionizing radiation-generating equipment of any kind	$~~187.00~~ 235.00
Each additional nonionizing radiation-generating equipment of any kind at the same location	$ ~~94.00~~ 125.00
Assembler-maintainer inspection consisting of an inspection of records and operating procedures of handlers that install sources of radiation	$~~233.00~~ 291.00

Until rules are adopted under division (A)(8) of section 3748.04 of the Revised Code, the fee for an inspection to determine whether violations cited in a previous inspection have been corrected is fifty per cent of the fee applicable under the schedule in this division. Until those rules are adopted, the fee for the inspection of a facility that is not licensed or registered and for which no license or registration application is pending at the time of inspection is ~~two~~ three hundred ~~ninety~~ sixty-three dollars plus the fee applicable under the schedule in this division.

The director may conduct a review of shielding plans or the adequacy of shielding on the request of a licensee or registrant or an applicant for licensure or registration or during an inspection when the director considers a review to be necessary. Until rules are adopted under division (A)(8) of

section 3748.04 of the Revised Code, the fee for the review is ~~four~~ five hundred ~~sixty-six~~ eighty-three dollars for each room where a source of radiation is used and is in addition to any other fee applicable under the schedule in this division.

All fees shall be paid to the department of health no later than thirty days after the invoice for the fee is mailed. Fees shall be deposited in the general operations fund created in section 3701.83 of the Revised Code. The fees shall be used solely to administer and enforce this chapter and rules adopted under it.

Any fee required under this section that has not been paid within ninety days after the invoice date shall be assessed at two times the original invoiced fee. Any fee that has not been paid within one hundred eighty days after the invoice date shall be assessed at five times the original invoiced fee.

(C) If the director determines that a board of health of a city or general health district is qualified to conduct inspections of radiation-generating equipment, the director may delegate to the board, by contract, the authority to conduct such inspections. In making a determination of the qualifications of a board of health to conduct those inspections, the director shall evaluate the credentials of the individuals who are to conduct the inspections of radiation-generating equipment and the radiation detection and measuring equipment available to them for that purpose. If a contract is entered into, the board shall have the same authority to make inspections of radiation-generating equipment as the director has under this chapter and rules adopted under it. The contract shall stipulate that only individuals approved by the director as qualified shall be permitted to inspect radiation-generating equipment under the contract's provisions. The contract shall provide for such compensation for services as is agreed to by the director and the board of health of the contracting health district. The director may reevaluate the credentials of the inspection personnel and their radiation detecting and measuring equipment as often as the director considers necessary and may terminate any contract with the board of health of any health district that, in the director's opinion, is not satisfactorily performing the terms of the contract.

(D) The director may enter at all reasonable times upon any public or private property to determine compliance with this chapter and rules adopted under it.

Sec. 3769.087. (A) In addition to the commission of eighteen per cent retained by each permit holder as provided in section 3769.08 of the Revised Code, each permit holder shall retain an additional amount equal to four per

cent of the total of all moneys wagered on each racing day on all wagering pools other than win, place, and show, of which amount retained an amount equal to three per cent of the total of all moneys wagered on each racing day on those pools shall be paid by check, draft, or money order to the tax commissioner, as a tax. Subject to the restrictions contained in divisions (B), (C), and (M) of section 3769.08 of the Revised Code, from such additional moneys paid to the tax commissioner:

(1) Four-sixths shall be allocated to fund distribution as provided in division (M) of section 3769.08 of the Revised Code.

(2) One-twelfth shall be paid into the Ohio fairs fund created by section 3769.082 of the Revised Code.

(3) One-twelfth of the additional moneys paid to the tax commissioner by thoroughbred racing permit holders shall be paid into the Ohio thoroughbred race fund created by section 3769.083 of the Revised Code.

(4) One-twelfth of the additional moneys paid to the tax commissioner by harness horse racing permit holders shall be paid to the Ohio standardbred development fund created by section 3769.085 of the Revised Code.

(5) One-twelfth of the additional moneys paid to the tax commissioner by quarter horse racing permit holders shall be paid to the Ohio quarter horse development fund created by section 3769.086 of the Revised Code.

(6) One-sixth shall be paid into the state racing commission operating fund created by section 3769.03 of the Revised Code.

The remaining one per cent that is retained of the total of all moneys wagered on each racing day on all pools other than win, place, and show, shall be retained by racing permit holders, and, except as otherwise provided in section 3769.089 of the Revised Code, racing permit holders shall use one-half for purse money and retain one-half.

(B) In addition to the commission of eighteen per cent retained by each permit holder as provided in section 3769.08 of the Revised Code and the additional amount retained by each permit holder as provided in division (A) of this section, each permit holder shall retain an additional amount equal to one-half of one per cent of the total of all moneys wagered on each racing day on all wagering pools other than win, place, and show. ~~From~~ Except as provided in division (C) of this section, from the additional amount retained under this division, each permit holder shall retain an amount equal to one-quarter of one per cent of the total of all moneys wagered on each racing day on all pools other than win, place, and show and shall pay that amount by check, draft, or money order to the tax commissioner, as a tax. The tax commissioner shall pay the amount of the tax received under this

division to the state racing commission operating fund created by section 3769.03 of the Revised Code.

~~The~~ Except as provided in division (C) of this section, the remaining one-quarter of one per cent that is retained from the total of all moneys wagered on each racing day on all pools other than win, place, and show shall be retained by the permit holder, and the permit holder shall use one-half for purse money and retain one-half.

(C) During the period commencing on July 1, 2003, and ending on and including June 30, 2004, the additional amount retained by each permit holder under division (B) of this section shall be paid by check, draft, or money order to the tax commissioner, as a tax. The tax commissioner shall pay the amount of the tax received under this division to the state racing commission operating fund created by section 3769.03 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3770.07. (A)~~(1)~~ Lottery prize awards shall be claimed by the holder of the winning lottery ticket, or by the executor or administrator, or the trustee of a trust, of the estate of a deceased holder of a winning ticket, in a manner to be determined by the state lottery commission, within one hundred eighty days after the date on which such prize award was announced if the lottery game is an on-line game, and within one hundred eighty days after the close of the game if the lottery game is an instant game. ~~Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, if~~ If no valid claim to the prize award is made within the prescribed period, the prize money or the cost of goods and services awarded as prizes, or if such goods or services are resold by the commission, the proceeds from such sale, shall be returned to the state lottery fund and distributed in accordance with section 3770.06 of the Revised Code.

~~(2)~~(B) If a prize winner, as defined in section 3770.10 of the Revised Code, is under eighteen years of age, or is under some other legal disability, and the prize money or the cost of goods or services awarded as a prize exceeds one thousand dollars, the director shall order that payment be made to the order of the legal guardian of that prize winner. If the amount of the prize money or the cost of goods or services awarded as a prize is one thousand dollars or less, the director may order that payment be made to the order of the adult member, if any, of that prize winner's family legally responsible for the care of that prize winner.

~~(3)~~(C) No right of any prize winner, as defined in section 3770.10 of the Revised Code, to a prize award shall be the subject of a security interest or used as collateral.

~~(4)(a)~~(D)(1) No right of any prize winner, as defined in section 3770.10 of the Revised Code, to a prize award shall be assignable, or subject to

garnishment, attachment, execution, withholding, or deduction, except as follows: as provided in sections 3119.80, 3119.81, 3121.02, 3121.03, and 3123.06 of the Revised Code; when the payment is to be made to the executor or administrator or the trustee of a trust of the estate of a winning ticket holder; when the award of a prize is disputed, any person may be awarded a prize award to which another has claimed title, pursuant to the order of a court of competent jurisdiction; when the director is to make a payment pursuant to ~~section~~ sections 3770.071 or 3770.073 of the Revised Code; or as provided in sections 3770.10 to 3770.14 of the Revised Code.

~~(b)~~(2) The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to section 3770.03 of the Revised Code concerning the payment of prize awards upon the death of a prize winner. Upon the death of a prize winner, as defined in section 3770.10 of the Revised Code, the remainder of the prize winner's prize award, to the extent it is not subject to a transfer agreement under sections 3770.10 to 3770.14 of the Revised Code, may be paid to the executor, administrator, or trustee in the form of a discounted lump sum cash settlement.

~~(5)~~(E) No lottery prize award shall be awarded to or for any officer or employee of the state lottery commission, any officer or employee of the auditor of state actively coordinating and certifying commission drawings, or any blood relative or spouse of such officer or employee of the commission or auditor of state living as a member of such officer's or employee's household, nor shall any such employee, blood relative, or spouse attempt to claim a lottery prize award.

~~(6)~~(F) The director may prohibit vendors to the commission and their employees from being awarded a lottery prize award.

~~(7)~~(G) Upon the payment of prize awards pursuant to this section, the director and the commission are discharged from all further liability therefor.

~~(B) The commission may adopt rules governing the disbursement of unclaimed prize awards as all or part of the prize award in a lottery and may, pursuant to those rules, conduct the lottery and disburse any such unclaimed prize awards. Any lottery in which all or any part of the prize award is paid from unclaimed prize awards shall be conducted in accordance with all of the other requirements of this chapter, including, but not limited to, the time and proof requirements for claiming awards and the disposition of unclaimed prize awards when the prescribed period for claiming the award has passed. A prize award or any part of a prize award that is paid from an unclaimed prize award shall not be reapplied toward the satisfaction of the requirement of division (A) of section 3770.06 of the Revised Code that at~~

~~least fifty per cent of the total revenues from ticket sales be disbursed for monetary prize awards, if such unclaimed prize award was previously applied toward the satisfaction of that requirement. On or before the last day of January and July each year, the commission shall report to the general assembly the gross sales and net profits the commission obtained from the unclaimed prize awards in lotteries conducted pursuant to this division during the preceding two calendar quarters, including the amount of money produced by the games funded by the unclaimed prize awards and the total revenue accruing to the state from the prize award lotteries conducted pursuant to this division.~~

~~There is hereby established in the state treasury the unclaimed lottery prizes fund, to which all unclaimed prize awards shall be transferred. Any interest that accrues on the amounts in the fund shall become a part of the fund and shall be subject to any rules adopted by the commission governing the disbursement of unclaimed prize awards.~~

Sec. 3770.073. (A) If a person is entitled to a lottery prize award and is indebted to the state for the payment of any tax, workers' compensation premium, unemployment contribution, payment in lieu of unemployment contribution, or charge, penalty, or interest arising from these debts and the amount of the prize money or the cost of goods or services awarded as a lottery prize award is five thousand dollars or more, the director of the state lottery commission, or the director's designee, shall do either of the following:

(1) If the prize award will be paid in a lump sum, deduct from the prize award and pay to the attorney general an amount in satisfaction of the debt and pay any remainder to that person. If the amount of the prize award is less than the amount of the debt, the entire amount of the prize award shall be deducted and paid in partial satisfaction of the debt.

(2) If the prize award will be paid in annual installments, on the date the initial installment payment is due, deduct from that installment and pay to the attorney general an amount in satisfaction of the debt and, if necessary to collect the full amount of the debt, do the same for any subsequent annual installments, at the time the installments become due and owing to the person, until the debt is fully satisfied.

(B) If a person entitled to a lottery prize award owes more than one debt, any debt subject to section 5739.33 or division (G) of section 5747.07 of the Revised Code shall be satisfied first.

(C) This section applies only to debts that have become final.

Sec. 3770.10. As used in sections 3770.07 and 3770.10 to 3770.14 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Court of competent jurisdiction" means either the general division or the probate division of the court of common pleas of the county in which the prize winner resides, or, if the prize winner is not a resident of this state, either the general division or the probate division of the court of common pleas of Franklin county or a federal court having jurisdiction over the lottery prize award.

(B) "Discounted present value" means the present value of the future payments of a lottery prize award that is determined by discounting those payments to the present, using the most recently published applicable federal rate for determining the present value of an annuity as issued by the United States internal revenue service and assuming daily compounding.

(C) "Independent professional advice" means the advice of an attorney, a certified public accountant, an actuary, or any other licensed professional adviser if all of the following apply:

(1) The prize winner has engaged the services of the licensed professional adviser to render advice concerning the legal and other implications of a transfer of the lottery prize award.

(2) The licensed professional adviser is not affiliated in any manner with or compensated in any manner by the transferee of the lottery prize award.

(3) The compensation of the licensed professional adviser is not affected by whether or not a transfer of a lottery prize award occurs.

(D) "Prize winner" means any person that holds the right to receive all or any part of a lottery prize award as a result of being any of the following:

(1) A person who is a claimant under division (A)~~(1)~~ of section 3770.07 of the Revised Code;

(2) A person who is entitled to a prize award and who is under a legal disability as described in division ~~(A)(2)~~(B) of section 3770.07 of the Revised Code;

(3) A person who was awarded a prize award to which another has claimed title by a court order under division ~~(A)(4)(a)~~(D)(1) of section 3770.07 of the Revised Code;

(4) A person who is receiving payments upon the death of a prize winner as provided in division ~~(A)(4)(b)~~(D)(2) of section 3770.07 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Transfer" means any form of sale, assignment, or redirection of payment of all or any part of a lottery prize award for consideration.

(F) "Transfer agreement" means an agreement that is complete and valid, and that provides for the transfer of all or any part of a lottery prize award from a transferor to a transferee. A transfer agreement is incomplete and invalid unless the agreement contains both of the following:

(1) A statement, signed by the transferor under penalties of perjury, that the transferor irrevocably agrees that the transferor is subject to the tax imposed by Chapter 5733. or 5747. of the Revised Code with respect to gain or income which the transferor will recognize in connection with the transfer. If the transferor is a pass-through entity, as defined in section 5733.04 of the Revised Code, each investor in the pass-through entity shall also sign under penalties of perjury a statement that the investor irrevocably agrees that the investor is subject to the tax imposed by Chapter 5733. or 5747. of the Revised Code with respect to gain or income which the transferor and the investor will recognize in connection with the transfer.

(2) A statement, signed by the transferee, that the transferee irrevocably agrees that the transferee is subject to the withholding requirements imposed by division (C) of section 3770.072 of the Revised Code and is subject to the tax imposed by Chapter 5733. or 5747. of the Revised Code with respect to gain or income which the transferee will recognize in connection with lottery prize awards to be received as a result of the transfer. If the transferee is a pass-through entity, as defined in section 5733.04 of the Revised Code, each investor in the pass-through entity shall also sign under penalties of perjury a statement setting forth that the investor irrevocably agrees that the investor is subject to the withholding requirements imposed by division (C) of section 3770.072 of the Revised Code and is subject to the tax imposed by Chapter 5733. or 5747. of the Revised Code with respect to gain or income which the transferee and the investor will recognize in connection with lottery prize awards to be received as a result of the transfer.

(G) "Transferee" means a party acquiring or proposing to acquire all or any part of a lottery prize award through a transfer.

(H) "Transferor" means either a prize winner or a transferee in an earlier transfer whose interest is acquired by or is sought to be acquired by a transferee or a new transferee through a transfer.

Sec. 3770.12. A court of competent jurisdiction ~~may~~ shall approve a transfer of a lottery prize award only in a final order that is based on ~~the~~ express findings of the court~~, and the~~. The court shall approve the transfer only if each of the following conditions that applies is met and is included in the court's express findings ~~shall include all of the following~~:

(A) If the transferor is a prize winner, the transferee has provided to the prize winner a disclosure statement that complies with section 3770.11 of the Revised Code, and the prize winner has confirmed the prize winner's receipt of the disclosure statement, as evidenced by the prize winner's notarized signature on a copy of the disclosure statement.

(B) ~~If the transferor is a prize winner, the prize winner has established~~

~~that the transfer is fair and reasonable and in the best interests of the prize winner.~~

~~(C)~~ If the transferor is a prize winner, the prize winner has received independent professional advice regarding the legal and other implications of the transfer.

~~(D)~~(C) The transferee has given written notice of the transferee's name, address, and taxpayer identification number to the state lottery commission and has filed a copy of that notice with the court in which the application for approval of the transfer was filed.

~~(E)~~(D) The transferee is a trust, limited partnership, general partnership, corporation, professional association, limited liability company, or other entity that is qualified to do business in this state and meets the registration requirements for that type of entity under Title XVII of the Revised Code.

~~(F)~~(E) The transfer complies with all applicable requirements of the Revised Code and does not contravene any applicable law.

~~(G)~~(F) The transfer does not include or cover the amounts of the lottery prize award that are required to be withheld or deducted pursuant to section 3119.80, 3119.81, 3121.02, 3121.03, 3123.06, 3770.071, or 3770.072 of the Revised Code.

~~(H)~~(G) Any amounts described in division ~~(G)~~(F) of this section that are required to be withheld or deducted, as of the date of the court order, will be offset by the commission first against remaining payments due the transferor and then against payments due the transferee.

~~(I)~~(H) Except as provided in divisions (F) and (G) ~~and (H)~~ of this section, that the transferor's interest in each and all of the future payments from a particular lottery prize award is to be paid to a single transferee, or, if the payments from the lottery prize award are to be directed from the state lottery commission to multiple transferees, the commission has promulgated rules under section 3770.03 of the Revised Code permitting transfers to multiple transferees, and the transfer is consistent with those rules.

~~(J)~~(I) If the lottery prize award has been transferred within twelve months immediately preceding the effective date of the proposed transfer, the state lottery commission has not objected to the proposed transfer. The court shall presume that the requirements of this division are met unless the commission notifies the court in writing before the hearing on the application for transfer, or through counsel at that hearing, that a transfer of the same lottery prize award has been made within that twelve-month period and that the commission objects to a subsequent transfer within that twelve-month period. The court shall find that the requirements of this division are not met if the commission provides notice of a prior transfer of

the same lottery prize award within that twelve-month period and its objection to the proposed transfer, unless the transferor or transferee shows by clear and convincing evidence that no previous transfer of the same lottery prize award occurred within that twelve-month period.

If the court determines that all of the conditions in divisions (A) to (I) of this section that apply are met, the transfer of the lottery prize award shall be presumed to be fair and reasonable and in the best interests of the prize winner.

Sec. 3770.99. (A) Whoever is prohibited from claiming a lottery prize award under division ~~(A)(5)~~(E) of section 3770.07 of the Revised Code and attempts to claim or is paid a lottery prize award is guilty of a minor misdemeanor, and shall provide restitution to the state lottery commission of any moneys erroneously paid as a lottery prize award to that person.

(B) Whoever violates division (C) of section 3770.071 or section 3770.08 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

Sec. 3773.33. (A) There is hereby created the Ohio athletic commission. The commission shall consist of five voting members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, not more than three of whom shall be of the same political party, and two nonvoting members, one of whom shall be a member of the senate appointed by and to serve at the pleasure of the president of the senate and one of whom shall be a member of the house of representatives appointed by and to serve at the pleasure of the speaker of the house of representatives. To be eligible for appointment as a voting member, a person shall be a qualified elector and a resident of the state for not less than five years immediately preceding the person's appointment. Two voting members shall be knowledgeable in boxing, at least one voting member shall be knowledgeable and experienced in high school athletics, one voting member shall be knowledgeable and experienced in professional athletics, and at least one voting member shall be knowledgeable and experienced in collegiate athletics. One commission member shall hold the degree of doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy.

(B) No person shall be appointed to the commission or be an employee of the commission who is licensed, registered, or regulated by the commission. No member shall have any legal or beneficial interest, direct or indirect, pecuniary or otherwise, in any person who is licensed, registered, or regulated by the commission or who participates in prize fights or public boxing or wrestling matches or exhibitions. No member shall participate in any fight, match, or exhibition other than in the member's official capacity as a member of the commission, or as an inspector as authorized in section 3773.52 of the Revised Code.

(C) The governor shall appoint the voting members to the commission. Of the initial appointments, two shall be for terms ending one year after September 3, 1996, two shall be for terms ending two years after September 3, 1996, and one shall be for a term ending three years after September 3, 1996. Thereafter, terms of office shall be for three years, each term ending the same day of the same month of the year as did the term which it succeeds. Each member shall hold office from the date of the member's appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed. 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 the term. Any 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.

The governor shall name one voting member as chairperson of the commission at the time of making the appointment of any member for a full term. Three voting members shall constitute a quorum, and the affirmative vote of three voting members shall be necessary for any action taken by the commission. No vacancy on the commission impairs the authority of the remaining members to exercise all powers of the commission.

Voting members, when engaged in commission duties, shall receive a per diem compensation determined in accordance with division (J) of section 124.15 of the Revised Code, and all members shall receive their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

Each voting member, before entering upon the discharge of the member's duties, shall file a surety bond payable to the treasurer of state in the sum of ten thousand dollars. Each surety bond shall be conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of the office, executed by a surety company authorized to transact business in this state, and filed in the office of the secretary of state.

The governor may remove any voting member for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office after giving the member a copy of the charges against the member and affording the member an opportunity for a public hearing, at which the member may be represented by counsel, upon not less than ten days' notice. If the member is removed, the governor shall file a complete statement of all charges made against the member and the governor's finding ~~thereon~~ on the charges in the office of the secretary of state, together with a complete report of the proceedings. The governor's decision shall be final.

~~(D) The commission shall maintain an office in Youngstown and keep all of its permanent records there.~~

Sec. 3773.43. The Ohio athletic commission shall charge the following fees:

(A) For an application for or renewal of a promoter's license for public boxing matches or exhibitions, ~~fifty~~ one hundred dollars.

(B) For an application for or renewal of a license to participate in a public boxing match or exhibition as a contestant, or as a referee, judge, matchmaker, manager, timekeeper, trainer, or second of a contestant, ~~ten~~ twenty dollars.

(C) For a permit to conduct a public boxing match or exhibition, ~~ten~~ fifty dollars.

(D) For an application for or renewal of a promoter's license for professional wrestling matches or exhibitions, ~~one~~ two hundred dollars.

(E) For a permit to conduct a professional wrestling match or exhibition, ~~fifty~~ one hundred dollars.

The commission, subject to the approval of the controlling board, may establish fees in excess of the amounts provided in this section, provided that such fees do not exceed the amounts permitted by this section by more than ~~twenty-five~~ fifty per cent.

The fees prescribed by this section shall be paid to the treasurer of state, who shall deposit the fees in the occupational licensing and regulatory fund.

Sec. 3901.491. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Genetic screening or testing" means a laboratory test of a person's genes or chromosomes for abnormalities, defects, or deficiencies, including carrier status, that are linked to physical or mental disorders or impairments, or that indicate a susceptibility to illness, disease, or other disorders, whether physical or mental, which test is a direct test for abnormalities, defects, or deficiencies, and not an indirect manifestation of genetic disorders.

(2) "Insurer" means any person authorized under Title XXXIX of the Revised Code to engage in the business of sickness and accident insurance.

(3) "Sickness and accident insurance" means sickness and accident insurance under Chapter 3923. of the Revised Code excluding disability income insurance and excluding supplemental policies of sickness and accident insurance.

(B) Upon the repeal of section 3901.49 of the Revised Code ~~by Sub. H.B. No. 71 of the 120th general assembly~~, no insurer shall do either of the following:

(1) Consider any information obtained from genetic screening or testing

in processing an application for an individual or group policy of sickness and accident insurance, or in determining insurability under such a policy;

(2) Inquire, directly or indirectly, into the results of genetic screening or testing or use such information, in whole or in part, to cancel, refuse to issue or renew, or limit benefits under, a sickness and accident insurance policy.

(C) Any insurer that has engaged in, is engaged in, or is about to engage in a violation of division (B) of this section is subject to the jurisdiction of the superintendent of insurance under section 3901.04 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3901.501. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Genetic screening or testing" means a laboratory test of a person's genes or chromosomes for abnormalities, defects, or deficiencies, including carrier status, that are linked to physical or mental disorders or impairments, or that indicate a susceptibility to illness, disease, or other disorders, whether physical or mental, which test is a direct test for abnormalities, defects, or deficiencies, and not an indirect manifestation of genetic disorders.

(2) "Self-insurer" means any government entity providing coverage for health care services on a self-insurance basis.

(B) Upon the repeal of section 3901.50 of the Revised Code ~~by Sub. H.B. No. 71 of the 120th general assembly~~, no self-insurer shall do either of the following:

(1) Consider any information obtained from genetic screening or testing in processing an application for coverage under a plan of self-insurance or in determining insurability under such a plan;

(2) Inquire, directly or indirectly, into the results of genetic screening or testing or use such information, in whole or in part, to cancel, refuse to provide or renew, or limit benefits under, a plan of self-insurance.

(C) Any self-insurer that has engaged in, is engaged in, or is about to engage in a violation of division (B) of this section is subject to the jurisdiction of the superintendent of insurance under section 3901.04 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3901.72. Any person may advance to a domestic insurance company or a health insuring corporation any sum of money necessary for the purpose of the insurance company's or health insuring corporation's business, or to enable the insurance company or health insuring corporation to comply with any law, or as a cash guarantee fund. Such money, and interest agreed upon, ~~not exceeding ten per cent per annum or the total of four hundred basis points plus the rate on United States treasury notes or bonds closest in maturity to the final repayment date of the money so advanced, whichever is greater,~~ shall not be a liability or claim against the

insurance company or health insuring corporation, or any of its assets, except as provided in this section, and shall be repaid only out of the surplus earnings of such insurance company or health insuring corporation. Except as ordered by the superintendent of insurance, no part of the principal or interest thereof shall be repaid until the surplus of the insurance company or health insuring corporation remaining after such repayment is equal in amount to the principal of the money so advanced. Such advancement and repayment shall be subject to the approval of the superintendent, provided that this section shall not affect the power to borrow money which any such insurance company or health insuring corporation possesses under other laws. No commission or promotion expenses shall be paid by the insurance company or health insuring corporation, in connection with the advance of any such money to the insurance company or health insuring corporation, and the amount of any such unpaid advance shall be reported in each annual statement.

Sec. 4104.01. As used in sections 4104.01 to 4104.20 and section 4104.99 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Board of building standards" or "board" means the board established by section 3781.07 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of the division of industrial compliance created by section 121.04 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Boiler" means a closed vessel in which water is heated, steam is generated, steam is superheated, or any combination thereof, under pressure or vacuum for use externally to itself by the direct application of heat from the combustion of fuels, or from electricity or nuclear energy. "Boiler" includes fired units for heating or vaporizing liquids other than water where these units are separate from processing systems and are complete within themselves.

(D) "Power boiler" means a boiler in which steam or other vapor (to be used externally to itself) is generated at a pressure of more than fifteen psig.

(E) "High pressure, high temperature water boiler" means a water heating boiler operating at pressures exceeding one hundred sixty psig or temperatures exceeding two hundred fifty degrees Fahrenheit.

(F) "Low pressure boiler" means a steam boiler operating at pressures not exceeding fifteen psig, or a hot water heating boiler operating at pressures not exceeding one hundred sixty psig or temperatures not exceeding two hundred fifty degrees Fahrenheit.

(G) "~~Unfired pressure~~ Pressure vessel" means a container for the containment of pressure, either internal or external. This pressure may be obtained from an external source or by the application of heat from a direct

or indirect source or any combination thereof.

(H) "Process boiler" means a boiler to which all of the following apply:

(1) The steam in the boiler is either generated or superheated, or both, under pressure or vacuum for use external to itself.

(2) The source of heat for the boiler is in part or in whole from a process other than the boiler itself.

(3) The boiler is part of a continuous processing unit, such as used in chemical manufacture or petroleum refining, other than a steam-generated process unit.

(I) "Stationary steam engine" means an engine or turbine in which the mechanical force arising from the elasticity and expansion action of steam or from its property of rapid condensation or from a combination of the two is made available as a motive power.

Sec. 4104.02. The board of building standards shall:

(A) Formulate rules for the construction, installation, ~~inspection,~~ repair, conservation of energy, and operation of boilers and the construction~~,~~ ~~inspection,~~ and repair of ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels and for ascertaining the safe working pressures to be carried on such boilers and ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels and the qualification of inspectors of boilers and ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels;

(B) Prescribe tests, if it is considered necessary, to ascertain the qualities of materials used in the construction of boilers and ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels;

(C) Adopt rules regulating the construction and sizes of safety valves for boilers and ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels of different sizes and pressures, for the construction, use, and location of fusible plugs, appliances for indicating the pressure of steam and level of water in the boiler or ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels, and such other appliances as the board considers necessary to safety in operating boilers;

(D) Establish reasonable fees for the performance of reviews, surveys, or audits of manufacturer's facilities by the division of industrial compliance for certification by the American society of mechanical engineers and the national board of boiler and pressure vessel inspectors;

(E) The definitions and rules adopted by the board for the construction, installation, ~~inspection,~~ repair, conservation of energy, and operation of boilers and the construction~~, inspection,~~ and repair of ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels and for ascertaining the safe working pressures to be used on such boilers and ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels shall be based upon and follow generally accepted engineering standards, formulae, and practices established and pertaining to boilers and ~~unfired~~ pressure vessel construction, operation, and safety, and the board may, for this purpose,

adopt existing published standards as well as amendments thereto subsequently published by the same authority.

When a person desires to manufacture a special type of boiler or ~~unfired~~ pressure vessel, the design of which is not covered by the rules of the board, the person shall submit drawings and specifications of such boiler or ~~unfired~~ pressure vessel to the board for investigation, after which the board may permit its installation.

The provisions of sections 119.03 and 119.11 of the Revised Code in particular, and the applicable provisions of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code in general, shall govern the proceedings of the board of building standards in adopting, amending, or rescinding rules pursuant to this section.

Sec. 4104.04. (A) Sections 4104.01 to 4104.20 and section 4104.99 of the Revised Code do not apply to the following boilers and ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels:

(1) Boilers, ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels, and stationary steam engines under federal control or subject to inspection under federal laws;

(2) Air tanks located on vehicles operating under the rules of other state authorities and used for carrying passengers, or freight;

(3) Air tanks installed on the right of way of railroads and used directly in the operation of trains;

(4) ~~Unfired pressure~~ Pressure vessels ~~which~~ that are under the regulation and control of the state fire marshal under Chapter 3737. of the Revised Code.

(B) The following boilers and ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels are exempt from the requirements of sections 4104.10, 4104.101, 4104.11, 4104.12, and 4104.13 of the Revised Code, but shall be equipped with such appliances, to insure safety of operation, as are prescribed by the board:

(1) Portable boilers or ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels when located on farms and used solely for agricultural purposes;

(2) Steam or vapor boilers carrying a pressure of not more than fifteen psig, which are located in private residences or in apartment houses of less than six family units;

(3) Hot water boilers operated at pressures not exceeding one hundred sixty psig, or temperatures not exceeding two hundred fifty degrees fahrenheit, which are located in private residences or in apartment houses of less than six family units;

(4) ~~Unfired pressure~~ Pressure vessels containing only water under pressure for domestic supply purposes, including those containing air, the compression of which serves only as a cushion or airlift pumping system, when located in private residences or in apartment houses of less than six

family units;

(5) Portable boilers used in pumping, heating, steaming, and drilling, in the open field, for water, gas, and oil;

(6) Portable boilers used in the construction of and repair to public roads, railroads, and bridges;

(7) Historical steam boilers of riveted construction, preserved, restored, or maintained for hobby or demonstration use.

Sec. 4104.06. (A) The inspection of boilers and their appurtenances and ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels shall be made by the inspectors mentioned in sections 4104.07 to 4104.20 of the Revised Code. The superintendent of industrial compliance shall administer and enforce such sections and rules adopted by the board of building standards pursuant to section 4104.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) The superintendent shall adopt, amend, and repeal rules exclusively for the issuance, renewal, suspension, and revocation of certificates of competency and certificates of operation, for conducting hearings in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code related to these actions, and for the inspection of boilers and their appurtenances, and ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels.

(C) Notwithstanding division (B) of this section, the superintendent shall not adopt rules relating to construction, maintenance, or repair of boilers and their appurtenances, or repair of ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels.

(D) The superintendent and each general inspector may enter any premises and any building or room at all reasonable hours to perform an examination or inspection.

Sec. 4104.07. (A) An application for examination as an inspector of boilers and ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels shall be in writing, accompanied by a fee of fifty dollars, upon a blank to be furnished by the superintendent of industrial compliance. Any moneys collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the industrial compliance operating fund created in section 121.084 of the Revised Code.

(B) The superintendent shall determine if an applicant meets all the requirements for examination in accordance with rules adopted by the board of building standards under section 4104.02 of the Revised Code. An application shall be rejected which contains any willful falsification, or untruthful statements.

(C) An applicant shall be examined by the superintendent, by a written examination, prescribed by the board, dealing with the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, and repair of boilers and ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels and their appurtenances, and the applicant shall be accepted

or rejected on the merits of the applicant's application and examination.

(D) Upon a favorable report by the superintendent of the result of an examination, the superintendent shall immediately issue to the successful applicant a certificate of competency to that effect.

Sec. 4104.08. (A) The director of commerce may appoint from the holders of certificates of competency provided for in section 4104.07 of the Revised Code, general inspectors of boilers and ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels.

(B) Any company authorized to insure boilers and ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels against explosion in this state may designate from holders of certificates of competency issued by the superintendent of industrial compliance, or holders of certificates of competency or commissions issued by other states or nations whose examinations for certificates or commissions have been approved by the board of building standards, persons to inspect and stamp boilers and ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels covered by the company's policies, and the superintendent shall issue to such persons commissions authorizing them to act as special inspectors. Special inspectors shall be compensated by the company designating them.

(C) The director of commerce shall establish an annual fee to be charged by the superintendent for each certificate of competency or commission the superintendent issues.

(D) The superintendent shall issue to each general or special inspector a commission to the effect that the holder thereof is authorized to inspect boilers and ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels in this state.

(E) No person shall be authorized to act as a general inspector or a special inspector who is directly or indirectly interested in the manufacture or sale of boilers or ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels.

Sec. 4104.15. (A) All certificates of inspection for boilers, issued prior to October 15, 1965, are valid and effective for the period set forth in such certificates unless sooner withdrawn by the superintendent of industrial compliance. The owner or user of any such boiler shall obtain an appropriate certificate of operation for such boiler, and shall not operate such boiler, or permit it to be operated unless a certificate of operation has been obtained in accordance with section 4104.17 of the Revised Code.

(B) If, upon making the internal and external inspection required under sections 4104.11, 4104.12, and 4104.13 of the Revised Code, the inspector finds the boiler to be in safe working order, with the fittings necessary to safety, and properly set up, upon the inspector's report to the superintendent, the superintendent shall issue to the owner or user thereof, or renew, upon application and upon compliance with sections 4104.17 and 4104.18 of the Revised Code, a certificate of operation which shall state the maximum

pressure at which the boiler may be operated, as ascertained by the rules of the board of building standards. Such certificates shall also state the name of the owner or user, the location, size, and number of each boiler, and the date of issuance, and shall be so placed as to be easily read in the engine room or boiler room of the plant where the boiler is located, except that the certificate of operation for a portable boiler shall be kept on the premises and shall be accessible at all times.

(C) If an inspector at any inspection finds that the boiler or ~~unfired~~ pressure vessel is not in safe working condition, or is not provided with the fittings necessary to safety, or if the fittings are improperly arranged, the inspector shall immediately notify the owner or user and person in charge of the boiler and shall report the same to the superintendent who may revoke, suspend, or deny the certificate of operation and not renew the same until the boiler or ~~unfired~~ pressure vessel and its fittings are put in condition to insure safety of operation, and the owner or user shall not operate the boiler or ~~unfired~~ pressure vessel, or permit it to be operated until such certificate has been granted or restored.

(D) If the superintendent or a general boiler inspector finds that ~~an unfired~~ a pressure vessel or boiler or a part thereof poses an explosion hazard that reasonably can be regarded as posing an imminent danger of death or serious physical harm to persons, the superintendent or the general boiler inspector shall seal the ~~unfired~~ pressure vessel or boiler and order, in writing, the operator or owner of the ~~unfired~~ pressure vessel or boiler to immediately cease the ~~unfired~~ pressure vessel's or boiler's operation. The order shall be effective until the nonconformities are eliminated, corrected, or otherwise remedied, or for a period of seventy-two hours from the time of issuance, whichever occurs first. During the seventy-two-hour period, the superintendent may request that the prosecuting attorney or city attorney of Franklin county or of the county in which the ~~unfired~~ pressure vessel or boiler is located obtain an injunction restraining the operator or owner of the ~~unfired~~ pressure vessel or boiler from continuing its operation after the seventy-two-hour period expires until the nonconformities are eliminated, corrected, or otherwise remedied.

(E) Each boiler which has been inspected shall be assigned a number by the superintendent, which number shall be stamped on a nonferrous metal tag affixed to the boiler or its fittings by seal or otherwise. No person except an inspector shall deface or remove any such number or tag.

(F) If the owner or user of any ~~unfired~~ pressure vessel or boiler disagrees with the inspector as to the necessity for shutting down ~~an unfired~~ a pressure vessel or boiler or for making repairs or alterations in it, or taking

any other measures for safety that are requested by an inspector, the owner or user may appeal from the decision of the inspector to the superintendent, who may, after such other inspection by a general inspector or special inspector as the superintendent deems necessary, decide the issue.

(G) Neither sections 4104.01 to 4104.20 of the Revised Code, nor an inspection or report by any inspector, shall relieve the owner or user of ~~an unfired~~ a pressure vessel or boiler of the duty of using due care in the inspection, operation, and repair of the ~~unfired~~ pressure vessel or boiler or of any liability for damages for failure to inspect, repair, or operate the ~~unfired~~ pressure vessel or boiler safely.

Sec. 4104.18. (A) The owner or user of a boiler required under section 4104.12 of the Revised Code to be inspected upon installation, and the owner or user of a boiler for which a certificate of inspection has been issued which is replaced with an appropriate certificate of operation, shall pay to the superintendent of industrial compliance a fee in the amount of ~~thirty~~ forty-five dollars for boilers subject to annual inspections under section 4104.11 of the Revised Code, ~~sixty~~ ninety dollars for boilers subject to biennial inspection under section 4104.13 of the Revised Code, ~~ninety~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars for boilers subject to triennial inspection under section 4104.11 of the Revised Code, or ~~one~~ two hundred ~~fifty~~ twenty-five dollars for boilers subject to quinquennial inspection under section 4104.13 of the Revised Code.

A renewal fee in the amount of ~~thirty~~ forty-five dollars shall be paid to the treasurer of state before the renewal of any certificate of operation.

(B) The fee for complete inspection during construction by a general inspector on boilers and ~~unfired~~ pressure vessels manufactured within the state shall be thirty-five dollars per hour. Boiler and ~~unfired~~ pressure vessel manufacturers other than those located in the state may secure inspection by a general inspector on work during construction, upon application to the superintendent, and upon payment of a fee of thirty-five dollars per hour, plus the necessary traveling and hotel expenses incurred by the inspector.

(C) The application fee for applicants for steam engineer, high pressure boiler operator, or low pressure boiler operator licenses is fifty dollars. The fee for each original or renewal steam engineer, high pressure boiler operator, or low pressure boiler operator license is thirty-five dollars.

(D) The director of commerce, subject to the approval of the controlling board, may establish fees in excess of the fees provided in divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section~~, provided that such fees do not exceed the amounts established in this section by more than fifty per cent~~. Any moneys collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit

of the industrial compliance operating fund created in section 121.084 of the Revised Code.

(E) Any person who fails to pay an invoiced renewal fee or an invoiced inspection fee required for any inspection conducted by the division of industrial compliance pursuant to this chapter within forty-five days of the invoice date shall pay a late payment fee equal to twenty-five per cent of the invoiced fee.

(F) In addition to the fees assessed in divisions (A) and (B) of this section, the board of building standards shall assess the owner or user a fee of three dollars and twenty-five cents for each certificate of operation or renewal thereof issued under division (A) of this section and for each inspection conducted under division (B) of this section. The board shall adopt rules, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, specifying the manner by which the superintendent shall collect and remit to the board the fees assessed under this division and requiring that remittance of the fees be made at least quarterly.

Sec. 4104.19. (A) Any person seeking a license to operate as a steam engineer, high pressure boiler operator, or low pressure boiler operator shall file a written application with the superintendent <u>of industrial compliance</u> on a form prescribed by the superintendent with the appropriate application fee as set forth in section 4104.18 of the Revised Code. The application shall contain information satisfactory to the superintendent to demonstrate that the applicant meets the requirements of division (B) of this section. The application shall be filed with the superintendent not more than sixty days and not less than thirty days before the license examination is offered.

(B) To qualify to take the examination required to obtain a steam engineer, high pressure boiler operator, or low pressure boiler operator license, a person shall meet both of the following requirements:

(1) Be at least eighteen years of age;

(2) Have one year of experience in the operation of steam engines, high pressure boilers, or low pressure boilers as applicable to the type of license being sought, or a combination of experience and education for the type of license sought as determined to be acceptable by the superintendent.

(C) No applicant shall qualify to take an examination or to renew a license if the applicant has violated this chapter or if the applicant has obtained or renewed a license issued under this chapter by fraud, misrepresentation, or deception.

(D) The superintendent shall issue a license to each applicant who receives a passing score on the examination, as determined by the superintendent, for the license for which the applicant applied.

(E) The superintendent ~~shall~~ may select and contract with one or more persons to do all of the following relative to the examinations for a license to operate as a steam engineer, high pressure boiler operator, or low pressure boiler operator:

(1) Prepare, administer, score, and maintain the confidentiality of the examination;

(2) Maintain responsibility for all expenses required to fulfill division (E)(1) of this section;

(3) Charge each applicant a fee for administering the examination, in an amount authorized by the superintendent;

(4) Design the examination for each type of license to determine an applicant's competence to operate the equipment for which the applicant is seeking licensure.

(F) Each license issued under this chapter expires one year after the date of issue. Each person holding a valid, unexpired license may renew the license, without reexamination, by applying to the superintendent not more than ninety days before the expiration of the license, and submitting with the application the renewal fee established in section 4104.18 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the renewal information and fee, the superintendent shall issue the licensee a certificate of renewal.

(G) The superintendent, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may suspend or revoke any license, or may refuse to issue a license under this chapter upon finding that a licensee or an applicant for a license has violated or is violating the requirements of this chapter.

Sec. 4104.20. No owner or operator of any boiler shall operate the same in violation of sections 4104.11 to 4104.16, inclusive, and 4104.18 of the Revised Code, or of any rule or regulation adopted by the board of building standards, pursuant to section 4104.02 of the Revised Code, or without having a boiler inspected and a certificate of operation issued therefor as provided in such sections or hinder or prevent a general or special inspector of boilers from entering any premises in or on which a boiler is situated for the purpose of inspection. No owner or operator of any ~~unfired~~ pressure vessel shall operate the same in violation of section 4104.10 of the Revised Code, or of any rule or regulation adopted by the board of building standards, pursuant to section 4104.02 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4104.41. ~~(A)~~ As used in sections 4104.41 to ~~4104.45~~ 4104.48 of the Revised Code:

~~(1)~~(A) "Liquefied petroleum gas" means any material which is composed predominantly of any of the following hydrocarbons, or mixtures of the same: propane, propylene, normal butane, or isobutane or butylenes.

~~(2)~~(B) "Other gaseous piping systems" excludes natural gas piping gas systems.

~~(B) The director of commerce shall appoint general inspectors of power, refrigerating, hydraulic, heating, and liquefied petroleum gas piping systems. Such inspectors shall be appointed from holders of certificates of competency provided for in section 4104.42 of the Revised Code.~~

~~Salaries shall be appropriated in the same manner as the salaries of other employees of state departments, and expenses of such general inspectors shall be provided for in the same manner as the expenses of other employees of state departments.~~

Sec. 4104.42. (A) Each manufacturer, contractor, owner, or user of power, refrigerating, hydraulic, heating and liquefied petroleum gas, oxygen, or other gaseous piping systems shall conduct tests required under rules adopted by the board of building standards under division (A)(1) of section 4104.44 of the Revised Code and certify in writing on forms provided under section 4104.43 of the Revised Code by the superintendent of industrial compliance in the department of commerce that the welding and brazing procedures used in the construction of those power, refrigerating, hydraulic, heating and liquefied petroleum gas, oxygen, or other gaseous piping systems meet the standards established by the board under division (A)(1) of section 4104.44 of the Revised Code.

(B) Each manufacturer, contractor, owner, or user of power, refrigerating, hydraulic, heating and liquefied petroleum gas, oxygen, or other gaseous piping systems who causes welding or brazing to be performed in the construction of power, refrigerating, hydraulic, heating and liquefied petroleum gas, oxygen, or other gaseous piping systems shall maintain at least one copy of the forms described in division (A) of this section and make that copy accessible to any individual certified by the board of building standards pursuant to division (E) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code.

(C) An individual certified by the board of building standards pursuant to division (E) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code shall examine the forms described in division (A) of this section to determine compliance with the rules adopted by the board of building standards under division (A)(1) of section 4104.44 of the Revised Code.

(D) An individual certified by the board of building standards pursuant to division (E) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code with reason to question the certification or ability of any welder or brazer shall report the concerns to the superintendent of the division of industrial compliance in the department of commerce. The superintendent shall investigate those

concerns. If the superintendent finds facts that substantiate the concerns of the individual certified by the board of building standards pursuant to division (E) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code, the superintendent may require the welder or brazer in question to become recertified by a private vendor in the same manner by which five-year recertification is required under section 4104.46 of the Revised Code. The superintendent also may utilize the services of an independent testing laboratory to witness the welding or brazing performed on the project in question and to conduct tests on coupons to determine whether the coupons meet the requirements of the rules adopted by the board of building standards under division (A)(1) of section 4104.44 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4104.43. (A) Each manufacturer, contractor, owner, or user of power, refrigerating, hydraulic, heating and liquefied petroleum gas, oxygen, or other gaseous piping systems who causes welding or brazing to be performed in the construction of a power, refrigerating, hydraulic, heating and liquefied petroleum gas, oxygen, or other gaseous piping system shall file with the superintendent of the division of industrial compliance two complete copies of forms provided by the superintendent that identify the welding and brazing procedure specifications and welder and brazer performance qualifications performed in the construction of that power, refrigerating, hydraulic, heating and liquefied petroleum gas, oxygen, or other gaseous piping system.

(B)(1) Upon receipt of the forms filed under division (A) of this section, the superintendent shall review the welding and brazing procedure specifications and welder and brazer performance qualifications as indicated on the forms to determine compliance with rules adopted by the board of building standards under division (A)(1) of section 4104.44 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the superintendent finds that the welding and brazing procedure specifications and welder and brazer performance qualifications comply with the requirements of the rules adopted by the board of building standards under division (A)(1) of section 4104.44 of the Revised Code, the superintendent shall approve the welding and brazing procedure specifications and welder and brazer performance qualifications as indicated on the forms and return one copy to the manufacturer, contractor, owner, or user of power, refrigerating, hydraulic, heating and liquefied petroleum gas, oxygen, or other gaseous piping systems who submitted the forms.

(3) If the superintendent finds that the welding and brazing procedure specifications and welder and brazer performance qualifications do not comply with the requirements of the rules adopted by the board of building

standards under division (A)(1) of section 4104.44 of the Revised Code, the superintendent shall indicate on the forms that the welding and brazing procedure specifications and welder and brazer performance qualifications are not approved and return one copy of the form to the manufacturer, contractor, owner, or user of power, refrigerating, hydraulic, heating and liquefied petroleum gas, oxygen, or other gaseous piping systems who submitted the forms with an explanation of why the welding and brazing procedure specifications and welder and brazer performance qualifications were not approved.

Sec. 4104.44. (A) The board of building standards, established by section 3781.07 of the Revised Code, shall:

(1) ~~Formulate~~ Adopt rules governing the design, plan review, approval, construction, and installation of power, refrigerating, hydraulic, heating, and liquefied petroleum gas, oxygen, and other gaseous piping systems. ~~Such~~ The board of building standards may include the rules for piping systems with the rules it adopts for buildings pursuant to section 3781.10 of the Revised Code or with the rules it adopts for piping systems pursuant to this section. The rules shall prescribe uniform minimum standards necessary for the protection of the public health and safety and shall include rules establishing the safe working pressure to be carried by any such systems; a program for the certification of the welding and brazing procedures proposed to be used on any such system by the owner or operator of any welding or brazing business and for quinquennial performance testing of welders and brazers who work on any such system; and measures for the conservation of energy. ~~Such~~ The rules shall be based upon and follow generally accepted engineering standards, formulas, and practices established and pertaining to such piping construction, installation, and testing. The board may, for this purpose, adopt existing published standards, as well as amendments thereto subsequently published by the same authority.

(2) Prescribe the tests, to ascertain the qualities of materials and welding and brazing materials used in the construction of power, refrigerating, hydraulic, heating, and liquefied petroleum gas, oxygen, and other gaseous piping systems;

(3) Make a standard form of certificate of inspection;

(4) Prescribe ~~the examinations for applicants for certificates of competency provided for in section 4104.42 of the Revised Code and~~ performance tests to determine the proficiency of welders and brazers;

(5) Certify municipal and county building departments to inspect power, refrigerating, hydraulic, heating, and liquefied petroleum gas, oxygen, and

other gaseous piping systems and adopt rules governing such certification~~;~~

~~(6) Establish the fee to be charged for an inspection made by a general inspector and for the filing and auditing of special inspector reports, and collect all fees established in this section~~.

The fee for the quinquennial performance tests shall be fifteen dollars and the fee for certification of welding and brazing procedures mentioned in division (A) of this section shall be sixty dollars, except that the board of building standards, with the approval of the controlling board, may establish fees in excess of these fees, provided that the fees do not exceed the amounts of these fees by more than fifty per cent. The fee for each welding and brazing instruction sheet and procedure qualification record shall be fifteen dollars. Any moneys collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the industrial compliance operating fund created in section 121.084 of the Revised Code.

(B) ~~Piping is exempt from the requirements for submission of applications and inspections and the necessity to obtain permits, as required under this section and section 4104.45 of the Revised Code, or under rules adopted pursuant to those sections, for power, refrigerating, hydraulic, heating, and liquefied petroleum gas, oxygen, and gaseous piping systems if the piping is used:~~

~~(1) In air cooling systems in residential or commercial buildings and if such systems do not exceed five tons (sixty thousand British thermal units per hour) per system; or~~

~~(2) In air heating systems in residential or commercial buildings and if such systems do not exceed one hundred fifty thousand British thermal units per hour per system.~~

~~(C)~~ The board of building standards may, by rule, exempt from the rules adopted pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section any ~~pressure piping~~ power, refrigerating, hydraulic, heating and liquefied petroleum gas, oxygen, or other gaseous piping systems ~~which~~ that pose no appreciable danger to the public health and safety.

Sec. 4104.45. (A) Except as otherwise provided in section 4104.44 of the Revised Code, new power, refrigerating, hydraulic, heating, liquefied petroleum gas, oxygen, and other gaseous piping systems shall be thoroughly inspected in accordance with the rules of the board of building standards. Such ~~inspection~~ inspections shall be performed by ~~one of the following:~~

~~(1) General inspectors of pressure piping systems;~~

~~(2) Special inspectors provided for in section 4104.43 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(3) Local inspectors provided for in section 4104.43 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(B) Owners or users of pressure piping systems required to be inspected under this section shall pay to the division of industrial compliance in the department of commerce a fee of one hundred fifty dollars plus an additional fee determined as follows:~~

~~(1) On or before June 30, 2000, two per cent of the actual cost of the system for each inspection made by a general inspector;~~

~~(2) On July 1, 2000, and through June 30, 2001, one and eight-tenths per cent of the actual cost of the system for each inspection made by a general inspector;~~

~~(3) On and after July 1, 2001, one per cent of the actual cost of the system for each inspection made by a general inspector.~~

~~(C) The board of building standards, subject to the approval of the controlling board, may establish a fee in excess of the fee provided in division (B) of this section, provided that the fee does not exceed the amount established in this section by more than fifty per cent.~~

~~(D) In addition to the fee assessed in division (B) of this section, the board of building standards shall assess the owner or user a fee of three dollars and twenty-five cents for each system inspected pursuant to this section. The board shall adopt rules, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, specifying the manner by which the superintendent of the division of industrial compliance in the department of commerce shall collect and remit to the board the fees assessed under this division and requiring that remittance of the fees be made at least quarterly.~~

~~(E) Any moneys collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the industrial compliance operating fund created in section 121.084 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(F) Any person who fails to pay an inspection fee required for any inspection conducted by the division pursuant to this chapter within forty-five days after the inspection is conducted shall pay a late payment fee equal to twenty-five per cent of the inspection fee~~ inspectors designated by the superintendent of the division of industrial compliance in the department of commerce or, within jurisdictional limits established by the board of building standards, by individuals certified by the board of building standards pursuant to division (E) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code who are designated to do so by local building departments, as appropriate.

~~(G)~~(B) The superintendent of the division of industrial compliance in the department of commerce may issue adjudication orders as necessary for the enforcement of sections 4104.41 to ~~4104.46~~ 4104.48 of the Revised

Code and rules adopted under those sections. No person shall violate or fail to comply with the terms and conditions of an adjudication order issued under this division. Adjudication orders issued pursuant to this division and appeals thereof are governed by section 3781.19 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4104.46. (A) The design, installation, and testing of nonflammable medical gas and vacuum piping systems within the scope of the national fire protection association standard, section 1-1 of "NFPA 99C, Gas and Vacuum Systems," is governed by that national fire protection association standard.

(B) Installers, inspectors, verifiers, construction contracting maintenance personnel, and instructors for the design, installation, and testing of nonflammable medical gas and vacuum piping systems shall obtain certification by the American society of sanitary engineers in accordance with the American society of sanitary engineering series 6000 requirements.

Sec. 4104.47. (A) No individual other than one certified by a private vendor in accordance with rules adopted by the board of building standards shall perform welding or brazing or both in the construction of power, refrigerating, hydraulic, heating and liquefied petroleum gas, oxygen, or other gaseous piping systems.

(B) Each welder or brazer certified by a private vendor to perform welding or brazing or both in the construction of power, refrigerating, hydraulic, heating and liquefied petroleum gas, oxygen, or other gaseous piping systems shall be recertified by a private vendor to perform those services five years after the date of the original certification and every five years thereafter in accordance with rules adopted by the board. A private vendor shall recertify a welder or brazer who meets the requirements established by the board under division (A)(1) of section 4104.44 of the Revised Code.

Sec. ~~4104.46~~ 4104.48. (A) No person shall violate sections 4104.41 to ~~4104.46~~ 4104.48 of the Revised Code, fail to perform any duty lawfully enjoined in connection with those sections, or fail to comply with any order issued by the superintendent of the division of industrial compliance or any judgment or decree issued by any court in connection with the enforcement of sections 4104.41 to ~~4104.46~~ 4104.48 of the Revised Code.

(B) Every day during which a person violates sections 4104.41 to ~~4104.46~~ 4104.48 of the Revised Code, fails to perform any duty lawfully enjoined in connection with those sections, or fails to comply with any order issued by the superintendent of the division of industrial compliance or any judgment or decree issued by any court in connection with the enforcement

of sections 4104.41 to ~~4104.46~~ 4104.48 of the Revised Code constitutes a separate offense.

Sec. 4105.17. (A) The fee for each inspection, or attempted inspection that, due to no fault of a general inspector or the division of industrial compliance, is not successfully completed, by a general inspector before the operation of a permanent new elevator prior to the issuance of a certificate of operation, before operation of an elevator being put back into service after a repair, or as a result of the operation of section 4105.08 of the Revised Code and is an elevator required to be inspected under this chapter is twenty dollars plus ten dollars for each floor where the elevator stops. The superintendent of industrial compliance may assess an additional fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars plus five dollars for each floor where an elevator stops for the reinspection of an elevator when a previous attempt to inspect that elevator has been unsuccessful through no fault of a general inspector or the division of industrial compliance.

(B) The fee for each inspection, or attempted inspection, that due to no fault of the general inspector or the division of industrial compliance, is not successfully completed by a general inspector before operation of a permanent new escalator or moving walk prior to the issuance of a certificate of operation, before operation of an escalator or moving walk being put back in service after a repair, or as a result of the operation of section 4105.08 of the Revised Code is three hundred dollars. The superintendent of the division of industrial compliance may assess an additional fee of one hundred fifty dollars for the reinspection of an escalator or moving walk when a previous attempt to inspect that escalator or moving walk has been unsuccessful through no fault of the general inspector or the division of industrial compliance.

(C) The fee for issuing or renewing a certificate of operation under section 4105.15 of the Revised Code for an elevator that is inspected every six months in accordance with division (A) of section 4105.10 of the Revised Code is ~~one~~ two hundred ~~five~~ dollars plus ten dollars for each floor where the elevator stops, except where the elevator has been inspected by a special inspector in accordance with section 4105.07 of the Revised Code.

(D) The fee for issuing or renewing a certificate of operation under section 4105.05 of the Revised Code for an elevator that is inspected every twelve months in accordance with division (A) of section 4105.10 of the Revised Code is fifty-five dollars plus ten dollars for each floor where the elevator stops, except where the elevator has been inspected by a special inspector in accordance with section 4105.07 of the Revised Code.

(E) The fee for issuing or renewing a certificate of operation under

section 4105.15 of the Revised Code for an escalator or moving walk is three hundred dollars, except where the escalator or moving walk has been inspected by a special inspector in accordance section 4105.07 of the Revised Code.

(F) All other fees to be charged for any examination given or other service performed by the division of industrial compliance pursuant to this chapter shall be prescribed by the director of commerce. The fees shall be reasonably related to the costs of such examination or other service.

(G) The director of commerce, subject to the approval of the controlling board, may establish fees in excess of the fees provided in divisions (A) ~~and~~, (B), (C), (D), and (E) of this section~~, provided that the fees do not exceed the amounts established in divisions (A) and (B) of this section by more than fifty per cent~~. Any moneys collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the industrial compliance operating fund created in section 121.084 of the Revised Code.

(H) Any person who fails to pay an inspection fee required for any inspection conducted by the division pursuant to this chapter within forty-five days after the inspection is conducted shall pay a late payment fee equal to twenty-five per cent of the inspection fee.

(I) In addition to the fees assessed in divisions (A), (B), (C), ~~and~~ (D), and (E) of this section, the board of building standards shall assess a fee of three dollars and twenty-five cents for each certificate of operation or renewal thereof issued under ~~division~~ divisions (A), (B), (C), (D), or (E) of this section and for each permit issued under section 4105.16 of the Revised Code. The board shall adopt rules, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, specifying the manner by which the superintendent of industrial compliance shall collect and remit to the board the fees assessed under this division and requiring that remittance of the fees be made at least quarterly.

(J) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Escalator" means a power driven, inclined, continuous stairway used for raising or lowering passengers.

(2) "Moving walk" means a passenger carrying device on which passengers stand or walk, with a passenger carrying surface that is uninterrupted and remains parallel to its direction of motion.

Sec. 4112.15. There is hereby created in the state treasury the civil rights commission general reimbursement fund, which shall be used to pay operating costs of the commission. All amounts received by the commission, and all amounts awarded by a court to the commission, for attorney's fees, court costs, expert witness fees, and other litigation expenses

shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the fund. All ~~money paid to~~ amounts received by the commission for copies of commission documents and for other goods and services furnished by the commission shall be ~~credited~~ paid into the state treasury to the credit of the fund.

Sec. 4115.10. (A) No person, firm, corporation, or public authority that constructs a public improvement with its own forces, the total overall project cost of which is fairly estimated to be more than the amounts set forth in division (B)(1) or (2) of section 4115.03 of the Revised Code, adjusted biennially by the director of commerce pursuant to section 4115.034 of the Revised Code, shall violate the wage provisions of sections 4115.03 to 4115.16 of the Revised Code, or suffer, permit, or require any employee to work for less than the rate of wages so fixed, or violate the provisions of section 4115.07 of the Revised Code. Any employee upon any public improvement, except an employee to whom or on behalf of whom restitution is made pursuant to division (C) of section 4115.13 of the Revised Code, who is paid less than the fixed rate of wages applicable thereto may recover from such person, firm, corporation, or public authority that constructs a public improvement with its own forces the difference between the fixed rate of wages and the amount paid to the employee and in addition thereto a sum equal to twenty-five per cent of that difference. The person, firm, corporation, or public authority who fails to pay the rate of wages so fixed also shall pay a penalty to the director of seventy-five per cent of the difference between the fixed rate of wages and the amount paid to the employees on the public improvement. The director shall deposit all moneys received from penalties paid to the director pursuant to this section into the penalty enforcement fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. The director shall use the fund for the enforcement of sections 4115.03 to 4115.16 of the Revised Code. The employee may file suit for recovery within ~~sixty~~ ninety days of the director's determination of a violation of sections 4115.03 to 4115.16 of the Revised Code or is barred from further action under this division. Where the employee prevails in a suit, the employer shall pay the costs and reasonable attorney's fees allowed by the court.

(B) Any employee upon any public improvement who is paid less than the prevailing rate of wages applicable thereto may file a complaint in writing with the director upon a form furnished by the director. ~~At the written request~~ The complaint shall include documented evidence to demonstrate that the employee was paid less than the prevailing wage in violation of this chapter. Upon receipt of a properly completed written complaint of any employee paid less than the prevailing rate of wages

applicable, the director shall take an assignment of a claim in trust for the assigning employee and bring any legal action necessary to collect the claim. The employer shall pay the costs and reasonable attorney's fees allowed by the court if the employer is found in violation of sections 4115.03 to 4115.16 of the Revised Code.

(C) If after investigation pursuant to section 4115.13 of the Revised Code, the director determines there is a violation of sections 4115.03 to 4115.16 of the Revised Code and a period of sixty days has elapsed from the date of the determination, and if:

(1) No employee has brought suit pursuant to division (A) of this section;

(2) No employee has requested that the director take an assignment of a wage claim pursuant to division (B) of this section;

The director shall bring any legal action necessary to collect any amounts owed to employees and the director. The director shall pay over to the affected employees the amounts collected to which the affected employees are entitled under division (A) of this section. In any action in which the director prevails, the employer shall pay the costs and reasonable attorney's fees allowed by the court.

(D) Where persons are employed and their rate of wages has been determined as provided in section 4115.04 of the Revised Code, no person, either for self or any other person, shall request, demand, or receive, either before or after the person is engaged, that the person so engaged pay back, return, donate, contribute, or give any part or all of the person's wages, salary, or thing of value, to any person, upon the statement, representation, or understanding that failure to comply with such request or demand will prevent the procuring or retaining of employment, and no person shall, directly or indirectly, aid, request, or authorize any other person to violate this section. This division does not apply to any agent or representative of a duly constituted labor organization acting in the collection of dues or assessments of such organization.

(E) The director shall enforce sections 4115.03 to 4115.16 of the Revised Code.

(F) For the purpose of supplementing existing resources and to assist in enforcing division (E) of this section, the director may contract with a person registered as a public accountant under Chapter 4701. of the Revised Code to conduct an audit of a person, firm, corporation, or public authority.

Sec. 4115.21. A person who files a complaint with the director of commerce alleging a violation of sections 4115.03 to 4115.16 of the Revised Code shall file the complaint within two years after the completion of the

public improvement upon which the violation is alleged to have occurred or be barred from further administrative action under this chapter.

Sec. 4117.02. (A) There is hereby created the state employment relations board, consisting of three members to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Members shall be knowledgeable about labor relations or personnel practices. No more than two of the three members shall belong to the same political party. A member of the board during the member's period of service shall hold no other public office or public or private employment and shall allow no other responsibilities to interfere or conflict with the member's duties as a full-time board member. Of the initial appointments made to the board, one shall be for a term ending October 6, 1984, one shall be for a term ending October 6, 1985, and one shall be for a term ending October 6, 1986. Thereafter, terms of office shall be for six years, each term ending on the same day of the same month of the year as did the term that it succeeds. Each member shall hold office from the date of the member's appointment until the end of the term for which the member is appointed. 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 the term. Any member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration of the member's term until the member's successor takes office or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first. The

~~The governor shall designate one member to serve as chairperson of the board. The~~ governor may remove any member of the board, upon notice and public hearing, for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office, but for no other cause.

(B) ~~A~~ (1) The governor shall designate one member of the board to serve as chairperson of the board. The chairperson is the head of the board and its chief executive officer.

(2) The chairperson shall exercise all administrative powers and duties conferred upon the board under this chapter and shall do all of the following:

(a) Except as provided in division (F)(2) of this section, employ, promote, supervise, and remove all employees of the board, and establish, change, or abolish positions and assign or reassign the duties of those employees as the chairperson determines necessary to achieve the most efficient performance of the board's duties under this chapter;

(b) Maintain the office of the board in Columbus and manage the office's daily operations, including securing facilities, equipment, and supplies necessary to house the board, employees of the board, and files and

records under the board's control;

(c) Prepare and submit to the office of budget and management a budget for each biennium according to section 107.03 of the Revised Code, and include in the budget the costs of the board and its staff and the board's costs in discharging any duty imposed by law upon the board, the chairperson, or any of the board's employees or agents.

(C) The vacancy on the board does not impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all the powers of the board, and two members of the board, at all times, constitute a quorum. The board shall have an official seal of which courts shall take judicial notice.

~~(C)~~(D) The board shall make an annual report in writing to the governor and to the general assembly, stating in detail the work it has done.

~~(D)~~(E) Compensation of the chairperson and members shall be in accordance with division (J) of section 124.15 of the Revised Code. The chairperson and the members are eligible for reappointment. In addition to such compensation, all members shall be reimbursed for their necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their work as members.

~~(E)~~(F)(1) The chairperson, after consulting with the other board members and receiving the consent of at least one other board member, shall appoint an executive director ~~and~~. The chairperson also shall appoint attorneys~~,~~ and attorney-trial examiners~~, mediators, arbitrators, members of fact-finding panels, directors for local areas, and other employees as it finds necessary for the proper performance of its duties and may prescribe their duties~~. ~~The~~

(2) The board shall appoint mediators, arbitrators, members of fact-finding panels, and directors for local areas, and shall prescribe their job duties.

(G)(1) The executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the chairperson. The executive director, under the direction of the chairperson, shall do all of the following:

(a) Act as chief administrative officer for the board;

(b) Ensure that all employees of the board comply with the rules of the board;

(c) Do all things necessary for the efficient and effective implementation of the duties of the board.

(2) The duties of the executive director described in division (G)(1) of this section do not relieve the chairperson from final responsibility for the proper performance of the duties described in that division.

(H) The attorney general shall be the legal adviser of the board and shall appear for and represent the board and its agents in all legal proceedings.

The board may utilize regional, local, or other agencies, and utilize voluntary and uncompensated services as needed. The board may contract with the federal mediation and conciliation service for the assistance of mediators, arbitrators, and other personnel the service makes available. The board and the chairperson, respectively, shall appoint all employees on the basis of training, practical experience, education, and character, notwithstanding the requirements established by section 119.09 of the Revised Code. The board shall give special regard to the practical training and experience that employees have for the particular position involved. All full-time employees of the board excepting the executive director, the head of the bureau of mediation, and the personal secretaries and assistants of the board members are in the classified service. All employees of the board shall be paid in accordance with Chapter 124. of the Revised Code.

~~(F)~~(I) The board shall select and assign examiners and other agents whose functions are to conduct hearings with due regard to their impartiality, judicial temperament, and knowledge. If in any proceeding under this chapter, any party prior to five days before the hearing thereto files with the board a sworn statement charging that the examiner or other agent designated to conduct the hearing is biased or partial in the proceeding, the board may disqualify the person and designate another examiner or agent to conduct the proceeding. At least ten days before any hearing, the board shall notify all parties to a proceeding of the name of the examiner or agent designated to conduct the hearing.

~~(G)~~(J) The principal office of the board is in Columbus, but it may meet and exercise any or all of its powers at any other place within the state. The board may, by one or more of its employees, or any agents or agencies it designates, conduct in any part of this state any proceeding, hearing, investigation, inquiry, or election necessary to the performance of its functions; provided, that no person so designated may later sit in determination of an appeal of the decision of that cause or matter.

~~(H)~~(K) In addition to the powers and functions provided in other sections of this chapter, the board shall do all of the following:

(1) Create a bureau of mediation within the state employment relations board, to perform the functions provided in section 4117.14 of the Revised Code. This bureau shall also establish, after consulting representatives of employee organizations and public employers, panels of qualified persons to be available to serve as members of fact-finding panels and arbitrators.

(2) Conduct studies of problems involved in representation and negotiation and make recommendations for legislation;

(3) Hold hearings pursuant to this chapter and, for the purpose of the

hearings and inquiries, administer oaths and affirmations, examine witnesses and documents, take testimony and receive evidence, compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents by the issuance of subpoenas, and delegate these powers to any members of the board or any attorney-trial examiner appointed by the board for the performance of its functions;

(4) Train representatives of employee organizations and public employers in the rules and techniques of collective bargaining procedures;

(5) Make studies and analyses of, and act as a clearinghouse of information relating to, conditions of employment of public employees throughout the state and request assistance, services, and data from any public employee organization, public employer, or governmental unit. Public employee organizations, public employers, and governmental units shall provide such assistance, services, and data as will enable the board to carry out its functions and powers.

(6) Make available to employee organizations, public employers, mediators, fact-finding panels, arbitrators, and joint study committees statistical data relating to wages, benefits, and employment practices in public and private employment applicable to various localities and occupations to assist them to resolve issues in negotiations;

(7) Notwithstanding section 119.13 of the Revised Code, establish standards of persons who practice before it;

(8) Adopt, amend, and rescind rules and procedures and exercise other powers appropriate to carry out this chapter. Before the adoption, amendment, or rescission of rules and procedures under this section, the board shall do all of the following:

(a) Maintain a list of interested public employers and employee organizations and mail notice to such groups of any proposed rule or procedure, amendment thereto, or rescission thereof at least thirty days before any public hearing thereon;

(b) Mail a copy of each proposed rule or procedure, amendment thereto, or rescission thereof to any person who requests a copy within five days after receipt of the request therefor;

(c) Consult with appropriate statewide organizations representing public employers or employees who would be affected by the proposed rule or procedure.

Although the board is expected to discharge these duties diligently, failure to mail any notice or copy, or to so consult with any person, is not jurisdictional and shall not be construed to invalidate any proceeding or action of the board.

~~(I)~~(L) In case of neglect or refusal to obey a subpoena issued to any

person, the court of common pleas of the county in which the investigation or the public hearing occurs, upon application by the board, may issue an order requiring the person to appear before the board and give testimony about the matter under investigation. The court may punish a failure to obey the order as contempt.

~~(J)~~(M) Any subpoena, notice of hearing, or other process or notice of the board issued under this section may be served personally, by certified mail, or by leaving a copy at the principal office or personal residence of the respondent required to be served. A return, made and verified by the individual making the service and setting forth the manner of service, is proof of service, and a return post office receipt, when certified mail is used, is proof of service. All process in any court to which application is made under this chapter may be served in the county wherein the persons required to be served reside or are found.

~~(K)~~(N) All expenses of the board, including all necessary traveling and subsistence expenses incurred by the members or employees of the board under its orders, shall be paid pursuant to itemized vouchers approved by the chairperson of the board, the executive director, or both, or such other person as the ~~board~~ chairperson designates for that purpose.

~~(L)~~(O) Whenever the board determines that a substantial controversy exists with respect to the application or interpretation of this chapter and the matter is of public or great general interest, the board shall certify its final order directly to the court of appeals having jurisdiction over the area in which the principal office of the public employer directly affected by the application or interpretation is located. The chairperson shall file with the clerk of the court a certified copy of the transcript of the proceedings before the board pertaining to the final order. If upon hearing and consideration the court decides that the final order of the board is unlawful or is not supported by substantial evidence on the record as a whole, the court shall reverse and vacate the final order or modify it and enter final judgment in accordance with the modification; otherwise, the court shall affirm the final order. The notice of the final order of the board to the interested parties shall contain a certification by the chairperson of the board that the final order is of public or great general interest and that a certified transcript of the record of the proceedings before the board had been filed with the clerk of the court as an appeal to the court. For the purposes of this division, the board has standing to bring its final order properly before the court of appeals.

~~(M)~~(P) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, the board is subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, including the procedure for submission of proposed rules to the general assembly for

legislative review under division (H) of section 119.03 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4117.14. (A) The procedures contained in this section govern the settlement of disputes between an exclusive representative and a public employer concerning the termination or modification of an existing collective bargaining agreement or negotiation of a successor agreement, or the negotiation of an initial collective bargaining agreement.

(B)(1) In those cases where there exists a collective bargaining agreement, any public employer or exclusive representative desiring to terminate, modify, or negotiate a successor collective bargaining agreement shall:

(a) Serve written notice upon the other party of the proposed termination, modification, or successor agreement. The party must serve the notice not less than sixty days prior to the expiration date of the existing agreement or, in the event the existing collective bargaining agreement does not contain an expiration date, not less than sixty days prior to the time it is proposed to make the termination or modifications or to make effective a successor agreement.

(b) Offer to bargain collectively with the other party for the purpose of modifying or terminating any existing agreement or negotiating a successor agreement;

(c) Notify the state employment relations board of the offer by serving upon the board a copy of the written notice to the other party and a copy of the existing collective bargaining agreement.

(2) In the case of initial negotiations between a public employer and an exclusive representative, where a collective bargaining agreement has not been in effect between the parties, any party may serve notice upon the board and the other party setting forth the names and addresses of the parties and offering to meet, for a period of ninety days, with the other party for the purpose of negotiating a collective bargaining agreement.

If the settlement procedures specified in divisions (B), (C), and (D) of this section govern the parties, where those procedures refer to the expiration of a collective bargaining agreement, it means the expiration of the sixty-day period to negotiate a collective bargaining agreement referred to in this subdivision, or in the case of initial negotiations, it means the ninety day period referred to in this subdivision.

(3) The parties shall continue in full force and effect all the terms and conditions of any existing collective bargaining agreement, without resort to strike or lock-out, for a period of sixty days after the party gives notice or until the expiration date of the collective bargaining agreement, whichever occurs later, or for a period of ninety days where applicable.

(4) Upon receipt of the notice, the parties shall enter into collective bargaining.

(C) In the event the parties are unable to reach an agreement, they may submit, at any time prior to forty-five days before the expiration date of the collective bargaining agreement, the issues in dispute to any mutually agreed upon dispute settlement procedure which supersedes the procedures contained in this section.

(1) The procedures may include:

(a) Conventional arbitration of all unsettled issues;

(b) Arbitration confined to a choice between the last offer of each party to the agreement as a single package;

(c) Arbitration confined to a choice of the last offer of each party to the agreement on each issue submitted;

(d) The procedures described in division (C)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section and including among the choices for the arbitrator, the recommendations of the fact finder, if there are recommendations, either as a single package or on each issue submitted;

(e) Settlement by a citizens' conciliation council composed of three residents within the jurisdiction of the public employer. The public employer shall select one member and the exclusive representative shall select one member. The two members selected shall select the third member who shall chair the council. If the two members cannot agree upon a third member within five days after their appointments, the board shall appoint the third member. Once appointed, the council shall make a final settlement of the issues submitted to it pursuant to division (G) of this section.

(f) Any other dispute settlement procedure mutually agreed to by the parties.

(2) If, fifty days before the expiration date of the collective bargaining agreement, the parties are unable to reach an agreement, any party may request the state employment relations board to intervene. The request shall set forth the names and addresses of the parties, the issues involved, and, if applicable, the expiration date of any agreement.

The board shall intervene and investigate the dispute to determine whether the parties have engaged in collective bargaining.

If an impasse exists or forty-five days before the expiration date of the collective bargaining agreement if one exists, the board shall appoint a mediator to assist the parties in the collective bargaining process.

(3) ~~If the mediator after assisting the parties advises the board that the parties have reached an impasse, or not later than thirty-one days prior to the expiration date of the agreement~~ Any time after the appointment of a

mediator, either party may request the appointment of a fact-finding panel. Within fifteen days after receipt of a request for a fact-finding panel, the board shall appoint ~~within one day~~ a fact-finding panel of not more than three members who have been selected by the parties in accordance with rules established by the board, from a list of qualified persons maintained by the board.

(a) The fact-finding panel shall, in accordance with rules and procedures established by the board that include the regulation of costs and expenses of fact-finding, gather facts and make recommendations for the resolution of the matter. The board shall by its rules require each party to specify in writing the unresolved issues and its position on each issue to the fact-finding panel. The fact-finding panel shall make final recommendations as to all the unresolved issues.

(b) The board may continue mediation, order the parties to engage in collective bargaining until the expiration date of the agreement, or both.

(4) The following guidelines apply to fact-finding:

(a) The fact-finding panel may establish times and place of hearings which shall be, where feasible, in the jurisdiction of the state.

(b) The fact-finding panel shall conduct the hearing pursuant to rules established by the board.

(c) Upon request of the fact-finding panel, the board shall issue subpoenas for hearings conducted by the panel.

(d) The fact-finding panel may administer oaths.

(e) The board shall prescribe guidelines for the fact-finding panel to follow in making findings. In making its recommendations, the fact-finding panel shall take into consideration the factors listed in divisions (G)(7)(a) to (f) of this section.

(f) The fact-finding panel may attempt mediation at any time during the fact-finding process. From the time of appointment until the fact-finding panel makes a final recommendation, it shall not discuss the recommendations for settlement of the dispute with parties other than the direct parties to the dispute.

(5) The fact-finding panel, acting by a majority of its members, shall transmit its findings of fact and recommendations on the unresolved issues to the public employer and employee organization involved and to the board no later than fourteen days after the appointment of the fact-finding panel, unless the parties mutually agree to an extension. The ~~state~~ parties shall ~~pay one-half~~ share the cost of the fact-finding panel~~. The parties each shall pay one-half of the remaining costs~~ in a manner agreed to by the parties.

(6)(a) Not later than seven days after the findings and recommendations

are sent, the legislative body, by a three-fifths vote of its total membership, and in the case of the public employee organization, the membership, by a three-fifths vote of the total membership, may reject the recommendations; if neither rejects the recommendations, the recommendations shall be deemed agreed upon as the final resolution of the issues submitted and a collective bargaining agreement shall be executed between the parties, including the fact-finding panel's recommendations, except as otherwise modified by the parties by mutual agreement. If either the legislative body or the public employee organization rejects the recommendations, the board shall publicize the findings of fact and recommendations of the fact-finding panel. The board shall adopt rules governing the procedures and methods for public employees to vote on the recommendations of the fact-finding panel.

(b) As used in division (C)(6)(a) of this section, "legislative body" means the controlling board when the state or any of its agencies, authorities, commissions, boards, or other branch of public employment is party to the fact-finding process.

(D) If the parties are unable to reach agreement within seven days after the publication of findings and recommendations from the fact-finding panel or the collective bargaining agreement, if one exists, has expired, then the:

(1) Public employees, who are members of a police or fire department, members of the state highway patrol, deputy sheriffs, dispatchers employed by a police, fire or sheriff's department or the state highway patrol or civilian dispatchers employed by a public employer other than a police, fire, or sheriff's department to dispatch police, fire, sheriff's department, or emergency medical or rescue personnel and units, an exclusive nurse's unit, employees of the state school for the deaf or the state school for the blind, employees of any public employee retirement system, corrections officers, guards at penal or mental institutions, special police officers appointed in accordance with sections 5119.14 and 5123.13 of the Revised Code, psychiatric attendants employed at mental health forensic facilities, or youth leaders employed at juvenile correctional facilities, shall submit the matter to a final offer settlement procedure pursuant to a board order issued forthwith to the parties to settle by a conciliator selected by the parties. The parties shall request from the board a list of five qualified conciliators and the parties shall select a single conciliator from the list by alternate striking of names. If the parties cannot agree upon a conciliator within five days after the board order, the board shall on the sixth day after its order appoint a conciliator from a list of qualified persons maintained by the board or shall request a list of qualified conciliators from the American arbitration association and appoint therefrom.

(2) Public employees other than those listed in division (D)(1) of this section have the right to strike under Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code provided that the employee organization representing the employees has given a ten-day prior written notice of an intent to strike to the public employer and to the board, and further provided that the strike is for full, consecutive work days and the beginning date of the strike is at least ten work days after the ending date of the most recent prior strike involving the same bargaining unit; however, the board, at its discretion, may attempt mediation at any time.

(E) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the parties, at any time, from voluntarily agreeing to submit any or all of the issues in dispute to any other alternative dispute settlement procedure. An agreement or statutory requirement to arbitrate or to settle a dispute pursuant to a final offer settlement procedure and the award issued in accordance with the agreement or statutory requirement is enforceable in the same manner as specified in division (B) of section 4117.09 of the Revised Code.

(F) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a party from seeking enforcement of a collective bargaining agreement or a conciliator's award as specified in division (B) of section 4117.09 of the Revised Code.

(G) The following guidelines apply to final offer settlement proceedings under division (D)(1) of this section:

(1) The parties shall submit to final offer settlement those issues that are subject to collective bargaining as provided by section 4117.08 of the Revised Code and upon which the parties have not reached agreement and other matters mutually agreed to by the public employer and the exclusive representative; except that the conciliator may attempt mediation at any time.

(2) The conciliator shall hold a hearing within thirty days of the board's order to submit to a final offer settlement procedure, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

(3) The conciliator shall conduct the hearing pursuant to rules developed by the board. The conciliator shall establish the hearing time and place, but it shall be, where feasible, within the jurisdiction of the state. Not later than five calendar days before the hearing, each of the parties shall submit to the conciliator, to the opposing party, and to the board, a written report summarizing the unresolved issues, the party's final offer as to the issues, and the rationale for that position.

(4) Upon the request by the conciliator, the board shall issue subpoenas for the hearing.

(5) The conciliator may administer oaths.

(6) The conciliator shall hear testimony from the parties and provide for a written record to be made of all statements at the hearing. The board shall submit for inclusion in the record and for consideration by the conciliator the written report and recommendation of the fact-finders.

(7) After hearing, the conciliator shall resolve the dispute between the parties by selecting, on an issue-by-issue basis, from between each of the party's final settlement offers, taking into consideration the following:

(a) Past collectively bargained agreements, if any, between the parties;

(b) Comparison of the issues submitted to final offer settlement relative to the employees in the bargaining unit involved with those issues related to other public and private employees doing comparable work, giving consideration to factors peculiar to the area and classification involved;

(c) The interests and welfare of the public, the ability of the public employer to finance and administer the issues proposed, and the effect of the adjustments on the normal standard of public service;

(d) The lawful authority of the public employer;

(e) The stipulations of the parties;

(f) Such other factors, not confined to those listed in this section, which are normally or traditionally taken into consideration in the determination of the issues submitted to final offer settlement through voluntary collective bargaining, mediation, fact-finding, or other impasse resolution procedures in the public service or in private employment.

(8) Final offer settlement awards made under Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code are subject to Chapter 2711. of the Revised Code.

(9) If more than one conciliator is used, the determination must be by majority vote.

(10) The conciliator shall make written findings of fact and promulgate a written opinion and order upon the issues presented to the conciliator, and upon the record made before the conciliator and shall mail or otherwise deliver a true copy thereof to the parties and the board.

(11) Increases in rates of compensation and other matters with cost implications awarded by the conciliator may be effective only at the start of the fiscal year next commencing after the date of the final offer settlement award; provided that if a new fiscal year has commenced since the issuance of the board order to submit to a final offer settlement procedure, the awarded increases may be retroactive to the commencement of the new fiscal year. The parties may, at any time, amend or modify a conciliator's award or order by mutual agreement.

(12) The parties shall bear equally the cost of the final offer settlement procedure.

(13) Conciliators appointed pursuant to this section shall be residents of the state.

(H) All final offer settlement awards and orders of the conciliator made pursuant to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code are subject to review by the court of common pleas having jurisdiction over the public employer as provided in Chapter 2711. of the Revised Code. If the public employer is located in more than one court of common pleas district, the court of common pleas in which the principal office of the chief executive is located has jurisdiction.

(I) The issuance of a final offer settlement award constitutes a binding mandate to the public employer and the exclusive representative to take whatever actions are necessary to implement the award.

Sec. 4123.27. Information contained in the annual statement provided for in section 4123.26 of the Revised Code, and such other information as may be furnished to the bureau of workers' compensation by employers in pursuance of that section, is for the exclusive use and information of the bureau in the discharge of its official duties, and shall not be open to the public nor be used in any court in any action or proceeding pending therein unless the bureau is a party to the action or proceeding; but the information contained in the statement may be tabulated and published by the bureau in statistical form for the use and information of other state departments and the public. No person in the employ of the bureau, except those who are authorized by the administrator of workers' compensation, shall divulge any information secured by the person while in the employ of the bureau in respect to the transactions, property, claim files, records, or papers of the bureau or in respect to the business or mechanical, chemical, or other industrial process of any company, firm, corporation, person, association, partnership, or public utility to any person other than the administrator or to the superior of such employee of the bureau.

Notwithstanding the restrictions imposed by this section, the governor, select or standing committees of the general assembly, the auditor of state, the attorney general, or their designees, pursuant to the authority granted in this chapter and Chapter 4121. of the Revised Code, may examine any records, claim files, or papers in possession of the industrial commission or the bureau. They also are bound by the privilege that attaches to these papers.

The administrator shall report to the director of job and family services or to the county director of job and family services the name, address, and social security number or other identification number of any person receiving workers' compensation whose name or social security number or

other identification number is the same as that of a person required by a court or child support enforcement agency to provide support payments to a recipient or participant of public assistance, and whose name is submitted to the administrator by the director under section 5101.36 of the Revised Code. The administrator also shall inform the director of the amount of workers' compensation paid to the person during such period as the director specifies.

Within fourteen days after receiving from the director of job and family services a list of the names and social security numbers of recipients or participants of public assistance pursuant to section 5101.181 of the Revised Code, the administrator shall inform the auditor of state of the name, current or most recent address, and social security number of each person receiving workers' compensation pursuant to this chapter whose name and social security number are the same as that of a person whose name or social security number was submitted by the director. The administrator also shall inform the auditor of state of the amount of workers' compensation paid to the person during such period as the director specifies.

The bureau and its employees, except for purposes of furnishing the auditor of state with information required by this section, shall preserve the confidentiality of recipients or participants of public assistance in compliance with division (A) of section 5101.181 of the Revised Code.

For the purposes of this section, "public assistance" means medical assistance provided through the medical assistance program established under section 5111.01 of the Revised Code, Ohio works first provided under Chapter 5107. of the Revised Code, prevention, retention, and contingency benefits and services provided under Chapter 5108. of the Revised Code, ~~or~~ disability financial assistance provided under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code, or disability medical assistance provided under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4123.41. (A) By the first day of January of each year, the bureau of workers' compensation shall furnish to the county auditor of each county and the chief fiscal officer of each taxing district in a county and of each district activity and institution mentioned in section 4123.39 of the Revised Code forms containing the premium rates applicable to the county, district, district activity, or institution as an employer, on which to report the amount of money expended by the county, district, district activity, or institution during the previous twelve calendar months for the services of employees under this chapter.

(B) Each county auditor and each fiscal officer of a district, district activity, and institution shall calculate on the form it receives from the bureau under division (A) of this section the premium due as its proper

contribution to the public insurance fund and issue ~~his~~ a warrant in favor of the bureau for the amount due from the county, district, district activity, or institution to the public insurance fund according to the following schedule:

(1) On or before the fifteenth day of May of each year, no less than forty-five per cent of the amount due;

(2) On or before the first day of September of each year, no less than the total amount due.

The legislative body of any county, district, district activity, or institution may reimburse the fund from which the contribution is made by transferring to the fund from any other fund of the county, district, district activity, or institution, the proportionate amount of the contribution that should be chargeable to the fund, whether the fund is derived from taxation or otherwise. The proportionate amount of the contribution chargeable to the fund may be based on payroll, relative exposure, relative loss experience, or any combination of these factors, as determined by the legislative body. Within sixty days before a legislative body changes the method used for calculating the proportionate amount of the contribution chargeable to the fund, it shall notify, consult with, and give information supporting the change to any elected official affected by the change. A transfer made pursuant to division (B)(2) of this section is not subject to section 5705.16 of the Revised Code.

(C) The bureau may investigate the correctness of the information provided by the county auditor and chief fiscal officer under division (B) of this section, and if the bureau determines at any time that the county, district, district activity, or institution has not reported the correct information, the administrator of workers' compensation may make deductions or additions as the facts warrant and take those facts into consideration in determining the current or future contributions to be made by the county, district, district activity, or institution. If the county, district, district activity, or institution does not furnish the report in the time required by this section, the administrator may fix the amount of contribution the county, district, district activity, or institution must make and certify that amount for payment.

(D) The administrator shall provide a discount to any county, district, district activity, or institution that pays its total amount due to the public insurance fund on or before the fifteenth day of May of each year as its proper contribution for premiums. The administrator shall base the discount provided under this division on the savings generated by the early payment to the public insurance fund. The administrator may provide the discount through a refund to the county, district, district activity, or institution or an

offset against the future contributions due to the public insurance fund from the county, district, district activity, or institution.

(E) The administrator may impose an interest penalty for late payment of any amount due from a county, district, district activity, and institution at the interest rate established by the state tax commissioner pursuant to section 5703.47 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4141.04. The director of job and family services shall maintain or ensure the existence of public employment offices that are free to the general public. These offices shall exist in such number and in such places as are necessary for the proper administration of this chapter, to perform such duties as are within the purview of the act of congress entitled "an act to provide for the establishment of a national employment system and for cooperation with the states in the promotion of such system, and for other purposes," approved June 6, 1933, as amended, which is known as the "Wagner-Peyser Act." The director shall cooperate with any official or agency of the United States having powers or duties under that act of congress and shall do and perform all things necessary to secure to this state the benefits of that act of congress in the promotion and maintenance of a system of public employment offices. That act of congress is hereby accepted by this state, in conformity with that act of congress and Title III of the "Social Security Act," and the "Federal Unemployment Tax Act," 26 U.S.C.A. 3301, as amended, and this state will observe and comply with the requirements thereof. The department of job and family services is hereby designated and constituted the agency of this state for the purposes of that act of congress.

The director may cooperate with or enter into agreements with the railroad retirement board with respect to the establishment, maintenance, and use of employment service facilities that are free to the general public.

All moneys received by this state under the act of congress known as the Wagner-Peyser Act shall be ~~paid~~ deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the special employment service account in the ~~unemployment compensation administration~~ federal operating fund, which is hereby created. Those moneys are hereby made available to the director to be expended as provided by this section and by that act of congress. For the purpose of establishing and maintaining public employment offices that are free to the general public, the director may enter into agreements with the railroad retirement board or any other agency of the United States charged with the administration of an unemployment compensation law, with any political subdivision of this state, or with any private, nonprofit organization and as a part of any such agreement the director may accept moneys,

services, or quarters as a contribution to the employment service account.

The director shall maintain labor market information and employment statistics as necessary for the administration of this chapter.

The director shall appoint an employee of the department to serve as an ex officio member of the governor's council to maintain a liaison between the department and the governor's council on people with disabilities.

Sec. 4141.09. (A) There is hereby created an unemployment compensation fund to be administered by the state without liability on the part of the state beyond the amounts paid into the fund and earned by the fund. The unemployment compensation fund shall consist of all contributions, payments in lieu of contributions described in sections 4141.241 and 4141.242 of the Revised Code, reimbursements of the federal share of extended benefits described in section 4141.301 of the Revised Code, collected under sections 4141.01 to 4141.46 of the Revised Code, together with all interest earned upon any moneys deposited with the secretary of the treasury of the United States to the credit of the account of this state in the unemployment trust fund established and maintained pursuant to section 904 of the "Social Security Act," any property or securities acquired through the use of moneys belonging to the fund, and all earnings of such property or securities. The unemployment compensation fund shall be used to pay benefits and refunds as provided by such sections and for no other purpose.

(B) The treasurer of state shall be the custodian of the unemployment compensation fund and shall administer such fund in accordance with the directions of the director of job and family services. All disbursements therefrom shall be paid by the treasurer of state on warrants drawn by the director. Such warrants may bear the facsimile signature of the director printed thereon and that of a deputy or other employee of the director charged with the duty of keeping the account of the unemployment compensation fund and with the preparation of warrants for the payment of benefits to the persons entitled thereto. Moneys in the clearing and benefit accounts shall not be commingled with other state funds, except as provided in division (C) of this section, but shall be maintained in separate accounts on the books of the depositary bank. Such money shall be secured by the depositary bank to the same extent and in the same manner as required by sections 135.01 to 135.21 of the Revised Code; and collateral pledged for this purpose shall be kept separate and distinct from any collateral pledged to secure other funds of this state. All sums recovered for losses sustained by the unemployment compensation fund shall be deposited therein. The treasurer of state shall be liable on the treasurer's official bond for the

faithful performance of the treasurer's duties in connection with the unemployment compensation fund, such liability to exist in addition to any liability upon any separate bond.

(C) The treasurer of state shall maintain within the unemployment compensation fund three separate accounts which shall be a clearing account, an unemployment trust fund account, and a benefit account. All moneys payable to the unemployment compensation fund, upon receipt thereof by the director, shall be forwarded to the treasurer of state, who shall immediately deposit them in the clearing account. Refunds of contributions, or payments in lieu of contributions, payable pursuant to division (E) of this section may be paid from the clearing account upon warrants signed by a deputy or other employee of the director charged with the duty of keeping the record of the clearing account and with the preparation of warrants for the payment of refunds to persons entitled thereto. After clearance thereof, all moneys in the clearing account shall be deposited with the secretary of the treasury of the United States to the credit of the account of this state in the unemployment trust fund established and maintained pursuant to section 904 of the "Social Security Act," in accordance with requirements of the "Federal Unemployment Tax Act," 53 Stat. 183 (1939), 26 U.S.C.A. 3301, 3304(a)(3), any law in this state relating to the deposit, administration, release, or disbursement of moneys in the possession or custody of this state to the contrary notwithstanding. The benefit account shall consist of all moneys requisitioned from this state's account in the unemployment trust fund. Federal funds, other than funds received by the director under divisions (I) and (J) of this section, received for payment of federal benefits may be deposited into the benefit account solely for payment of benefits under a federal program administered by this state. Moneys so requisitioned shall be used solely for the payment of benefits and for no other purpose. Moneys in the clearing and benefit accounts may be deposited by the treasurer of state, under the direction of the director, in any bank or public depositary in which general funds of the state may be deposited, but no public deposit insurance charge or premium shall be paid out of the fund.

(D) Moneys shall be requisitioned from this state's account in the unemployment trust fund solely for the payment of benefits and in accordance with regulations prescribed by the director. The director shall requisition from the unemployment trust fund such amounts, not exceeding the amount standing to this state's account therein, as are deemed necessary for the payment of benefits for a reasonable future period. Upon receipt thereof, the treasurer of state shall deposit such moneys in the benefit account. Expenditures of such money in the benefit account and refunds

from the clearing account shall not require specific appropriations or other formal release by state officers of money in their custody. Any balance of moneys requisitioned from the unemployment trust fund which remains unclaimed or unpaid in the benefit account after the expiration of the period for which such sums were requisitioned shall either be deducted from estimates for and may be utilized for the payment of benefits during succeeding periods, or, in the discretion of the director, shall be redeposited with the secretary of the treasury of the United States to the credit of this state's account in the unemployment trust fund, as provided in division (C) of this section. Unclaimed or unpaid federal funds redeposited with the secretary of the treasury of the United States shall be credited to the appropriate federal account.

(E) No claim for an adjustment or a refund on contribution, payment in lieu of contributions, interest, or forfeiture alleged to have been erroneously or illegally assessed or collected, or alleged to have been collected without authority, and no claim for an adjustment or a refund of any sum alleged to have been excessive or in any manner wrongfully collected shall be allowed unless an application, in writing, therefor is made within four years from the date on which such payment was made. If the director ~~determins~~ determines that such contribution, payment in lieu of contributions, ~~intrest~~ interest, or forfeiture, or any portion ~~tereof~~ thereof, was erroneously collected, the director shall allow such employer to make an adjustment thereof without interest in connection with subsequent contribution payments, or payments in lieu of contributions, by the employer, or the director may refund said amount, without interest, from the clearing account of the unemployment compensation fund, except as provided in division (B) of section 4141.11 of the Revised Code. For like cause and within the same period, adjustment or refund may be so made on the director's own initiative. An overpayment of contribution, payment in lieu of contributions, interest, or forfeiture for which an employer has not made application for refund prior to the date of sale of the employer's business shall accrue to the employer's successor in interest.

An application for an adjustment or a refund, or any portion thereof, that is rejected is binding upon the employer unless, within thirty days after the mailing of a written notice of rejection to the employer's last known address, or, in the absence of mailing of such notice, within thirty days after the delivery of such notice, the employer files an application for a review and redetermination setting forth the reasons therefor. The director shall promptly examine the application for review and redetermination, and if a review is granted, the employer shall be promptly notified thereof, and shall

be granted an opportunity for a prompt hearing.

(F) If the director finds that contributions have been paid to the director in error, and that such contributions should have been paid to a department of another state or of the United States charged with the administration of an unemployment compensation law, the director may upon request by such department or upon the director's own initiative transfer to such department the amount of such contributions, less any benefits paid to claimants whose wages were the basis for such contributions. The director may request and receive from such department any contributions or adjusted contributions paid in error to such department which should have been paid to the director.

(G) In accordance with section 303(c)(3) of the Social Security Act, and section 3304(a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 for continuing certification of Ohio unemployment compensation laws for administrative grants and for tax credits, any interest required to be paid on advances under Title XII of the Social Security Act shall be paid in a timely manner and shall not be paid, directly or indirectly, by an equivalent reduction in the Ohio unemployment taxes or otherwise, by the state from amounts in the unemployment compensation fund.

(H) The treasurer of state, under the direction of the director and in accordance with the "Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990," 104 Stat. 1061, 31 U.S.C.A. 335, 6503, shall deposit amounts of interest earned by the state on funds in the benefit account established pursuant to division (C) of this section into the department of job and family services banking fees fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury for the purpose of paying related banking costs incurred by the state for the period for which the interest is calculated, except that if the deposited interest exceeds the banking costs incurred by the state for the period for which the interest is calculated, the treasurer of state shall deposit the excess interest into the unemployment trust fund.

(I) The treasurer of state, under the direction of the director, shall deposit federal funds received by the director for the payment of benefits, job search, relocation, transportation, and subsistence allowances pursuant to the "Trade Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 1978, 19 U.S.C.A. 2101, as amended~~,~~; the "North American Free Trade Implementation Act of 1993," 107 Stat. 2057, 19 U.S.C.A. 3301, as amended; and the "Trade Act of 2002," 116 Stat. 993, 19 U.S.C.A. 3801, as amended, into the Trade Act benefit account, which is hereby created for the purpose of ~~paying for benefits, training, and support services~~ making payments specified under ~~that act~~ those acts.

(J) The treasurer of state, under the direction of the director, shall deposit federal funds received by the director for training and administration pursuant to the "Trade Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 1978, 19 U.S.C.A. 2101, as amended; the "North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act," 107 Stat. 2057 (1993), 19 U.S.C.A. 3301, as amended; and the "Trade Act of 2002," 116 Stat. 993, 19 U.S.C.A. 3801, as amended, into the ~~North American Free~~ Trade Act training and administration account, which is hereby created for the purpose of ~~paying for benefits, training, and support services~~ making payments specified under ~~that act~~ those acts.

Sec. 4141.23. (A) Contributions shall accrue and become payable by each employer for each calendar year or other period as prescribed by this chapter. Such contributions become due and shall be paid by each employer to the director of job and family services for the unemployment compensation fund in accordance with such regulations as the director prescribes, and shall not be deducted, in whole or in part, from the remuneration of individuals in the employer's employ.

In the payment of any contributions, a fractional part of a dollar may be disregarded unless it amounts to fifty cents or more, in which case it may be increased to the next higher dollar.

(B)(1) Any contribution or payment in lieu of contribution, due from an employer on or before December 31, 1992, shall, if not paid when due, bear interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum. In such computation any fraction of a month shall be considered as a full month.

(2) Any contribution, payment in lieu of contribution, interest, forfeiture, or fine due from an employer on or after January 1, 1993, shall, if not paid when due, bear interest at the annual rate of fourteen per cent compounded monthly on the aggregate receivable balance due. In such computation any fraction of a month shall be considered as a full month.

(C) The director may waive the interest assessed under division (B)(2) of this section if the employer meets all of the following conditions within thirty days after the date the director mails or delivers the notice of assessment of interest:

(1) Provides to the director a written request for a waiver of interest clearly demonstrating that the employer's failure to timely pay contributions, payments in lieu of contributions, interest, forfeiture, and fines was a result of circumstances beyond the control of the employer or the employer's agent, except that negligence on the part of the employer or the employer's agent shall not be considered beyond the control of the employer or the employer's agent;

(2) Furnishes to the director all quarterly reports required under section

4141.20 of the Revised Code;

(3) Pays in full all contributions, payments in lieu of contributions, interest, forfeiture, and fines for each quarter for which such payments are due.

The director shall deny an employer's request for a waiver of interest after finding that the employer's failure to timely furnish reports or make payments as required under this chapter was due to an attempt to evade payment.

(D) Any contribution, interest, forfeiture, or fine required to be paid under this chapter by any employer shall, if not paid when due, become a lien upon the real and personal property of such employer. Upon failure of such employer to pay the contributions, interest, forfeiture, or fine required to be paid under this chapter, the director shall file notice of such lien, for which there shall be no charge, in the office of the county recorder of the county in which it is ascertained that such employer owns real estate or personal property. The director shall notify the employer by mail of the lien. The absence of proof that the notice was sent does not affect the validity of the lien. Such lien shall not be valid as against the claim of any mortgagee, pledgee, purchaser, judgment creditor, or other lienholder of record at the time such notice is filed.

If the employer acquires real or personal property after notice of lien is filed, such lien shall not be valid as against the claim of any mortgagee, pledgee, subsequent bona fide purchaser for value, judgment creditor, or other lienholder of record to such after-acquired property, unless the notice of lien is refiled after such property was acquired by the employer and before the competing lien attached to such after-acquired property or before the conveyance to such subsequent bona fide purchaser for value.

Such notice shall be recorded in a book kept by the recorder called the "unemployment compensation lien record" and indexed therein in an alphabetical index under the name of such employer. When such unpaid contributions, interest, forfeiture, or fines have been paid, the employer may record with the recorder of the county in which such notice of lien has been filed and recorded, notice of such payment. For recording ~~such~~ the notice of payment the recorder shall charge and receive from the employer a base fee of two dollars for services and a housing trust fund fee of two dollars pursuant to section 317.36 of the Revised Code.

(E) Notwithstanding other provisions in this section, the director may reduce, in whole or in part, the amount of interest, forfeiture, or fines required to be paid under this chapter if the director determines that the reduction is in the best interest of the unemployment compensation fund.

(F) Assessment of contributions shall not be made after four years from the date on which such contributions became payable, and no action in court for the collection of contributions without assessment of such contributions shall be begun after the expiration of five years from the date such contributions became payable. In case of a false or fraudulent report or of a willful attempt in any manner to evade contributions, such contributions may be assessed or a proceeding in court for the collection of such contributions may be begun without assessment at any time. When the assessment of contributions has been made within such four-year period provided, action in court to collect such contributions may be begun within, but not later than, six years after such assessment.

(G) In the event of a distribution of an employer's assets, pursuant to an order of any court under the law of this state, including any receivership, assignment for benefit of creditors, adjudicated insolvency, or similar proceedings, contributions, interest, forfeiture, or fine then or thereafter due have the same priority as provided by law for the payment of taxes due the state and shall be paid out of the trust fund in the same manner as provided for other claims for unpaid taxes due the state.

(H) If the attorney general finds after investigation that any claim for delinquent contributions, interest, forfeitures, or fines owing to the director is uncollectible, in whole or in part, the attorney general shall recommend to the director the cancellation of such claim or any part thereof. The director may thereupon effect such cancellation.

Sec. 4301.03. The liquor control commission may adopt and promulgate, repeal, rescind, and amend, in the manner required by this section, rules, standards, requirements, and orders necessary to carry out this chapter and Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code, but all rules of the board of liquor control ~~which~~ that were in effect immediately prior to April 17, 1963, shall remain in full force and effect as rules of the liquor control commission until and unless amended or repealed by the liquor control commission. The rules of the commission may include the following:

(A) Rules with reference to applications for and the issuance of permits for the manufacture, distribution, transportation, and sale of beer and intoxicating liquor, and the sale of alcohol; and rules governing the procedure of the division of liquor control in the suspension, revocation, and cancellation of those permits;

(B) Rules and orders providing in detail for the conduct of any retail business authorized under permits issued pursuant to this chapter and Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code, with a view to ensuring compliance with those chapters and laws relative to them, and the maintenance of public

decency, sobriety, and good order in any place licensed under the permits. No rule or order shall prohibit the sale of lottery tickets issued pursuant to Chapter 3770. of the Revised Code by any retail business authorized under permits issued pursuant to that chapter.

No rule or order shall prohibit pari-mutuel wagering on simulcast horse races at a satellite facility that has been issued a D liquor permit under Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code. No rule or order shall prohibit a charitable organization that holds a D-4 permit from selling or serving beer or intoxicating liquor under its permit in a portion of its premises merely because that portion of its premises is used at other times for the conduct of a ~~charitable~~ bingo game, as described in division (S) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code. However, such an organization shall not sell or serve beer or intoxicating liquor or permit beer or intoxicating liquor to be consumed or seen in the same location in its premises where a ~~charitable~~ bingo game, as described in division (S)(1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code, is being conducted while the game is being conducted. As used in this division, "charitable organization" has the same meaning as in division (H) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code~~, and "charitable bingo game" has the same meaning as in division (R) of that section~~. No rule or order pertaining to visibility into the premises of a permit holder after the legal hours of sale shall be adopted or maintained by the commission.

(C) Standards, not in conflict with those prescribed by any law of this state or the United States, to secure the use of proper ingredients and methods in the manufacture of beer, mixed beverages, and wine to be sold within this state;

(D) Rules determining the nature, form, and capacity of all packages and bottles to be used for containing beer or intoxicating liquor, except for spirituous liquor to be kept or sold, governing the form of all seals and labels to be used on those packages and bottles, and requiring the label on every package, bottle, and container to state the ingredients in the contents and, except on beer, the terms of weight, volume, or proof spirits, and whether the same is beer, wine, alcohol, or any intoxicating liquor except for spirituous liquor;

(E) Uniform rules governing all advertising with reference to the sale of beer and intoxicating liquor throughout the state and advertising upon and in the premises licensed for the sale of beer or intoxicating liquor;

(F) Rules restricting and placing conditions upon the transfer of permits;

(G) Rules and orders limiting the number of permits of any class within the state or within any political subdivision of the state; and, for that purpose, adopting reasonable classifications of persons or establishments to

which any authorized class of permits may be issued within any political subdivision;

(H) Rules and orders with reference to sales of beer and intoxicating liquor on Sundays and holidays and with reference to the hours of the day during which and the persons to whom intoxicating liquor of any class may be sold, and rules with reference to the manner of sale;

(I) Rules requiring permit holders buying beer to pay and permit holders selling beer to collect minimum cash deposits for kegs, cases, bottles, or other returnable containers of the beer; requiring the repayment, or credit, of the minimum cash deposit charges upon the return of the empty containers; and requiring the posting of such form of indemnity or such other conditions with respect to the charging, collection, and repayment of minimum cash deposit charges for returnable containers of beer as are necessary to ensure the return of the empty containers or the repayment upon that return of the minimum cash deposits paid;

(J) Rules establishing the method by which alcohol products may be imported for sale by wholesale distributors and the method by which manufacturers and suppliers may sell alcohol products to wholesale distributors.

Every rule, standard, requirement, or order of the commission and every repeal, amendment, or rescission of them shall be posted for public inspection in the principal office of the commission and the principal office of the division of liquor control, and a certified copy of them shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state. An order applying only to persons named in it shall be served on the persons affected by personal delivery of a certified copy, or by mailing a certified copy to each person affected by it or, in the case of a corporation, to any officer or agent of the corporation upon whom a service of summons may be served in a civil action. The posting and filing required by this section constitutes sufficient notice to all persons affected by such rule or order which is not required to be served. General rules of the commission promulgated pursuant to this section shall be published in the manner the commission determines.

Sec. 4301.19. The division of liquor control shall sell spirituous liquor only, whether from a warehouse or from a state liquor store. All sales shall be in sealed containers and for resale as authorized by ~~Chapters 4301.~~ this chapter and Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code or for consumption off the premises only. Except as otherwise provided in this section, sale of containers holding one-half pint or less of spirituous liquor by the division shall be made at retail only, and not for the purpose of resale by any purchaser, by special order placed with a state retail liquor store and subject

to rules established by the superintendent of liquor control. The division ~~shall~~ may sell at wholesale spirituous liquor in fifty milliliter sealed containers to ~~hotels that sell spirituous liquor by means of a controlled access alcohol and beverage cabinet in accordance with division (B) of section 4301.21~~ any holder of a permit issued under Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code~~, but only for purposes of resale by the hotel in sealed containers by means of a controlled access alcohol and beverage cabinet~~ that authorizes the sale of spirituous liquor for consumption on the premises where sold. A person appointed by the division to act as an agent for the sale of spirituous liquor pursuant to section 4301.17 of the Revised Code may provide and accept gift certificates and may accept credit cards and debit cards for the retail purchase of spirituous liquor. Deliveries shall be made in ~~such~~ the manner ~~as~~ the superintendent determines by rule.

If any ~~persons desire~~ person desires to purchase any variety or brand of spirituous liquor which is not in stock at the state liquor store where the ~~same~~ variety or brand is ordered, the division shall immediately procure the ~~same~~ variety or brand after a reasonable deposit is made by the purchaser in such proportion of the approximate cost of the order as is prescribed by the rules of the superintendent. The purchaser shall be immediately notified upon the arrival of the spirituous liquor at the store at which it was ordered. Unless ~~such~~ the purchaser pays for the ~~same~~ variety or brand and accepts delivery within five days after the giving of ~~such~~ the notice, the division may place ~~such~~ the spirituous liquor in stock for general sale, and the deposit of the purchaser shall be forfeited.

Sec. 4301.30. All fees collected by the division of liquor control shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the undivided liquor permit fund, which is hereby created, at the time prescribed under section 4301.12 of the Revised Code. Each payment shall be accompanied by a statement showing separately the amount collected for each class of permits in each municipal corporation and in each township outside the limits of any municipal corporation in such township. An amount equal to ~~fifty dollars for each fee received for a D-2 permit, which is not placed in operation immediately upon a D-3 permit premises, and twenty-five dollars for each fee received for a C-2 permit,~~ forty-five per cent of the fund shall be paid from the ~~undivided liquor permit~~ fund into the general revenue fund.

~~Prior to the fees received for a D-2 permit, which is not in operation immediately upon a D-3 permit premises, and a C-2 permit being paid into the general revenue fund, an amount equal to twenty-one~~ Twenty per cent of the undivided liquor permit fund shall be paid into the statewide treatment and prevention fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. This

amount shall be appropriated by the general assembly, together with an amount equal to one and one-half per cent of the gross profit of the ~~department~~ division of liquor control derived under division (B)(4) of section 4301.10 of the Revised Code, to the department of alcohol and drug addiction services. In planning for the allocation of and in allocating these amounts for the purposes of Chapter 3793. of the Revised Code, the department of alcohol and drug addiction services shall comply with the nondiscrimination provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and any rules adopted ~~thereunder~~ under that act.

~~The moneys remaining in~~ Thirty-five per cent of the undivided liquor permit fund shall be distributed by the superintendent of liquor control at quarterly calendar periods as follows:

(A) To each municipal corporation, the aggregate amount shown by the statements to have been collected from permits ~~therein~~ in the municipal corporation, for the use of the general fund of the municipal corporation;

(B) To each township, the aggregate amount shown by the statements to have been collected from permits in its territory, outside the limits of any municipal corporation located ~~therein~~ in the township, for the use of the general fund of the township, or for fire protection purposes, including buildings and equipment in the township or in an established fire district within the township, to the extent that the funds are derived from liquor permits within the territory comprising such fire district.

For the purpose of the distribution required by this section, E, H, and D permits covering boats or vessels are deemed to have been issued in the municipal corporation or township wherein the owner or operator of the vehicle, boat, vessel, or dining car equipment to which the permit relates has the owner's or operator's principal office or place of business within the state.

Such distributions are subject to diminutions for refunds as prescribed in section 4301.41 of the Revised Code. If the liquor control commission is of the opinion that the police or other officers of any municipal corporation or township entitled to share in such a distribution are refusing or culpably neglecting to enforce this chapter and Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code, or the penal laws of this state relating to the manufacture, importation, transportation, distribution, and sale of beer and intoxicating liquors, or if the prosecuting officer of a municipal corporation or ~~the~~ a municipal court ~~thereof~~ fails to comply with the request of the commission authorized by division (A)(4) of section 4301.10 of the Revised Code, the commission by certified mail may notify the chief executive officer of the municipal corporation or the board of township trustees of the township of ~~such~~ the

failure and require the immediate cooperation of the responsible officers of the municipal corporation or township with the division of liquor control in the enforcement of ~~such~~ those chapters and ~~such~~ penal laws. Within thirty days after the notice is served, the commission shall determine whether ~~or not~~ the requirement has been complied with. If the commission determines that the requirement has not been complied with, it may issue an order to the superintendent to withhold the distributive share of the municipal corporation or township until further order of the commission. This action of the commission is reviewable within thirty days thereafter in the court of common pleas of Franklin county.

Sec. 4301.361. (A) If a majority of the electors voting on questions set forth in section 4301.351 of the Revised Code in a precinct vote "yes" on question (B)(1) or (C)(1), or, if both questions (B)(1) and (B)(2), or questions (C)(1) and (C)(2), are submitted, "yes" on both questions or "yes" on question (B)(1) or (C)(1) but "no" on question (B)(2) or (C)(2), sales of intoxicating liquor shall be allowed in the manner and under the conditions specified in question (B)(1) or (C)(1), under a D-6 permit, within the precinct concerned, during the period the election is in effect as defined in section 4301.37 of the Revised Code.

(B) If only question (B)(2) or (C)(2) is submitted to the voters or if questions (B)(2) and (B)(3) or (C)(2) and (C)(3) are submitted and a majority of the electors voting in a precinct vote "yes" on question (B)(2) or (C)(2) as set forth in section 4301.351 of the Revised Code, sales of intoxicating liquor shall be allowed in the manner and under the conditions specified in question (B)(2) or (C)(2), under a D-6 permit, within the precinct concerned, during the period the election is in effect as defined in section 4301.37 of the Revised Code, even if question (B)(1) or (C)(1) was also submitted and a majority of the electors voting in the precinct voted "no."

(C) If question (B)(3) or (C)(3) is submitted and a majority of electors voting on question (B)(3) or (C)(3) as set forth in section 4301.351 of the Revised Code in a precinct vote "yes," sales of wine and mixed beverages shall be allowed in the manner and under the conditions specified in question (B)(3) or (C)(3), under a D-6 permit, within the precinct concerned, during the period the election is in effect as defined in section 4301.37 of the Revised Code.

(D) If questions (B)(1), (B)(2), and (B)(3), or questions (C)(1), (C)(2), and (C)(3), as set forth in section 4301.351 of the Revised Code, are all submitted and a majority of the electors voting in such precinct vote "no" on all three questions, no sales of intoxicating liquor shall be made within the

precinct concerned after two-thirty a.m. on Sunday as specified in the questions submitted, during the period the election is in effect as defined in section 4301.37 of the Revised Code.

(E) If question (C)(1) as set forth in section 4301.351 of the Revised Code is submitted to the voters in a precinct in which question (B)(1) as set forth in that section previously was submitted and approved, and the results of the election on question (B)(1) are still in effect in the precinct; or if question (C)(2) as set forth in that section is submitted to the voters in a precinct in which question (B)(2) as set forth in that section previously was submitted and approved, and the results of the election on question (B)(2) are still in effect in the precinct; or if question (C)(3) as set forth in that section is submitted to the voters in a precinct in which question (B)(3) as set forth in that section previously was submitted and approved, and the results of the election on question (B)(3) are still in effect in the precinct; and if a majority of the electors voting on question (C)(1), (C)(2), or (C)(3) vote "no," then sales shall continue to be allowed in the precinct in the manner and under the conditions specified in the previously approved question (B)(1), (B)(2), or (B)(3), as applicable.

(F) If question (B)(4) as set forth in section 4301.351 of the Revised Code is submitted and a majority of the electors voting in the precinct vote "yes," sales of intoxicating liquor shall be allowed at outdoor performing arts centers in the manner and under the conditions specified in question (B)(4) under a D-6 permit, within the precinct concerned, during the period the election is in effect as defined in section 4301.37 of the Revised Code. If question (B)(4) as set forth in section 4301.351 of the Revised Code is submitted and a majority of the electors voting in the precinct vote "no," no sales of intoxicating liquor shall be allowed at outdoor performing arts centers in the precinct concerned under a D-6 permit, after 2:30 a.m. on Sunday, during the period the election is in effect as defined in section 4301.37 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4301.364. (A) If a majority of the electors in a precinct vote "yes" on question (B)(1) or (C)(1) as set forth in section 4301.354 of the Revised Code, the sale of intoxicating liquor, of the same types as may be legally sold in the precinct on other days of the week, shall be permitted in the portion of the precinct affected by the results of the election in the manner and under the conditions specified in the question, subject only to ~~Chapters 4301.~~ this chapter and Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code.

(B) If a majority of the electors in a precinct vote "yes" on question (B)(2) or (C)(2) as set forth in section 4301.354 of the Revised Code, the sale of intoxicating liquor, of the same types as may be legally sold in the

precinct on other days of the week, shall be permitted in the portion of the precinct affected by the results of the election in the manner and under the conditions specified in the question, subject only to ~~Chapters 4301.~~ this chapter and Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code.

(C) If a majority of the electors in a precinct vote "yes" on question (B)(3) or (C)(3) as set forth in section 4301.354 of the Revised Code, the sale of wine and mixed beverages shall be permitted in the portion of the precinct affected by the results of the election in the manner and under the conditions specified in the question, subject only to ~~Chapters 4301.~~ this chapter and Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code.

(D) If a majority of the electors in a precinct vote "no" on question (B)(1) or (C)(1) as set forth in section 4301.354 of the Revised Code, no sale of intoxicating liquor shall be permitted in the manner and under the conditions specified in the question in the portion of the precinct affected by the results of the election.

(E) If a majority of the electors in a precinct vote "no" on question (B)(2) or (C)(2) as set forth in section 4301.354 of the Revised Code, no sale of intoxicating liquor shall be permitted in the manner and under the conditions specified in the question in the portion of the precinct affected by the results of the election.

(F) If a majority of the electors in a precinct vote "no" on question (B)(3) or (C)(3) as set forth in section 4301.354 of the Revised Code, no sale of wine or mixed beverages shall be permitted in the manner and under the conditions specified in the question in the portion of the precinct affected by the results of the election.

(G) If question (C)(1) as set forth in section 4301.354 of the Revised Code is submitted to the voters in a precinct in which question (B)(1) as set forth in that section previously was submitted and approved, and the results of the election on question (B)(1) are still in effect in the precinct; or if question (C)(2) as set forth in that section is submitted to the voters in a precinct in which question (B)(2) as set forth in that section previously was submitted and approved, and the results of the election on question (B)(2) are still in effect in the precinct; or if question (C)(3) as set forth in that section is submitted to the voters in a precinct in which question (B)(3) as set forth in that section previously was submitted and approved, and the results of the election on question (B)(3) are still in effect in the precinct; and if a majority of the electors voting on question (C)(1), (C)(2), or (C)(3) vote "no," then sales shall continue to be allowed in the precinct in the manner and under the conditions specified in the previously approved question (B)(1), (B)(2), or (B)(3), as applicable.

Sec. 4301.43. (A) As used in sections 4301.43 to 4301.50 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Gallon" or "wine gallon" means one hundred twenty-eight fluid ounces.

(2) "Sale" or "sell" includes exchange, barter, gift, distribution, and, except with respect to A-4 permit holders, offer for sale.

(B) For the purposes of providing revenues for the support of the state and encouraging the grape industries in the state, a tax is hereby levied on the sale or distribution of wine in Ohio, except for known sacramental purposes, at the rate of thirty cents per wine gallon for wine containing not less than four per cent of alcohol by volume and not more than fourteen per cent of alcohol by volume, ninety-eight cents per wine gallon for wine containing more than fourteen per cent but not more than twenty-one per cent of alcohol by volume, one dollar and eight cents per wine gallon for vermouth, and one dollar and forty-eight cents per wine gallon for sparkling and carbonated wine and champagne, the tax to be paid by the holders of A-2 and B-5 permits or by any other person selling or distributing wine upon which no tax has been paid. From the tax paid under this section on wine, vermouth, and sparkling and carbonated wine and champagne, the treasurer of state shall credit to the Ohio grape industries fund created under section 924.54 of the Revised Code a sum equal to one cent per gallon for each gallon upon which the tax is paid.

(C) For the purpose of providing revenues for the support of the state, there is hereby levied a tax on prepared and bottled highballs, cocktails, cordials, and other mixed beverages at the rate of one dollar and twenty cents per wine gallon to be paid by holders of A-4 permits or by any other person selling or distributing those products upon which no tax has been paid. Only one sale of the same article shall be used in computing the amount of tax due. The tax on mixed beverages to be paid by holders of A-4 permits under this section shall not attach until the ownership of the mixed beverage is transferred for valuable consideration to a wholesaler or retailer, and no payment of the tax shall be required prior to that time.

(D) During the period of July 1, ~~2001~~ 2003, through June 30, ~~2003~~ 2005, from the tax paid under this section on wine, vermouth, and sparkling and carbonated wine and champagne, the treasurer of state shall credit to the Ohio grape industries fund created under section 924.54 of the Revised Code a sum equal to two cents per gallon upon which the tax is paid. The amount credited under this division is in addition to the amount credited to the Ohio grape industries fund under division (B) of this section.

(E) For the purpose of providing revenues for the support of the state,

there is hereby levied a tax on cider at the rate of twenty-four cents per wine gallon to be paid by the holders of A-2 and B-5 permits or by any other person selling or distributing cider upon which no tax has been paid. Only one sale of the same article shall be used in computing the amount of the tax due.

Sec. 4303.02. Permit A-1 may be issued to a manufacturer to manufacture beer and sell beer products in bottles or containers for home use and to retail and wholesale permit holders under rules promulgated by the division of liquor control. The fee for this permit is three thousand ~~one~~ nine hundred ~~twenty-five~~ six dollars for each plant during the year covered by the permit.

Sec. 4303.021. Permit A-1-A may be issued to the holder of an A-1 or A-2 permit to sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass or from a container, provided such A-1-A permit premises are situated on the same parcel or tract of land as the related A-1 or A-2 manufacturing permit premises or are separated therefrom only by public streets or highways or by other lands owned by the holder of the A-1 or A-2 permit and used by the holder in connection with or in promotion of the holder's A-1 or A-2 permit business. The fee for this permit is three thousand ~~one~~ nine hundred ~~twenty-five~~ six dollars. The holder of an A-1-A permit may sell beer and any intoxicating liquor during the same hours as the holders of D-5 permits under this chapter or Chapter 4301. of the Revised Code or the rules of the liquor control commission and shall obtain a license as a retail food establishment or a food service operation pursuant to Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code and operate as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, no new A-1-A permit shall be issued to the holder of an A-1 or A-2 permit unless the sale of beer and intoxicating liquor under class D permits is permitted in the precinct in which the A-1 or A-2 permit is located and, in the case of an A-2 permit, unless the holder of the A-2 permit manufactures or has a storage capacity of at least twenty-five thousand gallons of wine per year. The immediately preceding sentence does not prohibit the issuance of an A-1-A permit to an applicant for such a permit who is the holder of an A-1 permit and whose application was filed with the division of liquor control before June 1, 1994. The liquor control commission shall not restrict the number of A-1-A permits which may be located within a precinct.

Sec. 4303.03. Permit A-2 may be issued to a manufacturer to manufacture wine from grapes or other fruits grown in the state, if obtainable, otherwise to import such fruits after submitting an affidavit of

nonavailability to the division of liquor control; to import and purchase wine in bond for blending purposes, the total amount of wine so imported during the year covered by the permit not to exceed forty per cent of all the wine manufactured and imported; to manufacture, purchase, and import brandy for fortifying purposes; and to sell such products either in glass or container for consumption on the premises where manufactured, for home use, and to retail and wholesale permit holders under such rules as are adopted by the division.

The fee for this permit is ~~sixty-three~~ one hundred twenty-six dollars for each plant producing one hundred wine barrels, of fifty gallons each, or less annually. ~~Such~~ This initial fee shall be increased at the rate of ten cents per such barrel for all wine manufactured in excess of one hundred barrels during the year covered by the permit.

Sec. 4303.04. Permit A-3 may be issued to a manufacturer to manufacture alcohol and spirituous liquor and sell such products to the division of liquor control or to the holders of a like permit or to the holders of A-4 permits for blending or manufacturing purposes; to import alcohol into this state upon such terms as are prescribed by the division; to sell alcohol to manufacturers, hospitals, infirmaries, medical or educational institutions using it for medicinal, mechanical, chemical, or scientific purposes, and to holders of I permits; to import into this state spirituous liquor and wine for blending or other manufacturing purposes; and to export spirituous liquor from this state for sale outside the state.

The fee for this permit is three thousand ~~one~~ nine hundred ~~twenty-five~~ six dollars for each plant; but, if a plant's production capacity is less than five hundred wine barrels of fifty gallons each~~,~~ annually, the fee is two dollars per barrel.

Sec. 4303.05. Permit A-4 may be issued to a manufacturer to manufacture prepared highballs, cocktails, cordials, and other mixed drinks containing not less than four per cent of alcohol by volume and not more than twenty-one per cent of alcohol by volume, and to sell such products to wholesale and retail permit holders in sealed containers only under such rules as are adopted by the division of liquor control. The holder of such permit may import into the state spirituous liquor and wine only for blending or other manufacturing purposes under such rules as are prescribed by the division.

The holder of such permit may also purchase spirituous liquor for manufacturing and blending purposes from the holder of an A-3 permit issued by the division. The formulas and the beverages manufactured by the holder of an A-4 permit ~~must~~ shall be submitted to the division for its

analysis and approval before ~~such~~ the beverages may be sold to or distributed in this state by holders of retail and wholesale permits. All labels and advertising matter used by the holders of ~~such~~ A-4 permits ~~must~~ shall be approved by the division before they may be used in this state. The fee for ~~this~~ an A-4 permit is three thousand ~~one~~ nine hundred ~~twenty-five~~ six dollars for each plant.

Sec. 4303.06. Permit B-1 may be issued to a wholesale distributor of beer to purchase from the holders of A-1 permits and to import and distribute or sell beer for home use and to retail permit holders under rules adopted by the division of liquor control. The fee for this permit is ~~two~~ three thousand ~~five~~ one hundred twenty-five dollars for each distributing plant or warehouse during the year covered by the permit.

Sec. 4303.07. Permit B-2 may be issued to a wholesale distributor of wine to purchase from holders of A-2 and B-5 permits and distribute or sell such product, in the original container in which it was placed by the B-5 permit holder or manufacturer at the place where manufactured, to A-1-A, C-2, D-2, D-3, D-4, D-4a, D-5, D-5a, D-5b, D-5c, D-5d, D-5e, D-5f, D-5g, D-5h, D-5i, D-5j, D-5k, and E permit holders, and for home use. The fee for this permit is ~~two~~ five hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars for each distributing plant or warehouse. The initial fee shall be increased ten cents per wine barrel of fifty gallons for all wine distributed and sold in this state in excess of twelve hundred fifty such barrels during the year covered by the permit.

Sec. 4303.08. Permit B-3 may be issued to a wholesale distributor of wine to bottle, distribute, or sell sacramental wine for religious rites upon an application signed, dated, and approved as required by section 4301.23 of the Revised Code. The fee for this permit is ~~sixty-two~~ one hundred twenty-four dollars.

Sec. 4303.09. Permit B-4 may be issued to a wholesale distributor to purchase from the holders of A-4 permits and to import, distribute, and sell prepared and bottled highballs, cocktails, cordials, and other mixed beverages containing not less than four per cent of alcohol by volume and not more than twenty-one per cent of alcohol by volume to retail permit holders, and for home use, under ~~such~~ rules ~~as are~~ adopted by the division of liquor control. The formula and samples of all such beverages to be handled by the permit holder ~~must~~ shall be submitted to the division for analysis and the approval of the division before such beverages may be sold and distributed in this state. All labels and advertising matter used by the holders of ~~such permits must~~ this permit shall be approved by the division before they may be used in this state. The fee for this permit shall be computed on the basis of annual sales, and the initial fee is ~~two~~ five hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars

for each distributing plant or warehouse. ~~Such~~ The initial fee shall be increased at the rate of ten cents per wine barrel of fifty gallons for all such beverages distributed and sold in this state in excess of one thousand such barrels during the year covered by the permit.

Sec. 4303.10. Permit B-5 may be issued to a wholesale distributor of wine to purchase wine from the holders of A-2 permits, to purchase and import wine in bond or otherwise, in bulk or in containers of any size, and to bottle wine for distribution and sale to holders of A-1-A, B-2, B-3, B-5, C-2, D-2, D-3, D-4, D-4a, D-5, D-5a, D-5b, D-5c, D-5d, D-5e, D-5f, D-5g, D-5h, D-5i, D-5j, D-5k, and E permits and for home use in sealed containers. No wine shall be bottled by a B-5 permit holder in containers supplied by any person who intends the wine for home use. The fee for this permit is one thousand ~~two~~ five hundred ~~fifty~~ sixty-three dollars.

Sec. 4303.11. Permit C-1 may be issued to the owner or operator of a retail store to sell beer in containers and not for consumption on the premises where sold in original containers having a capacity of not more than five and one-sixth gallons. The fee for this permit is ~~one~~ two hundred ~~twenty-six~~ fifty-two dollars for each location.

Sec. 4303.12. Permit C-2 may be issued to the owner or operator of a retail store to sell wine in sealed containers only and not for consumption on the premises where sold in original containers. The holder of ~~such~~ this permit may also sell and distribute in original packages and not for consumption on the premises where sold or for resale, prepared and bottled highballs, cocktails, cordials, and other mixed beverages manufactured and distributed by holders of A-4 and B-4 permits, and containing not less than four per cent of alcohol by volume, and not more than twenty-one per cent of alcohol by volume. The fee for this permit is ~~one~~ three hundred ~~eighty-eight~~ seventy-six dollars for each location.

Sec. 4303.121. Effective October 1, 1982, permit C-2x shall be issued to the holder of a C-2 permit who does not also hold a C-1 permit, to sell beer only not for consumption on the premises where sold, in original containers having a capacity of not more than five and one-sixth gallons. Applicants for a C-2 permit as of October 1, 1982 shall be issued a C-2x permit subject to the restrictions for the issuance of the C-2 permit. The fee for a C-2x permit is ~~one~~ two hundred ~~twenty-six~~ fifty-two dollars.

Sec. 4303.13. Permit D-1 may be issued to the owner or operator of a hotel ~~or~~, of a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed pursuant to Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter, or of a club, amusement park, drugstore, lunch stand, boat, or vessel, ~~and shall be issued to a person described in division~~

~~(B) of this section,~~ to sell beer at retail either in glass or container, for consumption on the premises where sold; and~~, except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section,~~ to sell beer at retail in other receptacles or in original containers having a capacity of not more than five and one-sixth gallons not for consumption on the premises where sold. The fee for this permit is ~~one~~ three hundred ~~eighty-eight~~ seventy-six dollars for each location, boat, or vessel.

Sec. 4303.14. Permit D-2 may be issued to the owner or operator of a hotel ~~or~~, of a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed pursuant to Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter, or of a club, boat, or vessel, to sell wine and prepared and bottled cocktails, cordials, and other mixed beverages manufactured and distributed by holders of A-4 and B-4 permits at retail, either in glass or container, for consumption on the premises where sold. The holder of ~~such~~ this permit may also sell wine and prepared and bottled cocktails, cordials, and other mixed beverages in original packages and not for consumption on the premises where sold or for resale. The fee for this permit is ~~two~~ five hundred ~~eighty-two~~ sixty-four dollars for each location, boat, or vessel.

Sec. 4303.141. Effective October 1, 1982, permit D-2x shall be issued to the holder of a D-2 permit who does not also hold a D-1 permit, to sell beer at retail either in glass or container for consumption on the premises where sold and to sell beer at retail in other receptacles or original containers having a capacity of not more than five and one-sixth gallons not for consumption on the premises where sold. Applicants for a D-2 permit as of October 1, 1982, shall be issued a D-2x permit subject to the quota restrictions for the issuance of the D-2 permit. The fee for a D-2x permit is ~~one~~ three hundred ~~eighty-eight~~ seventy-six dollars.

Sec. 4303.15. Permit D-3 may be issued to the owner or operator of a hotel ~~or~~, of a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed pursuant to Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter, or of a club, boat, or vessel, to sell spirituous liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass or from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold. No sales of intoxicating liquor shall be made by a holder of a D-3 permit after one a.m. The fee for this permit is ~~six~~ seven hundred fifty dollars for each location, boat, or vessel.

Sec. 4303.151. On October 1, 1982, permit D-3x shall be issued to the holder of a D-3 permit~~,~~ to sell wine by the individual drink in glass or from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold. Applications for a D-3 permit on October 1, 1982, may be issued a D-3x permit subject to the

quota restrictions for the issuance of a D-3 permit. The fee for a D-3x permit is ~~one~~ three hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars.

Sec. 4303.16. Permit D-3a may be issued to the holder of a D-3 permit whenever ~~his~~ the holder's place of business is operated after one a.m. and spirituous liquor is sold or consumed after ~~such~~ that hour. The holder of such permit may sell spirituous liquor during the same hours as the holders of D-5 permits under this chapter and Chapter 4301. of the Revised Code or the rules of the liquor control commission. The fee for a D-3a permit is ~~seven~~ nine hundred ~~fifty~~ thirty-eight dollars in addition to the fee required for a D-3 permit.

If the holder of a D-3a permit is also the holder of a D-1 permit, ~~he~~ the holder may sell beer after one a.m. and during the same hours as the holder of a D-5 permit. If the holder of a D-3a permit is also the holder of a D-2 permit, ~~he~~ the holder may sell intoxicating liquor after one a.m. and during the same hours as the holder of a D-5 permit. The holder of a D-3a permit may furnish music and entertainment to ~~his~~ the holder's patrons, subject to the same rules as govern D-5 permit holders.

Sec. 4303.17. Permit D-4 may be issued to a club ~~which~~ that has been in existence for three years or more prior to the issuance of ~~such~~ the permit to sell beer and any intoxicating liquor to its members only, in glass or container, for consumption on the premises where sold. The fee for this permit is ~~three~~ four hundred ~~seventy-five~~ sixty-nine dollars. No such permit shall be granted or retained until all elected officers of such organization controlling such club have filed with the division of liquor control a statement certifying that such club is operated in the interest of the membership of a reputable organization, which is maintained by a dues paying membership, setting forth the amount of initiation fee and yearly dues. All such matters shall be contained in a statement signed under oath and accompanied by a surety bond in the sum of one thousand dollars. Such bond shall be declared forfeited in the full amount of the penal sum of the bond for any false statement contained in such certificate and the surety shall pay the amount of the bond to the division. The roster of membership of a D-4 permit holder shall be submitted under oath on the request of the superintendent of liquor control. Any information acquired by the superintendent or the division with respect to such membership shall not be open to public inspection or examination and may be divulged by the superintendent and the division only in hearings before the liquor control commission or in a court action in which the division or the superintendent is named a party.

The requirement that a club shall have been in existence for three years

in order to qualify for a D-4 permit does not apply to units of organizations chartered by congress or to a subsidiary unit of a national fraternal organization if the parent organization has been in existence for three years or more at the time application for a permit is made by such unit.

No rule or order of the division or commission shall prohibit a charitable organization that holds a D-4 permit from selling or serving beer or intoxicating liquor under its permit in a portion of its premises merely because that portion of its premises is used at other times for the conduct of a ~~charitable~~ bingo game as described in division (S) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code. However, such an organization shall not sell or serve beer or intoxicating liquor or permit beer or intoxicating liquor to be consumed or seen in the same location in its premises where a ~~charitable~~ bingo game, as described in division (S)(1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code, is being conducted while the game is being conducted. As used in this section, "charitable organization" has the same meaning as in division (H) of section 2915.01 ~~and "charitable bingo game" has the same meaning as in division (R) of section 2915.01~~ of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4303.171. Permit D-4a may be issued to an airline company ~~which~~ that leases and operates a premises exclusively for the benefit of the members and their guests of a private club sponsored by the airline company, at a publicly owned airport, as defined in section 4563.01 of the Revised Code, at which commercial airline companies operate regularly scheduled flights on which space is available to the public, to sell beer and any intoxicating liquor to members of the private club and their guests, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold. In addition to the privileges authorized in this section, the holder of a D-4a permit may exercise the same privileges as a holder of a D-4 permit. The holder of a D-4a permit shall make no sales of beer or intoxicating liquor after two-thirty a.m.

A D-4a permit shall not be transferred to another location. No quota restriction shall be placed upon the number of such permits which may be issued.

The fee for this permit is ~~six~~ seven hundred fifty dollars.

Sec. 4303.18. Permit D-5 may be issued to the owner or operator of a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed pursuant to Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant or night club for purposes of this chapter, to sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold, and to sell the same products in the same manner and amounts not for consumption on the premises as may

be sold by holders of D-1 and D-2 permits. A person who is the holder of both a D-3 and D-3a permit need not obtain a D-5 permit. The fee for this permit is ~~one~~ two thousand ~~eight~~ three hundred ~~seventy-five~~ forty-four dollars.

Sec. 4303.181. (A) Permit D-5a may be issued either to the owner or operator of a hotel or motel that is required to be licensed under section 3731.03 of the Revised Code, that contains at least fifty rooms for registered transient guests, and that qualifies under the other requirements of this section, or to the owner or operator of a restaurant specified under this section, to sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold, and to registered guests in their rooms, which may be sold by means of a controlled access alcohol and beverage cabinet in accordance with division (B) of section 4301.21 of the Revised Code; and to sell the same products in the same manner and amounts not for consumption on the premises as may be sold by holders of D-1 and D-2 permits. The premises of the hotel or motel shall include a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed pursuant to Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter and that is affiliated with the hotel or motel and within or contiguous to the hotel or motel, and that serves food within the hotel or motel, but the principal business of the owner or operator of the hotel or motel shall be the accommodation of transient guests. In addition to the privileges authorized in this division, the holder of a D-5a permit may exercise the same privileges as the holder of a D-5 permit.

The owner or operator of a hotel, motel, or restaurant who qualified for and held a D-5a permit on August 4, 1976, may, if the owner or operator held another permit before holding a D-5a permit, either retain a D-5a permit or apply for the permit formerly held, and the division of liquor control shall issue the permit for which the owner or operator applies and formerly held, notwithstanding any quota.

A D-5a permit shall not be transferred to another location. No quota restriction shall be placed on the number of such permits that may be issued.

The fee for this permit is ~~one~~ two thousand ~~eight~~ three hundred ~~seventy-five~~ forty-four dollars.

(B) Permit D-5b may be issued to the owner, operator, tenant, lessee, or occupant of an enclosed shopping center to sell beer and intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold; and to sell the same products in the same manner and amount not for consumption on the premises as may

be sold by holders of D-1 and D-2 permits. In addition to the privileges authorized in this division, the holder of a D-5b permit may exercise the same privileges as a holder of a D-5 permit.

A D-5b permit shall not be transferred to another location.

One D-5b permit may be issued at an enclosed shopping center containing at least two hundred twenty-five thousand, but less than four hundred thousand, square feet of floor area.

Two D-5b permits may be issued at an enclosed shopping center containing at least four hundred thousand square feet of floor area. No more than one D-5b permit may be issued at an enclosed shopping center for each additional two hundred thousand square feet of floor area or fraction of that floor area, up to a maximum of five D-5b permits for each enclosed shopping center. The number of D-5b permits that may be issued at an enclosed shopping center shall be determined by subtracting the number of D-3 and D-5 permits issued in the enclosed shopping center from the number of D-5b permits that otherwise may be issued at the enclosed shopping center under the formulas provided in this division. Except as provided in this section, no quota shall be placed on the number of D-5b permits that may be issued. Notwithstanding any quota provided in this section, the holder of any D-5b permit first issued in accordance with this section is entitled to its renewal in accordance with section 4303.271 of the Revised Code.

The holder of a D-5b permit issued before April 4, 1984, whose tenancy is terminated for a cause other than nonpayment of rent, may return the D-5b permit to the division of liquor control, and the division shall cancel that permit. Upon cancellation of that permit and upon the permit holder's payment of taxes, contributions, premiums, assessments, and other debts owing or accrued upon the date of cancellation to this state and its political subdivisions and a filing with the division of a certification of that payment, the division shall issue to that person either a D-5 permit, or a D-1, a D-2, and a D-3 permit, as that person requests. The division shall issue the D-5 permit, or the D-1, D-2, and D-3 permits, even if the number of D-1, D-2, D-3, or D-5 permits currently issued in the municipal corporation or in the unincorporated area of the township where that person's proposed premises is located equals or exceeds the maximum number of such permits that can be issued in that municipal corporation or in the unincorporated area of that township under the population quota restrictions contained in section 4303.29 of the Revised Code. Any D-1, D-2, D-3, or D-5 permit so issued shall not be transferred to another location. If a D-5b permit is canceled under the provisions of this paragraph, the number of D-5b permits that may

be issued at the enclosed shopping center for which the D-5b permit was issued, under the formula provided in this division, shall be reduced by one if the enclosed shopping center was entitled to more than one D-5b permit under the formula.

The fee for this permit is ~~one~~ two thousand ~~eight~~ three hundred ~~seventy-five~~ forty-four dollars.

(C) Permit D-5c may be issued to the owner or operator of a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed pursuant to Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter and that qualifies under the other requirements of this section to sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold, and to sell the same products in the same manner and amounts not for consumption on the premises as may be sold by holders of D-1 and D-2 permits. In addition to the privileges authorized in this division, the holder of a D-5c permit may exercise the same privileges as the holder of a D-5 permit.

To qualify for a D-5c permit, the owner or operator of a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed pursuant to Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter, shall have operated the restaurant at the proposed premises for not less than twenty-four consecutive months immediately preceding the filing of the application for the permit, have applied for a D-5 permit no later than December 31, 1988, and appear on the division's quota waiting list for not less than six months immediately preceding the filing of the application for the permit. In addition to these requirements, the proposed D-5c permit premises shall be located within a municipal corporation and further within an election precinct that, at the time of the application, has no more than twenty-five per cent of its total land area zoned for residential use.

A D-5c permit shall not be transferred to another location. No quota restriction shall be placed on the number of such permits that may be issued.

Any person who has held a D-5c permit for at least two years may apply for a D-5 permit, and the division of liquor control shall issue the D-5 permit notwithstanding the quota restrictions contained in section 4303.29 of the Revised Code or in any rule of the liquor control commission.

The fee for this permit is one thousand ~~two~~ five hundred ~~fifty~~ sixty-three dollars.

(D) Permit D-5d may be issued to the owner or operator of a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed pursuant to Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter and that is located at an airport operated by a board of county

commissioners pursuant to section 307.20 of the Revised Code, at an airport operated by a port authority pursuant to Chapter 4582. of the Revised Code, or at an airport operated by a regional airport authority pursuant to Chapter 308. of the Revised Code. The holder of a D-5d permit may sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold, and may sell the same products in the same manner and amounts not for consumption on the premises where sold as may be sold by the holders of D-1 and D-2 permits. In addition to the privileges authorized in this division, the holder of a D-5d permit may exercise the same privileges as the holder of a D-5 permit.

A D-5d permit shall not be transferred to another location. No quota restrictions shall be placed on the number of such permits that may be issued.

The fee for this permit is ~~one~~ two thousand ~~eight~~ three hundred ~~seventy-five~~ forty-four dollars.

(E) Permit D-5e may be issued to any nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 501(c)(3), as amended, or that is a charitable organization under any chapter of the Revised Code, and that owns or operates a riverboat that meets all of the following:

(1) Is permanently docked at one location;

(2) Is designated as an historical riverboat by the Ohio historical society;

(3) Contains not less than fifteen hundred square feet of floor area;

(4) Has a seating capacity of fifty or more persons.

The holder of a D-5e permit may sell beer and intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold.

A D-5e permit shall not be transferred to another location. No quota restriction shall be placed on the number of such permits that may be issued. The population quota restrictions contained in section 4303.29 of the Revised Code or in any rule of the liquor control commission shall not apply to this division, and the division shall issue a D-5e permit to any applicant who meets the requirements of this division. However, the division shall not issue a D-5e permit if the permit premises or proposed permit premises are located within an area in which the sale of spirituous liquor by the glass is prohibited.

The fee for this permit is ~~nine~~ one thousand two hundred ~~seventy-five~~ nineteen dollars.

(F) Permit D-5f may be issued to the owner or operator of a retail food

establishment or a food service operation licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter and that meets all of the following:

(1) It contains not less than twenty-five hundred square feet of floor area.

(2) It is located on or in, or immediately adjacent to, the shoreline of, a navigable river.

(3) It provides docking space for twenty-five boats.

(4) It provides entertainment and recreation, provided that not less than fifty per cent of the business on the permit premises shall be preparing and serving meals for a consideration.

In addition, each application for a D-5f permit shall be accompanied by a certification from the local legislative authority that the issuance of the D-5f permit is not inconsistent with that political subdivision's comprehensive development plan or other economic development goal as officially established by the local legislative authority.

The holder of a D-5f permit may sell beer and intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold.

A D-5f permit shall not be transferred to another location.

The division of liquor control shall not issue a D-5f permit if the permit premises or proposed permit premises are located within an area in which the sale of spirituous liquor by the glass is prohibited.

A fee for this permit is ~~one~~ two thousand ~~eight~~ three hundred ~~seventy-five~~ forty-four dollars.

As used in this division, "navigable river" means a river that is also a "navigable water" as defined in the "Federal Power Act," 94 Stat. 770 (1980), 16 U.S.C. 796.

(G) Permit D-5g may be issued to a nonprofit corporation that is either the owner or the operator of a national professional sports museum. The holder of a D-5g permit may sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold. The holder of a D-5g permit shall sell no beer or intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises where sold after one a.m. A D-5g permit shall not be transferred to another location. No quota restrictions shall be placed on the number of D-5g permits that may be issued. The fee for this permit is one thousand ~~five~~ eight hundred seventy-five dollars.

(H) Permit D-5h may be issued to any nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under the "Internal Revenue Code of

1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 501(c)(3), as amended, that owns or operates a fine arts museum and has no less than five thousand bona fide members possessing full membership privileges. The holder of a D-5h permit may sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold. The holder of a D-5h permit shall sell no beer or intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises where sold after one a.m. A D-5h permit shall not be transferred to another location. No quota restrictions shall be placed on the number of D-5h permits that may be issued. The fee for this permit is one thousand ~~five~~ eight hundred seventy-five dollars.

(I) Permit D-5i may be issued to the owner or operator of a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter and that meets all of the following requirements:

(1) It is located in a municipal corporation or a township with a population of ~~fifty~~ seventy-five thousand or less.

(2) It has inside seating capacity for at least one hundred forty persons.

(3) It has at least four thousand square feet of floor area.

(4) It offers full-course meals, appetizers, and sandwiches.

(5) Its receipts from beer and liquor sales do not exceed twenty-five per cent of its total gross receipts.

(6) The value of its real and personal property exceeds seven hundred twenty-five thousand dollars.

The holder of a D-5i permit shall cause an independent audit to be performed at the end of one full year of operation following issuance of the permit in order to verify the requirements of division (I)(5) of this section. The results of the independent audit shall be transmitted to the division. Upon determining that the receipts of the holder from beer and liquor sales exceeded twenty-five per cent of its total gross receipts, the division shall suspend the permit of the permit holder under section 4301.25 of the Revised Code and may allow the permit holder to elect a forfeiture under section 4301.252 of the Revised Code.

The holder of a D-5i permit may sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold, and may sell the same products in the same manner and amounts not for consumption on the premises where sold as may be sold by the holders of D-1 and D-2 permits. The holder of a D-5i permit shall sell no beer or intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises where sold after two-thirty a.m. In addition to the privileges

authorized in this division, the holder of a D-5i permit may exercise the same privileges as the holder of a D-5 permit.

A D-5i permit shall not be transferred to another location. The division of liquor control shall not renew a D-5i permit unless the food service operation for which it is issued continues to meet the requirements described in divisions (I)(1) to (6) of this section. No quota restrictions shall be placed on the number of D-5i permits that may be issued. The fee for this permit is ~~one~~ two thousand ~~eight~~ three hundred ~~seventy-five~~ forty-four dollars.

(J)(1) Permit D-5j may be issued to the owner or the operator of a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code to sell beer and intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold and to sell beer and intoxicating liquor in the same manner and amounts not for consumption on the premises where sold as may be sold by the holders of D-1 and D-2 permits. The holder of a D-5j permit may exercise the same privileges, and shall observe the same hours of operation, as the holder of a D-5 permit.

(2) The D-5j permit shall be issued only within a community entertainment district that is designated under section 4301.80 of the Revised Code and that meets one of the following qualifications:

(a) It is located in a municipal corporation with a population of at least one hundred thousand.

(b) It is located in a municipal corporation with a population of at least twenty thousand, and either of the following applies:

(i) It contains an amusement park the rides of which have been issued a permit by the department of agriculture under Chapter 1711. of the Revised Code.

(ii) Not less than fifty million dollars will be invested in development and construction in the community entertainment district's area located in the municipal corporation.

(c) It is located in a township with a population of at least forty thousand.

(3) The location of a D-5j permit may be transferred only within the geographic boundaries of the community entertainment district in which it was issued and shall not be transferred outside the geographic boundaries of that district.

(4) Not more than one D-5j permit shall be issued within each community entertainment district for each five acres of land located within the district. Not more than fifteen D-5j permits may be issued within a single community entertainment district. Except as otherwise provided in

division (J)(4) of this section, no quota restrictions shall be placed upon the number of D-5j permits that may be issued.

(5) The fee for a D-5j permit is ~~one~~ two thousand ~~eight~~ three hundred ~~seventy-five~~ forty-four dollars.

(K)(1) Permit D-5k may be issued to any nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 501(c)(3), as amended, that is the owner or operator of a botanical garden recognized by the American association of botanical gardens and arboreta, and that has not less than twenty-five hundred bona fide members.

(2) The holder of a D-5k permit may sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, on the premises where sold.

(3) The holder of a D-5k permit shall sell no beer or intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises where sold after one a.m.

(4) A D-5k permit shall not be transferred to another location.

(5) No quota restrictions shall be placed on the number of D-5k permits that may be issued.

(6) The fee for the D-5k permit is one thousand ~~five~~ eight hundred seventy-five dollars.

Sec. 4303.182. (A) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (B) to (G) of this section, permit D-6 shall be issued to the holder of an A-1-A, A-2, C-2, D-2, D-3, D-4, D-4a, D-5, D-5a, D-5b, D-5c, D-5d, D-5e, D-5f, ~~D-5g,~~ D-5h, D-5i, D-5j, D-5k, or D-7 permit to allow sale under that permit between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight, or between the hours of one p.m. and midnight, on Sunday, as applicable, if that sale has been authorized under section 4301.361, 4301.364, 4301.365, or 4301.366 of the Revised Code and under the restrictions of that authorization.

(B) Permit D-6 shall be issued to the holder of any permit, including a D-4a and D-5d permit, authorizing the sale of intoxicating liquor issued for a premises located at any publicly owned airport, as defined in section 4563.01 of the Revised Code, at which commercial airline companies operate regularly scheduled flights on which space is available to the public, to allow sale under such permit between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight on Sunday, whether or not that sale has been authorized under section 4301.361, 4301.364, 4301.365, or 4301.366 of the Revised Code.

(C) Permit D-6 shall be issued to the holder of a D-5a permit, and to the holder of a D-3 or D-3a permit who is the owner or operator of a hotel or motel that is required to be licensed under section 3731.03 of the Revised Code, that contains at least fifty rooms for registered transient guests, and

that has on its premises a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed pursuant to Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter and is affiliated with the hotel or motel and within or contiguous to the hotel or motel and serving food within the hotel or motel, to allow sale under such permit between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight on Sunday, whether or not that sale has been authorized under section 4301.361, 4301.364, 4301.365, or 4301.366 of the Revised Code.

(D) The holder of a D-6 permit that is issued to a sports facility may make sales under the permit between the hours of eleven a.m. and midnight on any Sunday on which a professional baseball, basketball, football, hockey, or soccer game is being played at the sports facility. As used in this division, "sports facility" means a stadium or arena that has a seating capacity of at least four thousand and that is owned or leased by a professional baseball, basketball, football, hockey, or soccer franchise or any combination of those franchises.

(E) Permit D-6 shall be issued to the holder of any permit that authorizes the sale of beer or intoxicating liquor and that is issued to a premises located in or at the Ohio historical society area or the state fairgrounds, as defined in division (B) of section 4301.40 of the Revised Code, to allow sale under that permit between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight on Sunday, whether or not that sale has been authorized under section 4301.361, 4301.364, 4301.365, or 4301.366 of the Revised Code.

(F) Permit D-6 shall be issued to the holder of any permit that authorizes the sale of intoxicating liquor and that is issued to an outdoor performing arts center to allow sale under that permit between the hours of one p.m. and midnight on Sunday, whether or not that sale has been authorized under section 4301.361 of the Revised Code. A D-6 permit issued under this division is subject to the results of an election, held after the D-6 permit is issued, on question (B)(4) as set forth in section 4301.351 of the Revised Code. Following the end of the period during which an election may be held on question (B)(4) as set forth in that section, sales of intoxicating liquor may continue at an outdoor performing arts center under a D-6 permit issued under this division, unless an election on that question is held during the permitted period and a majority of the voters voting in the precinct on that question vote "no."

As used in this division, "outdoor performing arts center" means an outdoor performing arts center that is located on not less than eight hundred acres of land and that is open for performances from the first day of April to the last day of October of each year.

(G) Permit D-6 shall be issued to the holder of any permit that authorizes the sale of beer or intoxicating liquor and that is issued to a golf course owned by the state, a conservancy district, a park district created under Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code, or another political subdivision to allow sale under that permit between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight on Sunday, whether or not that sale has been authorized under section 4301.361, 4301.364, 4301.365, or 4301.366 of the Revised Code.

(H) Permit D-6 shall be issued to the holder of a D-5g permit to allow sale under that permit between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight on Sunday, whether or not that sale has been authorized under section 4301.361, 4301.364, 4301.365, or 4301.366 of the Revised Code.

(I) If the restriction to licensed premises where the sale of food and other goods and services exceeds fifty per cent of the total gross receipts of the permit holder at the premises is applicable, the division of liquor control may accept an affidavit from the permit holder to show the proportion of the permit holder's gross receipts derived from the sale of food and other goods and services. If the liquor control commission determines that affidavit to have been false, it shall revoke the permits of the permit holder at the premises concerned.

~~(I)~~(J) The fee for the D-6 permit is ~~two~~ five hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars when it is issued to the holder of an A-1-A, A-2, D-2, D-3, D-3a, D-4, D-4a, D-5, D-5a, D-5b, D-5c, D-5d, D-5e, D-5f, D-5g, D-5h, D-5i, D-5j, D-5k, or D-7 permit. The fee for the D-6 permit is ~~two~~ four hundred dollars when it is issued to the holder of a C-2 permit.

Sec. 4303.183. Permit D-7 may be issued to the holder of any D-2 permit issued by the division of liquor control, or if there is an insufficient number of D-2 permit holders to fill the resort quota, to the operator of a retail food establishment or a food service operation required to be licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter and which qualifies under the other requirements of this section, to sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold. Not less than fifty per cent of the business on the permit premises shall be preparing and serving meals for a consideration in order to qualify for and continue to hold such D-7 permit. The permit premises shall be located in a resort area.

"Resort area" means a municipal corporation, township, county, or any combination thereof, which provides entertainment, recreation, and transient housing facilities specifically intended to provide leisure time activities for persons other than those whose permanent residence is within the "resort

area" and who increase the population of the "resort area" on a seasonal basis, and which experiences seasonal peaks of employment and governmental services as a direct result of population increase generated by the transient, recreating public. A resort season shall begin on the first day of May and end on the last day of October. Notwithstanding section 4303.27 of the Revised Code, such permits may be issued for resort seasons without regard to the calendar year or permit year. Quota restrictions on the number of such permits shall take into consideration the transient population during the resort season, the custom and habits of visitors and tourists, and the promotion of the resort and tourist industry. The fee for this permit is ~~three~~ four hundred ~~seventy-five~~ sixty-nine dollars per month.

Any suspension of a D-7 permit shall be satisfied during the resort season in which such suspension becomes final. If such suspension becomes final during the off-season, or if the period of the suspension extends beyond the last day of October, the suspension or remainder thereof shall be satisfied during the next resort season.

The ownership of a D-7 permit may be transferred from one permit holder to another. The holder of a D-7 permit may file an application to transfer such permit to a new location within the same resort area, provided that such permit holder shall be the owner or operator of a retail food establishment or a food service operation, required to be licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code, that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter, at such new location.

Sec. 4303.184. (A) Subject to division (B) of this section, a D-8 permit may be issued to the holder of a C-1, C-2, or C-2x permit issued to a retail store that has either of the following characteristics:

(1) The store has at least five thousand five hundred square feet of floor area, and it generates more than sixty per cent of its sales in general merchandise items and food for consumption off the premises where sold.

(2) Wine constitutes at least sixty per cent of the value of the store's inventory.

(B) A D-8 permit may be issued to the holder of a C-1, C-2, or C-2x permit only if the premises of the permit holder are located in a precinct, or at a particular location in a precinct, in which the sale of beer, wine, or mixed beverages is permitted for consumption off the premises where sold. Sales under a D-8 permit are not affected by whether sales for consumption on the premises where sold are permitted in the precinct or at the particular location where the D-8 premises are located.

(C) The holder of a D-8 permit may sell tasting samples of beer, wine, and mixed beverages, but not spirituous liquor, at retail, for consumption on

the premises where sold in an amount not to exceed two ounces or another amount designated by rule of the liquor control commission. A tasting sample shall not be sold for general consumption. No D-8 permit holder shall allow any authorized purchaser to consume more than four tasting samples of beer, wine, or mixed beverages, or any combination of beer, wine, or mixed beverages, per day.

(D) The privileges authorized under a D-8 permit may only be exercised in conjunction with and during the hours of operation authorized by a C-1, C-2, C-2x, or D-6 permit.

(E) A D-8 permit shall not be transferred to another location.

(F) The fee for the D-8 permit is ~~two~~ five hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars.

(G) The holder of a D-8 permit shall cause an independent audit to be performed at the end of the first full year of operation following issuance of the permit, and at the end of each second year thereafter, in order to verify that the permit holder satisfies the applicable requirement of division (A)(1) or (2) of this section. The permit holder shall transmit the results of the independent audit to the division of liquor control. If the results of the audit indicate noncompliance with division (A) of this section, the division shall not renew the D-8 permit of the permit holder.

Sec. 4303.19. Permit E may be issued to the owner or operator of any railroad, a sleeping car company operating dining cars, buffet cars, club cars, lounge cars, or similar equipment, or an airline providing charter or regularly scheduled aircraft transportation service with dining, buffet, club, lounge, or similar facilities, to sell beer or any intoxicating liquor in any such car or aircraft to bona fide passengers at retail in glass and from the container for consumption in such car or aircraft, including sale on Sunday between the hours of one p.m. and midnight. The fee for this permit is ~~two~~ five hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars.

Sec. 4303.20. Permit F may be issued to an association of ten or more persons, a labor union, or a charitable organization, or to an employer of ten or more persons sponsoring a function for ~~his~~ the employer's employees, to purchase from the holders of A-1 and B-1 permits and to sell beer for a period lasting not to exceed five days. No more than two such permits may be issued to the same applicant in any thirty-day period.

The special function for which ~~such~~ the permit is issued shall include a social, recreational, benevolent, charitable, fraternal, political, patriotic, or athletic purpose but shall not include any function the proceeds of which are for the profit or gain of any individual. The fee for this permit is ~~twenty~~ forty dollars.

Sec. 4303.201. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Convention facility" means any structure owned or leased by a municipal corporation or county which was expressly designed and constructed and is currently used for the purpose of presenting conventions, public meetings, and exhibitions.

(2) "Nonprofit organization" means any unincorporated association or nonprofit corporation that is not formed for the pecuniary gain or profit of, and whose net earnings or any part thereof is not distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons; provided, that the payment of reasonable compensation for services rendered and the distribution of assets on dissolution shall not be considered pecuniary gain or profit or distribution of earnings in an association or corporation all of whose members are nonprofit corporations. Distribution of earnings to member organizations does not deprive it of the status of a nonprofit organization.

(B) An F-1 permit may be issued to any nonprofit organization to allow the nonprofit organization and its members and their guests to lawfully bring beer, wine, and intoxicating liquor in its original package, flasks, or other containers into a convention facility for consumption therein, if both of the following requirements are met:

(1) The superintendent of liquor control is satisfied the organization meets the definition of a nonprofit organization as set forth in division (A)(2) of this section, the nonprofit organization's membership includes persons residing in two or more states, and the organization's total membership is in excess of five hundred. The superintendent may accept a sworn statement by the president or other chief executive officer of the nonprofit organization as proof of the matters required in this division.

(2) The managing official or employee of the convention facility has given written consent to the use of the convention facility and to the application for the F-1 permit, as shown in the nonprofit organization's application to the superintendent.

(C) The superintendent shall specify individually the effective period of each F-1 permit on the permit, which shall not exceed three days. The fee for an F-1 permit is ~~one~~ two hundred ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars. The superintendent shall prepare and make available application forms to request F-1 permits and may require applicants to furnish such information as the superintendent determines to be necessary for the administration of this section.

(D) No holder of an F-1 permit shall make a specific charge for beer, wine, or intoxicating liquor by the drink, or in its original package, flasks, or other containers in connection with its use of the convention facility under

the permit.

Sec. 4303.202. (A) The division of liquor control may issue an F-2 permit to an association or corporation, or to a recognized subordinate lodge, chapter, or other local unit of an association or corporation, to sell beer or intoxicating liquor by the individual drink at an event to be held on premises located in a political subdivision or part thereof where the sale of beer or intoxicating liquor on that day is otherwise permitted by law.

The division of liquor control may issue an F-2 permit to an association or corporation, or to a recognized subordinate lodge, chapter, or other local unit of an association or corporation, to sell beer, wine, and spirituous liquor by the individual drink at an event to be held on premises located in a political subdivision or part thereof where the sale of beer and wine, but not spirituous liquor, is otherwise permitted by law on that day.

Notwithstanding section 1711.09 of the Revised Code, this section applies to any association or corporation or a recognized subordinate lodge, chapter, or other local unit of an association or corporation.

In order to receive an F-2 permit, the association, corporation, or local unit shall be organized not for profit, shall be operated for a charitable, cultural, fraternal, or educational purpose, and shall not be affiliated with the holder of any class of liquor permit, other than a D-4 permit.

The premises on which the permit is to be used shall be clearly defined and sufficiently restricted to allow proper supervision of the permit use by state and local law enforcement personnel. An F-2 permit may be issued for the same premises for which another class of permit is issued.

No F-2 permit shall be effective for more than forty-eight consecutive hours, and sales shall be confined to the same hours permitted to the holder of a D-3 permit. The division shall not issue more than two F-2 permits in one calendar year to the same association, corporation, or local unit of an association or corporation. The fee for an F-2 permit is ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred fifty dollars.

If an applicant wishes the holder of a D-3, D-4, or D-5 permit to conduct the sale of beer and intoxicating liquor at the event, the applicant may request that the F-2 permit be issued jointly to the association, corporation, or local unit and the D-permit holder. If a permit is issued jointly, the association, corporation, or local unit and the D-permit holder shall both be held responsible for any conduct that violates laws pertaining to the sale of alcoholic beverages, including sales by the D-permit holder; otherwise, the association, corporation, or local unit shall be held responsible. In addition to the permit fee paid by the association, corporation, or local unit, the D-permit holder shall pay a fee of ten dollars.

A D-permit holder may receive an unlimited number of joint F-2 permits.

Any association, corporation, or local unit applying for an F-2 permit shall file with the application a statement of the organizational purpose of the association, corporation, or local unit, the location and purpose of the event, and a list of its officers. The application form shall contain a notice that a person who knowingly makes a false statement on the application or statement is guilty of the crime of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree. In ruling on an application, the division shall consider, among other things, the past activities of the association, corporation, or local unit and any D-permit holder while operating under other F-2 permits, the location of the event for which the current application is made, and any objections of local residents or law enforcement authorities. If the division approves the application, it shall send copies of the approved application to the proper law enforcement authorities prior to the scheduled event.

Using the procedures of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the liquor control commission may adopt such rules as are necessary to administer this section.

(B) No association, corporation, local unit of an association or corporation, or D-permit holder who holds an F-2 permit shall sell beer or intoxicating liquor beyond the hours of sale allowed by the permit. This division imposes strict liability on the holder of such permit and on any officer, agent, or employee of such permit holder.

Sec. 4303.203. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Convention facility" and "nonprofit corporation" have the same meanings as in section 4303.201 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Hotel" means a hotel described in section 3731.01 of the Revised Code that has at least fifty rooms for registered transient guests and that is required to be licensed pursuant to section 3731.03 of the Revised Code.

(B) An F-3 permit may be issued to an organization whose primary purpose is to support, promote, and educate members of the beer, wine, or mixed beverage industries, to allow the organization to bring beer, wine, or mixed beverages in their original packages or containers into a convention facility or hotel for consumption in the facility or hotel, if all of the following requirements are met:

(1) The superintendent of liquor control is satisfied that the organization is a nonprofit organization and that the organization's membership is in excess of two hundred fifty persons.

(2) The general manager or the equivalent officer of the convention facility or hotel provides a written consent for the use of a portion of the facility or hotel by the organization and a written statement that the facility's

or hotel's permit privileges will be suspended in the portion of the facility or hotel in which the F-3 permit is in force.

(3) The organization provides a written description that clearly sets forth the portion of the convention facility or hotel in which the F-3 permit will be used.

(4) The organization provides a written statement as to its primary purpose and the purpose of its event at the convention facility or hotel.

(5) Division (C) of this section does not apply.

(C) No F-3 permit shall be issued to any nonprofit organization that is created by or for a specific manufacturer, supplier, distributor, or retailer of beer, wine, or mixed beverages.

(D) Notwithstanding division (E) of section 4301.22 of the Revised Code, a holder of an F-3 permit may obtain by donation beer, wine, or mixed beverages from any manufacturer or producer of beer, wine, or mixed beverages.

(E) Nothing in this chapter prohibits the holder of an F-3 permit from bringing into the portion of the convention facility or hotel covered by the permit beer, wine, or mixed beverages otherwise not approved for sale in this state.

(F) Notwithstanding division (E) of section 4301.22 of the Revised Code, no holder of an F-3 permit shall make any charge for any beer, wine, or mixed beverage served by the drink, or in its original package or container, in connection with the use of the portion of the convention facility or hotel covered by the permit.

(G) The division of liquor control shall prepare and make available an F-3 permit application form and may require applicants for the permit to provide information, in addition to that required by this section, that is necessary for the administration of this section.

(H) An F-3 permit shall be effective for a period not to exceed five consecutive days. The division of liquor control shall not issue more than three F-3 permits per calendar year to the same nonprofit organization. The fee for an F-3 permit is ~~one~~ three hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars.

Sec. 4303.204. (A) The division of liquor control may issue an F-4 permit to an association or corporation organized not-for-profit in this state to conduct an event that includes the introduction, showcasing, or promotion of Ohio wines, if the event has all of the following characteristics:

(1) It is coordinated by that association or corporation, and the association or corporation is responsible for the activities at it.

(2) It has as one of its purposes the intent to introduce, showcase, or promote Ohio wines to persons who attend it.

(3) It includes the sale of food for consumption on the premises where sold.

(4) It features at least three A-2 permit holders who sell Ohio wine at it.

(B) The holder of an F-4 permit may furnish, without charge, wine that it has obtained from the A-2 permit holders that are participating in the event for which the F-4 permit is issued, in two-ounce samples for consumption on the premises where furnished and may sell such wine by the glass for consumption on the premises where sold. The holder of an A-2 permit that is participating in the event for which the F-4 permit is issued may sell wine that it has manufactured, in sealed containers for consumption off the premises where sold. Wine may be furnished or sold on the premises of the event for which the F-4 permit is issued only where and when the sale of wine is otherwise permitted by law.

(C) The premises of the event for which the F-4 permit is issued shall be clearly defined and sufficiently restricted to allow proper enforcement of the permit by state and local law enforcement officers. If an F-4 permit is issued for all or a portion of the same premises for which another class of permit is issued, that permit holder's privileges will be suspended in that portion of the premises in which the F-4 permit is in effect.

(D) No F-4 permit shall be effective for more than seventy-two consecutive hours. No sales or furnishing of wine shall take place under an F-4 permit after one a.m.

(E) The division shall not issue more than six F-4 permits to the same not-for-profit association or corporation in any one calendar year.

(F) An applicant for an F-4 permit shall apply for the permit not later than thirty days prior to the first day of the event for which the permit is sought. The application for the permit shall list all of the A-2 permit holders that will participate in the event for which the F-4 permit is sought. The fee for the F-4 permit is ~~thirty~~ sixty dollars per day.

The division shall prepare and make available an F-4 permit application form and may require applicants for and holders of the F-4 permit to provide information that is in addition to that required by this section and that is necessary for the administration of this section.

(G)(1) The holder of an F-4 permit is responsible for, and is subject to penalties for, any violations of this chapter or Chapter 4301. of the Revised Code or the rules adopted under this and that chapter.

(2) An F-4 permit holder shall not allow an A-2 permit holder to participate in the event for which the F-4 permit is issued if the A-2 or A-1-A permit of that A-2 permit holder is under suspension.

(3) The division may refuse to issue an F-4 permit to an applicant who

has violated any provision of this chapter or Chapter 4301. of the Revised Code during the applicant's previous operation under an F-4 permit, for a period of up to two years after the date of the violation.

(H)(1) Notwithstanding division (E) of section 4301.22 of the Revised Code, an A-2 permit holder that participates in an event for which an F-4 permit is issued may donate wine that it has manufactured to the holder of that F-4 permit. The holder of an F-4 permit may return unused and sealed containers of wine to the A-2 permit holder that donated the wine at the conclusion of the event for which the F-4 permit was issued.

(2) The participation by an A-2 permit holder or its employees in an event for which an F-4 permit is issued does not violate section 4301.24 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4303.205. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Festival" means an event organized by a nonprofit organization that includes food, music, and entertainment and the participation of at least five riverboats.

(2) "Nonprofit organization" has the same meaning as in section 4303.201 of the Revised Code.

(B) The division of liquor control may issue an F-5 permit to the owner or operator of a riverboat that has a capacity in excess of fifty-five persons, that is not regularly docked in this state, and whose owner or operator has entered into a written contract with a nonprofit organization for the riverboat to participate in a festival.

(C) The holder of an F-5 permit may sell beer and any intoxicating liquor, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold until one a.m., on any day of the week, including Sunday.

(D) The division shall prepare and make available an F-5 permit application form and may require applicants for the permit to provide information, in addition to that required by this section, that is necessary for the administration of this section.

(E) Sales under an F-5 permit are not affected by whether sales of beer or intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises where sold are permitted to be made by persons holding another type of permit in the precinct or at the particular location where the riverboat is located.

(F) No F-5 permit shall be in effect for more than six consecutive days.

(G) The division shall not issue more than one F-5 permit in any one calendar year for the same riverboat.

(H) The fee for an F-5 permit is one hundred eighty dollars.

Sec. 4303.21. Permit G may be issued to the owner of a pharmacy in

charge of a licensed pharmacist to be named in ~~such~~ the permit for the sale at retail of alcohol for medicinal purposes in quantities at each sale of not more than one gallon upon the written prescription of a physician or dentist who is lawfully and regularly engaged in the practice of the physician's or dentist's profession in this state, and for the sale of industrial alcohol for mechanical, chemical, or scientific purposes to a person known by the seller to be engaged in ~~such~~ mechanical, chemical, or scientific pursuits; all subject to section 4303.34 of the Revised Code. The fee for this permit ~~if fifty~~ is one hundred dollars.

Sec. 4303.22. Permit H may be issued for a fee of ~~one~~ three hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars to a carrier by motor vehicle who also holds a license issued by the public utilities commission to transport beer, intoxicating liquor, and alcohol, or any of them, in this state for delivery or use in this state. This section does not prevent the division of liquor control from contracting with common or contract carriers for the delivery or transportation of liquor for the division, and any contract or common carrier so contracting with the division is eligible for an H permit. Manufacturers or wholesale distributors of beer or intoxicating liquor other than spirituous liquor who transport or deliver their own products to or from their premises licensed under this chapter and Chapter 4301. of the Revised Code by their own trucks as an incident to the purchase or sale of such beverages need not obtain an H permit. Carriers by rail shall receive an H permit upon application for it.

This section does not prevent the division from issuing, upon the payment of the permit fee, an H permit to any person, partnership, firm, or corporation licensed by any other state to engage in the business of manufacturing and brewing or producing beer, wine, and mixed beverages or any person, partnership, firm, or corporation licensed by the United States or any other state to engage in the business of importing beer, wine, and mixed beverages manufactured outside the United States. The manufacturer, brewer, or importer of products manufactured outside the United States, upon the issuance of an H permit, may transport, ship, and deliver only its own products to holders of B-1 or B-5 permits in Ohio in motor trucks and equipment owned and operated by such class H permit holder. No H permit shall be issued by the division to such applicant until the applicant files with the division a liability insurance certificate or policy satisfactory to the division, in a sum of not less than one thousand nor more than five thousand dollars for property damage and for not less than five thousand nor more than fifty thousand dollars for loss sustained by reason of injury or death and with such other terms as the division considers necessary to adequately protect the interest of the public, having due regard for the number of

persons and amount of property affected. The certificate or policy shall insure the manufacturer, brewer, or importer of products manufactured outside the United States against loss sustained by reason of the death of or injury to persons, and for loss of or damage to property, from the negligence of such class H permit holder in the operation of its motor vehicles or equipment in this state.

Sec. 4303.23. Permit I may be issued to wholesale druggists to purchase alcohol from the holders of A-3 permits and to import alcohol into ~~Ohio~~ this state subject to ~~such~~ terms ~~as are~~ imposed by the division of liquor control; to sell at wholesale to physicians, dentists, druggists, veterinary surgeons, manufacturers, hospitals, infirmaries, and medical or educational institutions using such alcohol for medicinal, mechanical, chemical, or scientific purposes, and to holders of G permits for nonbeverage purposes only; and to sell alcohol at retail in total quantities at each sale of not more than one quart, upon the written prescription of a physician or dentist who is lawfully and regularly engaged in the practice of ~~his~~ the physician's or dentist's profession in this state. The sale of alcohol under this section is subject to section 4303.34 of the Revised Code. The fee for this permit is ~~one~~ two hundred dollars.

"Wholesale druggists," as used in this section includes all persons holding federal wholesale liquor dealers' licenses and who are engaged in the sale of medicinal drugs, proprietary medicines, and surgical and medical appliances and apparatus, at wholesale.

Sec. 4303.231. Permit W may be issued to a manufacturer or supplier of beer or intoxicating liquor to operate a warehouse for the storage of beer or intoxicating liquor within this state and to sell ~~such~~ those products from the warehouse only to holders of B permits in this state and to other customers outside this state under rules promulgated by the liquor control commission. Each holder of a B permit with a consent to import on file with the division of liquor control may purchase beer or intoxicating liquor if designated by the permit to make ~~such~~ those purchases, from the holder of a W permit. The fee for a W permit is one thousand ~~two~~ five hundred ~~fifty~~ sixty-three dollars for each warehouse during the year covered by the permit.

Sec. 4501.06. The taxes, fees, and fines levied, charged, or referred to in division (C)(1) of section 4503.10, division (D) of section 4503.182, and sections 4505.11, 4505.111, 4506.08, 4506.09, 4507.23, 4508.05, 4923.12, and 5502.12 of the Revised Code, unless otherwise designated by law, shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the state highway safety fund, which is hereby created, and shall, after receipt of certifications from the commissioners of the sinking fund certifying, as required by sections

5528.15 and 5528.35 of the Revised Code, that there are sufficient moneys to the credit of the highway improvement bond retirement fund created by section 5528.12 of the Revised Code to meet in full all payments of interest, principal, and charges for the retirement of bonds and other obligations issued pursuant to Section 2g of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and sections 5528.10 and 5528.11 of the Revised Code due and payable during the current calendar year, and that there are sufficient moneys to the credit of the highway obligations bond retirement fund created by section 5528.32 of the Revised Code to meet in full all payments of interest, principal, and charges for the retirement of highway obligations issued pursuant to Section 2i of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and sections 5528.30 and 5528.31 of the Revised Code due and payable during the current calendar year, be used for the purpose of enforcing and paying the expenses of administering the law relative to the registration and operation of motor vehicles on the public roads or highways. Amounts credited to the fund may also be used to pay the expenses of administering and enforcing the laws under which such fees were collected. All investment earnings of the state highway safety fund shall be credited to the fund.

Sec. 4503.06. (A) The owner of each manufactured or mobile home that has acquired situs in this state shall pay either a real property tax pursuant to Title LVII of the Revised Code or a manufactured home tax pursuant to division (C) of this section.

(B) The owner of a manufactured or mobile home shall pay real property taxes if either of the following applies:

(1) The manufactured or mobile home acquired situs in the state or ownership in the home was transferred on or after January 1, 2000, and all of the following apply:

(a) The home is affixed to a permanent foundation as defined in division (C)(5) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code;

(b) The home is located on land that is owned by the owner of the home;

(c) The certificate of title has been inactivated by the clerk of the court of common pleas that issued it, pursuant to division (H) of section 4505.11 of the Revised Code.

(2) The manufactured or mobile home acquired situs in the state or ownership in the home was transferred before January 1, 2000, and all of the following apply:

(a) The home is affixed to a permanent foundation as defined in division (C)(5) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code;

(b) The home is located on land that is owned by the owner of the home;

(c) The owner of the home has elected to have the home taxed as real

property and, pursuant to section 4505.11 of the Revised Code, has surrendered the certificate of title to the auditor of the county containing the taxing district in which the home has its situs, together with proof that all taxes have been paid;

(d) The county auditor has placed the home on the real property tax list and delivered the certificate of title to the clerk of the court of common pleas that issued it and the clerk has inactivated the certificate.

(C)(1) Any mobile or manufactured home that is not taxed as real property as provided in division (B) of this section is subject to an annual manufactured home tax, payable by the owner, for locating the home in this state. The tax as levied in this section is for the purpose of supplementing the general revenue funds of the local subdivisions in which the home has its situs pursuant to this section.

(2) The year for which the manufactured home tax is levied commences on the first day of January and ends on the following thirty-first day of December. The state shall have the first lien on any manufactured or mobile home on the list for the amount of taxes, penalties, and interest charged against the owner of the home under this section. The lien of the state for the tax for a year shall attach on the first day of January to a home that has acquired situs on that date. The lien for a home that has not acquired situs on the first day of January, but that acquires situs during the year, shall attach on the next first day of January. The lien shall continue until the tax, including any penalty or interest, is paid.

(3)(a) The situs of a manufactured or mobile home located in this state on the first day of January is the local taxing district in which the home is located on that date.

(b) The situs of a manufactured or mobile home not located in this state on the first day of January, but located in this state subsequent to that date, is the local taxing district in which the home is located thirty days after it is acquired or first enters this state.

(4) The tax is collected by and paid to the county treasurer of the county containing the taxing district in which the home has its situs.

(D) The manufactured home tax shall be computed and assessed by the county auditor of the county containing the taxing district in which the home has its situs as follows:

(1) On a home that acquired situs in this state prior to January 1, 2000;

(a) By multiplying the assessable value of the home by the tax rate of the taxing district in which the home has its situs, and deducting from the product thus obtained any reduction authorized under section 4503.065 of the Revised Code. The tax levied under this formula shall not be less than

thirty-six dollars, unless the home qualifies for a reduction in assessable value under section 4503.065 of the Revised Code, in which case there shall be no minimum tax and the tax shall be the amount calculated under this division.

(b) The assessable value of the home shall be forty per cent of the amount arrived at by the following computation:

(i) If the cost to the owner, or market value at time of purchase, whichever is greater, of the home includes the furnishings and equipment, such cost or market value shall be multiplied according to the following schedule:

For the first calendar year in which the home is owned by the current owner		80%
2nd calendar year	x	75%
3rd "	x	70%
4th "	x	65%
5th "	x	60%
6th "	x	55%
7th "	x	50%
8th "	x	45%
9th "	x	40%
10th and each year thereafter		35%

The first calendar year means any period between the first day of January and the thirty-first day of December of the first year.

(ii) If the cost to the owner, or market value at the time of purchase, whichever is greater, of the home does not include the furnishings and equipment, such cost or market value shall be multiplied according to the following schedule:

For the first calendar year in which the home is owned by the current owner		95%
2nd calendar year	x	90%
3rd "	x	85%
4th "	x	80%
5th "	x	75%
6th "	x	70%
7th "	x	65%
8th "	x	60%

9th "	x	55%
10th and each year thereafter		50%

The first calendar year means any period between the first day of January and the thirty-first day of December of the first year.

(2) On a home in which ownership was transferred or that first acquired situs in this state on or after January 1, 2000:

(a) By multiplying the assessable value of the home by the effective tax rate, as defined in section 323.08 of the Revised Code, for residential real property of the taxing district in which the home has its situs, and deducting from the product thus obtained the reductions required or authorized under section 319.302, division (B) of section 323.152, or section 4503.065 of the Revised Code.

(b) The assessable value of the home shall be thirty-five per cent of its true value as determined under division (L) of this section.

(3) On or before the fifteenth day of January each year, the auditor shall record the assessable value and the amount of tax on the manufactured or mobile home on the tax list and deliver a duplicate of the list to the county treasurer. In the case of an emergency as defined in section 323.17 of the Revised Code, the tax commissioner, by journal entry, may extend the times for delivery of the duplicate for an additional fifteen days upon receiving a written application from the county auditor regarding an extension for the delivery of the duplicate, or from the county treasurer regarding an extension of the time for the billing and collection of taxes. The application shall contain a statement describing the emergency that will cause the unavoidable delay and must be received by the tax commissioner on or before the last day of the month preceding the day delivery of the duplicate is otherwise required. When an extension is granted for delivery of the duplicate, the time period for payment of taxes shall be extended for a like period of time. When a delay in the closing of a tax collection period becomes unavoidable, the tax commissioner, upon application by the county auditor and county treasurer, may order the time for payment of taxes to be extended if the tax commissioner determines that penalties have accrued or would otherwise accrue for reasons beyond the control of the taxpayers of the county. The order shall prescribe the final extended date for payment of taxes for that collection period.

(4) After January 1, 1999, the owner of a manufactured or mobile home taxed pursuant to division (D)(1) of this section may elect to have the home taxed pursuant to division (D)(2) of this section by filing a written request with the county auditor of the taxing district in which the home is located on or before the first day of December of any year. Upon the filing of the

request, the county auditor shall determine whether all taxes levied under division (D)(1) of this section have been paid, and if those taxes have been paid, the county auditor shall tax the manufactured or mobile home pursuant to division (D)(2) of this section commencing in the next tax year.

(5) A manufactured or mobile home that acquired situs in this state prior to January 1, 2000, shall be taxed pursuant to division (D)(2) of this section if no manufactured home tax had been paid for the home and the home was not exempted from taxation pursuant to division (E) of this section for the year for which the taxes were not paid.

(6)(a) Immediately upon receipt of any manufactured home tax duplicate from the county auditor, but not less than twenty days prior to the last date on which the first one-half taxes may be paid without penalty as prescribed in division (F) of this section, the county treasurer shall cause to be prepared and mailed or delivered to each person charged on that duplicate with taxes, or to an agent designated by such person, the tax bill prescribed by the tax commissioner under division (D)(7) of this section. When taxes are paid by installments, the county treasurer shall mail or deliver to each person charged on such duplicate or the agent designated by such person a second tax bill showing the amount due at the time of the second tax collection. The second half tax bill shall be mailed or delivered at least twenty days prior to the close of the second half tax collection period. A change in the mailing address of any tax bill shall be made in writing to the county treasurer. Failure to receive a bill required by this section does not excuse failure or delay to pay any taxes shown on the bill or, except as provided in division ~~(A)~~(B)(1) of section 5715.39 of the Revised Code, avoid any penalty, interest, or charge for such delay.

(b) After delivery of the copy of the delinquent manufactured home tax list under division (H) of this section, the county treasurer may prepare and mail to each person in whose name a home is listed an additional tax bill showing the total amount of delinquent taxes charged against the home as shown on the list. The tax bill shall include a notice that the interest charge prescribed by division (G) of this section has begun to accrue.

(7) Each tax bill prepared and mailed or delivered under division (D)(6) of this section shall be in the form and contain the information required by the tax commissioner. The commissioner may prescribe different forms for each county and may authorize the county auditor to make up tax bills and tax receipts to be used by the county treasurer. The tax bill shall not contain or be mailed or delivered with any information or material that is not required by this section or that is not authorized by section 321.45 of the Revised Code or by the tax commissioner. In addition to the information

required by the commissioner, each tax bill shall contain the following information:

(a) The taxes levied and the taxes charged and payable against the manufactured or mobile home;

(b) The following notice: "Notice: If the taxes are not paid within sixty days after the county auditor delivers the delinquent manufactured home tax list to the county treasurer, you and your home may be subject to collection proceedings for tax delinquency." Failure to provide such notice has no effect upon the validity of any tax judgment to which a home may be subjected.

(c) In the case of manufactured or mobile homes taxed under division (D)(2) of this section, the following additional information:

(i) The effective tax rate. The words "effective tax rate" shall appear in boldface type.

(ii) The following notice: "Notice: If the taxes charged against this home have been reduced by the 2-1/2 per cent tax reduction for residences occupied by the owner but the home is not a residence occupied by the owner, the owner must notify the county auditor's office not later than March 31 of the year for which the taxes are due. Failure to do so may result in the owner being convicted of a fourth degree misdemeanor, which is punishable by imprisonment up to 30 days, a fine up to $250, or both, and in the owner having to repay the amount by which the taxes were erroneously or illegally reduced, plus any interest that may apply.

If the taxes charged against this home have not been reduced by the 2-1/2 per cent tax reduction and the home is a residence occupied by the owner, the home may qualify for the tax reduction. To obtain an application for the tax reduction or further information, the owner may contact the county auditor's office at ..... (insert the address and telephone number of the county auditor's office)."

(E)(1) A manufactured or mobile home is not subject to this section when any of the following applies:

(a) It is taxable as personal property pursuant to section 5709.01 of the Revised Code. Any manufactured or mobile home that is used as a residence shall be subject to this section and shall not be taxable as personal property pursuant to section 5709.01 of the Revised Code.

(b) It bears a license plate issued by any state other than this state unless the home is in this state in excess of an accumulative period of thirty days in any calendar year.

(c) The annual tax has been paid on the home in this state for the current year.

(d) The tax commissioner has determined, pursuant to section 5715.27 of the Revised Code, that the property is exempt from taxation, or would be exempt from taxation under Chapter 5709. of the Revised Code if it were classified as real property.

(2) A travel trailer or park trailer, as these terms are defined in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code, is not subject to this section if it is unused or unoccupied and stored at the owner's normal place of residence or at a recognized storage facility.

(3) A travel trailer or park trailer, as these terms are defined in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code, is subject to this section and shall be taxed as a manufactured or mobile home if it has a situs longer than thirty days in one location and is connected to existing utilities, unless either of the following applies:

(a) The situs is in a state facility or a camping or park area as defined in division (B), (G), (H), or (R) of section 3733.01 of the Revised Code;

(b) The situs is in a camping or park area that is a tract of land that has been limited to recreational use by deed or zoning restrictions and subdivided for sale of five or more individual lots for the express or implied purpose of occupancy by either self-contained recreational vehicles as defined in division (E) of section 3733.01 of the Revised Code or by dependent recreational vehicles as defined in division (F) of section 3733.01 of the Revised Code.

(F) Except as provided in division (D)(3) of this section, the manufactured home tax is due and payable as follows:

(1) When a manufactured or mobile home has a situs in this state, as provided in this section, on the first day of January, one-half of the amount of the tax is due and payable on or before the first day of March and the balance is due and payable on or before the thirty-first day of July. At the option of the owner of the home, the tax for the entire year may be paid in full on the first day of March.

(2) When a manufactured or mobile home first acquires a situs in this state after the first day of January, no tax is due and payable for that year.

(G)(1) If one-half of the current taxes charged under this section against a manufactured or mobile home, together with the full amount of any delinquent taxes or any installment thereof required to be paid under a written undertaking, are not paid on or before the thirty-first day of January in that year, or on or before the last day for such payment as extended pursuant to section 4503.063 of the Revised Code, a penalty of ten per cent shall be charged against the unpaid balance of such half of the current taxes. If the total amount of all such taxes is not paid on or before the thirty-first

day of July, next thereafter, or on or before the last day for such payment as extended pursuant to section 4503.063 of the Revised Code, a like penalty shall be charged on the balance of the total amount of such unpaid current taxes.

(2)(a) On the first day of the month following the last day the second installment of taxes may be paid without penalty beginning in 2000, interest shall be charged against and computed on all delinquent taxes other than the current taxes that became delinquent taxes at the close of the last day such second installment could be paid without penalty. The charge shall be for interest that accrued during the period that began on the preceding first day of December and ended on the last day of the month that included the last date such second installment could be paid without penalty. The interest shall be computed at the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code and shall be entered as a separate item on the delinquent manufactured home tax list compiled under division (H) of this section.

(b) On the first day of December beginning in 2000, the interest shall be charged against and computed on all delinquent taxes. The charge shall be for interest that accrued during the period that began on the first day of the month following the last date prescribed for the payment of the second installment of taxes in the current year and ended on the immediately preceding last day of November. The interest shall be computed at the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code and shall be entered as a separate item on the delinquent manufactured home tax list.

(c) After a valid undertaking has been entered into for the payment of any delinquent taxes, no interest shall be charged against such delinquent taxes while the undertaking remains in effect in compliance with section 323.31 of the Revised Code. If a valid undertaking becomes void, interest shall be charged against the delinquent taxes for the periods that interest was not permitted to be charged while the undertaking was in effect. The interest shall be charged on the day the undertaking becomes void and shall equal the amount of interest that would have been charged against the unpaid delinquent taxes outstanding on the dates on which interest would have been charged thereon under divisions (G)(1) and (2) of this section had the undertaking not been in effect.

(3) If the full amount of the taxes due at either of the times prescribed by division (F) of this section is paid within ten days after such time, the county treasurer shall waive the collection of and the county auditor shall remit one-half of the penalty provided for in this division for failure to make that payment by the prescribed time.

(4) The treasurer shall compile and deliver to the county auditor a list of

all tax payments the treasurer has received as provided in division (G)(3) of this section. The list shall include any information required by the auditor for the remission of the penalties waived by the treasurer. The taxes so collected shall be included in the settlement next succeeding the settlement then in process.

(H)(1) Beginning in 2000, the county auditor shall compile annually a "delinquent manufactured home tax list" consisting of homes the county treasurer's records indicate have taxes that were not paid within the time prescribed by divisions (D)(3) and (F) of this section, have taxes that remain unpaid from prior years, or have unpaid tax penalties or interest that have been assessed.

(2) Within thirty days after the settlement under division (H)(2) of section 321.24 of the Revised Code beginning in 2000, the county auditor shall deliver a copy of the delinquent manufactured home tax list to the county treasurer. The auditor shall update and publish the delinquent manufactured home tax list annually in the same manner as delinquent real property tax lists are published. The county auditor shall apportion the cost of publishing the list among taxing districts in proportion to the amount of delinquent manufactured home taxes so published that each taxing district is entitled to receive upon collection of those taxes.

(3) When taxes, penalties, or interest are charged against a person on the delinquent manufactured home tax list and are not paid within sixty days after the list is delivered to the county treasurer, the county treasurer shall, in addition to any other remedy provided by law for the collection of taxes, penalties, and interest, enforce collection of such taxes, penalties, and interest by civil action in the name of the treasurer against the owner for the recovery of the unpaid taxes following the procedures for the recovery of delinquent real property taxes in sections 323.25 to 323.28 of the Revised Code. The action may be brought in municipal or county court, provided the amount charged does not exceed the monetary limitations for original jurisdiction for civil actions in those courts.

It is sufficient, having made proper parties to the suit, for the treasurer to allege in the treasurer's bill of particulars or petition that the taxes stand chargeable on the books of the county treasurer against such person, that they are due and unpaid, and that such person is indebted in the amount of taxes appearing to be due the county. The treasurer need not set forth any other matter relating thereto. If it is found on the trial of the action that the person is indebted to the state, judgment shall be rendered in favor of the treasurer prosecuting the action. The judgment debtor is not entitled to the benefit of any law for stay of execution or exemption of property from levy

or sale on execution in the enforcement of the judgment.

(I) The total amount of taxes collected shall be distributed in the following manner: four per cent shall be allowed as compensation to the county auditor for the county auditor's service in assessing the taxes; two per cent shall be allowed as compensation to the county treasurer for the services the county treasurer renders as a result of the tax levied by this section. Such amounts shall be paid into the county treasury, to the credit of the county general revenue fund, on the warrant of the county auditor. Fees to be paid to the credit of the real estate assessment fund shall be collected pursuant to division (B) of section 319.54 of the Revised Code and paid into the county treasury, on the warrant of the county auditor. The balance of the taxes collected shall be distributed among the taxing subdivisions of the county in which the taxes are collected and paid in the same ratio as those taxes were collected for the benefit of the taxing subdivision. The taxes levied and revenues collected under this section shall be in lieu of any general property tax and any tax levied with respect to the privilege of using or occupying a manufactured or mobile home in Ohio except as provided in sections 4503.04 and 5741.02 of the Revised Code.

(J) An agreement to purchase or a bill of sale for a manufactured home shall show whether or not the furnishings and equipment are included in the purchase price.

(K) If the county treasurer and the county prosecuting attorney agree that an item charged on the delinquent manufactured home tax list is uncollectible, they shall certify that determination and the reasons to the county board of revision. If the board determines the amount is uncollectible, it shall certify its determination to the county auditor, who shall strike the item from the list.

(L)(1) The county auditor shall appraise at its true value any manufactured or mobile home in which ownership is transferred or which first acquires situs in this state on or after January 1, 2000, and any manufactured or mobile home the owner of which has elected, under division (D)(4) of this section, to have the home taxed under division (D)(2) of this section. The true value shall include the value of the home, any additions, and any fixtures, but not any furnishings in the home. In determining the true value of a manufactured or mobile home, the auditor shall consider all facts and circumstances relating to the value of the home, including its age, its capacity to function as a residence, any obsolete characteristics, and other factors that may tend to prove its true value.

(2)(a) If a manufactured or mobile home has been the subject of an arm's length sale between a willing seller and a willing buyer within a

reasonable length of time prior to the determination of true value, the auditor shall consider the sale price of the home to be the true value for taxation purposes.

(b) The sale price in an arm's length transaction between a willing seller and a willing buyer shall not be considered the true value of the home if either of the following occurred after the sale:

(i) The home has lost value due to a casualty;

(ii) An addition or fixture has been added to the home.

(3) The auditor shall have each home viewed and appraised at least once in each six-year period in the same year in which real property in the county is appraised pursuant to Chapter 5713. of the Revised Code, and shall update the appraised values in the third calendar year following the appraisal. The person viewing or appraising a home may enter the home to determine by actual view any additions or fixtures that have been added since the last appraisal. In conducting the appraisals and establishing the true value, the auditor shall follow the procedures set forth for appraising real property in sections 5713.01 and 5713.03 of the Revised Code.

(4) The auditor shall place the true value of each home on the manufactured home tax list upon completion of an appraisal.

(5)(a) If the auditor changes the true value of a home, the auditor shall notify the owner of the home in writing, delivered by mail or in person. The notice shall be given at least thirty days prior to the issuance of any tax bill that reflects the change. Failure to receive the notice does not invalidate any proceeding under this section.

(b) Any owner of a home or any other person or party listed in division (A)(1) of section 5715.19 of the Revised Code may file a complaint against the true value of the home as appraised under this section. The complaint shall be filed with the county auditor on or before the thirty-first day of March of the current tax year or the date of closing of the collection for the first half of manufactured home taxes for the current tax year, whichever is later. The auditor shall present to the county board of revision all complaints filed with the auditor under this section. The board shall hear and investigate the complaint and may take action on it as provided under sections 5715.11 to 5715.19 of the Revised Code.

(c) If the county board of revision determines, pursuant to a complaint against the valuation of a manufactured or mobile home filed under this section, that the amount of taxes, assessments, or other charges paid was in excess of the amount due based on the valuation as finally determined, then the overpayment shall be refunded in the manner prescribed in section 5715.22 of the Revised Code.

(d) Payment of all or part of a tax under this section for any year for which a complaint is pending before the county board of revision does not abate the complaint or in any way affect the hearing and determination thereof.

(M) If the county auditor determines that any tax, assessment, charge, or any part thereof has been erroneously charged as a result of a clerical error as defined in section 319.35 of the Revised Code, the county treasurer and the county board of revision shall remove the erroneous charges on the manufactured home tax list or delinquent manufactured home tax list, and refund any erroneous charges that have been collected, with interest, in the same manner as is prescribed in section 319.36 of the Revised Code for erroneous charges against real property.

(N) As used in this section and section 4503.061 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Manufactured home taxes" includes taxes, penalties, and interest charged under division (C) or (G) of this section and any penalties charged under division (G) or (H)(5) of section 4503.061 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Current taxes" means all manufactured home taxes charged against a manufactured or mobile home that have not appeared on the manufactured home tax list for any prior year. Current taxes become delinquent taxes if they remain unpaid after the last day prescribed for payment of the second installment of current taxes without penalty, whether or not they have been certified delinquent.

(3) "Delinquent taxes" means:

(a) Any manufactured home taxes that were charged against a manufactured or mobile home for a prior year, including any penalties or interest charged for a prior year, and that remain unpaid;

(b) Any current manufactured home taxes charged against a manufactured or mobile home that remain unpaid after the last day prescribed for payment of the second installment of current taxes without penalty, whether or not they have been certified delinquent, including any penalties or interest.

Sec. 4503.101. (A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall adopt rules to establish a system of motor vehicle registration based upon the type of vehicle to be registered, the type of ownership of the vehicle, the class of license plate to be issued, and any other factor the registrar determines to be relevant. Except for commercial cars, buses, trailers, and semitrailers taxed under section 4503.042 of the Revised Code; except for rental vehicles owned by motor vehicle renting dealers; and except as otherwise provided by rule, motor vehicles owned by an individual shall be registered based upon the motor vehicle owner's date of birth. Beginning with the 2004

registration year, the registrar shall assign motor vehicles to the registration periods established by rules adopted under this section.

(B) The registrar shall adopt rules to permit motor vehicle owners residing together at one address to select the date of birth of any one of the owners as the date to register any or all of the vehicles at that residence address, as shown in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles.

(C) The registrar shall adopt rules to assign and reassign all commercial cars, ~~buses,~~ trailers, and semitrailers taxed under section 4503.042 of the Revised Code and all rental vehicles owned by motor vehicle renting dealers to a system of registration so that the registrations of approximately one-twelfth of all such vehicles expire on the last day of each month of a calendar year. To effect a reassignment from the registration period in effect on ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ June 30, 2003, to the new registration periods established by the rules adopted under this section as amended, the rules may require the motor vehicle to be registered for more or less than a twelve-month period at the time the motor vehicle's registration is subject to its initial renewal following the effective date of such rules. If necessary to effect an efficient transition, the rules may provide that the registration reassignments take place over two consecutive registration periods. The registration taxes to be charged shall be determined by the registrar on the basis of the annual tax otherwise due on the motor vehicle, prorated in accordance with the number of months for which the motor vehicle is registered, except that the fee established by division (C)(1) of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code shall be collected in full for each renewal that occurs during the transition period and shall not be prorated.

(D) The registrar shall adopt rules to permit any commercial motor vehicle owner or motor vehicle renting dealer who owns two or more motor vehicles to request the registrar to permit the owner to separate the owner's fleet into up to four divisions for assignment to separate dates upon which to register the vehicles, provided that the registrar may disapprove any such request whenever the registrar has reason to believe that an uneven distribution of registrations throughout the calendar year has developed or is likely to develop.

(E) Every owner or lessee of a motor vehicle holding a certificate of registration shall notify the registrar of any change of the owner's or lessee's correct address within ten days after the change occurs. The notification shall be in writing on a form provided by the registrar or by electronic means approved by the registrar and shall include the full name, date of birth if applicable, license number, county of residence or place of business, social security account number of an individual or federal tax identification

number of a business, and new address.

(F) As used in this section, "motor vehicle renting dealer" has the same meaning as in section 4549.65 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4503.103. (A)(1)(a) The registrar of motor vehicles may adopt rules to permit any person or lessee, other than a person receiving an apportioned license plate under the international registration plan, who owns or leases one or more motor vehicles to file a written application for registration for no more than five succeeding registration years. The rules adopted by the registrar may designate the classes of motor vehicles that are eligible for such registration. At the time of application, all annual taxes and fees shall be paid for each year for which the person is registering.

(b) ~~The~~ (i) Except as provided in division (A)(1)(b)(ii) of this section, the registrar shall adopt rules to permit any person~~, other than a person receiving an apportioned license plate under the international registration plan and other than the owner of a commercial car used solely in intrastate commerce,~~ who owns a motor vehicle to file an application for registration for the next two succeeding registration years. At the time of application, the person shall pay the annual taxes and fees for each registration year, calculated in accordance with division (C) of section 4503.11 of the Revised Code. A person who is registering a vehicle under division (A)(1)(b) of this section shall pay for each year of registration the additional fee established under division (C)(1) of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code. The person shall also pay one and one-half times the amount of the deputy registrar service fee specified in division (D) of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code or the bureau of motor vehicles service fee specified in division (G) of that section, as applicable.

(ii) Division (A)(1)(b)(i) of this section does not apply to a person receiving an apportioned license plate under the international registration plan, or the owner of a commercial car used solely in intrastate commerce, or the owner of a bus as defined in section 4513.50 of the Revised Code.

(2) No person applying for a multi-year registration under division (A)(1) of this section is entitled to a refund of any taxes or fees paid.

(3) The registrar shall not issue to any applicant who has been issued a final, nonappealable order under division (B) of this section a multi-year registration or renewal thereof under this division or rules adopted under it for any motor vehicle that is required to be inspected under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code the district of registration of which, as determined under section 4503.10 of the Revised Code, is or is located in the county named in the order.

(B) Upon receipt from the director of environmental protection of a

notice issued under division (J) of section 3704.14 of the Revised Code indicating that an owner of a motor vehicle that is required to be inspected under that section who obtained a multi-year registration for the vehicle under division (A) of this section or rules adopted under that division has not obtained an inspection certificate for the vehicle in accordance with that section in a year intervening between the years of issuance and expiration of the multi-year registration in which the owner is required to have the vehicle inspected and obtain an inspection certificate for it under division (F)(1)(a) of that section, the registrar in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code shall issue an order to the owner impounding the certificate of registration and identification license plates for the vehicle. The order also shall prohibit the owner from obtaining or renewing a multi-year registration for any vehicle that is required to be inspected under that section, the district of registration of which is or is located in the same county as the county named in the order during the number of years after expiration of the current multi-year registration that equals the number of years for which the current multi-year registration was issued.

An order issued under this division shall require the owner to surrender to the registrar the certificate of registration and license plates for the vehicle named in the order within five days after its issuance. If the owner fails to do so within that time, the registrar shall certify that fact to the county sheriff or local police officials who shall recover the certificate of registration and license plates for the vehicle.

(C) Upon the occurrence of either of the following circumstances, the registrar in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code shall issue to the owner a modified order rescinding the provisions of the order issued under division (B) of this section impounding the certificate of registration and license plates for the vehicle named in that original order:

(1) Receipt from the director of environmental protection of a subsequent notice under division (J) of section 3704.14 of the Revised Code that the owner has obtained the inspection certificate for the vehicle as required under division (F)(1)(a) of that section;

(2) Presentation to the registrar by the owner of the required inspection certificate for the vehicle.

(D) The owner of a motor vehicle for which the certificate of registration and license plates have been impounded pursuant to an order issued under division (B) of this section, upon issuance of a modified order under division (C) of this section, may apply to the registrar for their return. A fee of two dollars and fifty cents shall be charged for the return of the certificate of registration and license plates for each vehicle named in the

application.

Sec. 4505.06. (A)(1) Application for a certificate of title shall be made in a form prescribed by the registrar of motor vehicles and shall be sworn to before a notary public or other officer empowered to administer oaths. The application shall be filed with the clerk of any court of common pleas. An application for a certificate of title may be filed electronically by any electronic means approved by the registrar in any county with the clerk of the court of common pleas of that county. Any payments required by this chapter shall be considered as accompanying any electronically transmitted application when payment actually is received by the clerk. Payment of any fee or taxes may be made by electronic transfer of funds.

(2) The application for a certificate of title shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed in section 4505.09 of the Revised Code. The fee shall be retained by the clerk who issues the certificate of title and shall be distributed in accordance with that section. If a clerk of a court of common pleas, other than the clerk of the court of common pleas of an applicant's county of residence, issues a certificate of title to the applicant, the clerk shall transmit data related to the transaction to the automated title processing system.

(3) If a certificate of title previously has been issued for a motor vehicle in this state, the application for a certificate of title also shall be accompanied by that certificate of title duly assigned, unless otherwise provided in this chapter. If a certificate of title previously has not been issued for the motor vehicle in this state, the application, unless otherwise provided in this chapter, shall be accompanied by a manufacturer's or importer's certificate or by a certificate of title of another state from which the motor vehicle was brought into this state. If the application refers to a motor vehicle last previously registered in another state, the application also shall be accompanied by the physical inspection certificate required by section 4505.061 of the Revised Code. If the application is made by two persons regarding a motor vehicle in which they wish to establish joint ownership with right of survivorship, they may do so as provided in section 2131.12 of the Revised Code. If the applicant requests a designation of the motor vehicle in beneficiary form so that upon the death of the owner of the motor vehicle, ownership of the motor vehicle will pass to a designated transfer-on-death beneficiary or beneficiaries, the applicant may do so as provided in section 2131.13 of the Revised Code. A person who establishes ownership of a motor vehicle that is transferable on death in accordance with section 2131.13 of the Revised Code may terminate that type of ownership or change the designation of the transfer-on-death beneficiary or

beneficiaries by applying for a certificate of title pursuant to this section. The clerk shall retain the evidence of title presented by the applicant and on which the certificate of title is issued, except that, if an application for a certificate of title is filed electronically by an electronic motor vehicle dealer on behalf of the purchaser of a motor vehicle, the clerk shall retain the completed electronic record to which the dealer converted the certificate of title application and other required documents. ~~The electronic motor vehicle dealer shall forward the actual application and all other documents relating to the sale of the motor vehicle to any clerk within thirty days after the certificate of title is issued.~~ The registrar, after consultation with the attorney general, shall adopt rules that govern the location at which, and the manner in which, are stored the actual application and all other documents relating to the sale of a motor vehicle when an electronic motor vehicle dealer files the application for a certificate of title electronically on behalf of the purchaser.

The clerk shall use reasonable diligence in ascertaining whether or not the facts in the application for a certificate of title are true by checking the application and documents accompanying it or the electronic record to which a dealer converted the application and accompanying documents with the records of motor vehicles in the clerk's office. If the clerk is satisfied that the applicant is the owner of the motor vehicle and that the application is in the proper form, the clerk, within five business days after the application is filed, shall issue a physical certificate of title over the clerk's signature and sealed with the clerk's seal unless the applicant specifically requests the clerk not to issue a physical certificate of title and instead to issue an electronic certificate of title. For purposes of the transfer of a certificate of title, if the clerk is satisfied that the secured party has duly discharged a lien notation but has not canceled the lien notation with a clerk, the clerk may cancel the lien notation on the automated title processing system and notify the clerk of the county of origin.

(4) In the case of the sale of a motor vehicle to a general buyer or user by a dealer, by a motor vehicle leasing dealer selling the motor vehicle to the lessee or, in a case in which the leasing dealer subleased the motor vehicle, the sublessee, at the end of the lease agreement or sublease agreement, or by a manufactured home broker, the certificate of title shall be obtained in the name of the buyer by the dealer, leasing dealer, or manufactured home broker, as the case may be, upon application signed by the buyer. The certificate of title shall be issued, or the process of entering the certificate of title application information into the automated title processing system if a physical certificate of title is not to be issued shall be

completed, within five business days after the application for title is filed with the clerk. If the buyer of the motor vehicle previously leased the motor vehicle and is buying the motor vehicle at the end of the lease pursuant to that lease, the certificate of title shall be obtained in the name of the buyer by the motor vehicle leasing dealer who previously leased the motor vehicle to the buyer or by the motor vehicle leasing dealer who subleased the motor vehicle to the buyer under a sublease agreement.

In all other cases, except as provided in section 4505.032 and division (D)(2) of section 4505.11 of the Revised Code, such certificates shall be obtained by the buyer.

(5)(a)(i) If the certificate of title is being obtained in the name of the buyer by a motor vehicle dealer or motor vehicle leasing dealer and there is a security interest to be noted on the certificate of title, the dealer or leasing dealer shall submit the application for the certificate of title and payment of the applicable tax to a clerk within seven business days after the later of the delivery of the motor vehicle to the buyer or the date the dealer or leasing dealer obtains the manufacturer's or importer's certificate, or certificate of title issued in the name of the dealer or leasing dealer, for the motor vehicle. Submission of the application for the certificate of title and payment of the applicable tax within the required seven business days may be indicated by postmark or receipt by a clerk within that period.

(ii) Upon receipt of the certificate of title with the security interest noted on its face, the dealer or leasing dealer shall forward the certificate of title to the secured party at the location noted in the financing documents or otherwise specified by the secured party.

(iii) A motor vehicle dealer or motor vehicle leasing dealer is liable to a secured party for a late fee of ten dollars per day for each certificate of title application and payment of the applicable tax that is submitted to a clerk more than seven business days but less than twenty-one days after the later of the delivery of the motor vehicle to the buyer or the date the dealer or leasing dealer obtains the manufacturer's or importer's certificate, or certificate of title issued in the name of the dealer or leasing dealer, for the motor vehicle and, from then on, twenty-five dollars per day until the application and applicable tax are submitted to a clerk.

(b) In all cases of transfer of a motor vehicle, the application for certificate of title shall be filed within thirty days after the assignment or delivery of the motor vehicle. If an application for a certificate of title is not filed within the period specified in division (A)(5)(b) of this section, the clerk shall collect a fee of five dollars for the issuance of the certificate, except that no such fee shall be required from a motor vehicle salvage

dealer, as defined in division (A) of section 4738.01 of the Revised Code, who immediately surrenders the certificate of title for cancellation. The fee shall be in addition to all other fees established by this chapter, and shall be retained by the clerk. The registrar shall provide, on the certificate of title form prescribed by section 4505.07 of the Revised Code, language necessary to give evidence of the date on which the assignment or delivery of the motor vehicle was made.

(6) As used in division (A) of this section, "lease agreement," "lessee," and "sublease agreement" have the same meanings as in section 4505.04 of the Revised Code.

(B) The clerk, except as provided in this section, shall refuse to accept for filing any application for a certificate of title and shall refuse to issue a certificate of title unless the dealer or manufactured home broker or the applicant, in cases in which the certificate shall be obtained by the buyer, submits with the application payment of the tax levied by or pursuant to Chapters 5739. and 5741. of the Revised Code based on the purchaser's county of residence. Upon payment of the tax in accordance with division (E) of this section, the clerk shall issue a receipt prescribed by the registrar and agreed upon by the tax commissioner showing payment of the tax or a receipt issued by the commissioner showing the payment of the tax. When submitting payment of the tax to the clerk, a dealer shall retain any discount to which the dealer is entitled under section 5739.12 of the Revised Code.

For receiving and disbursing such taxes paid to the clerk by a resident of the clerk's county, the clerk may retain a poundage fee of one and one one-hundredth per cent, and the clerk shall pay the poundage fee into the certificate of title administration fund created by section 325.33 of the Revised Code. The clerk shall not retain a poundage fee from payments of taxes by persons who do not reside in the clerk's county.

A clerk, however, may retain from the taxes paid to the clerk an amount equal to the poundage fees associated with certificates of title issued by other clerks of courts of common pleas to applicants who reside in the first clerk's county. The registrar, in consultation with the tax commissioner and the clerks of the courts of common pleas, shall develop a report from the automated title processing system that informs each clerk of the amount of the poundage fees that the clerk is permitted to retain from those taxes because of certificates of title issued by the clerks of other counties to applicants who reside in the first clerk's county.

In the case of casual sales of motor vehicles, as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code, the price for the purpose of determining the tax shall be the purchase price on the assigned certificate of title executed by

the seller and filed with the clerk by the buyer on a form to be prescribed by the registrar, which shall be prima-facie evidence of the amount for the determination of the tax.

(C)(1) If the transferor indicates on the certificate of title that the odometer reflects mileage in excess of the designed mechanical limit of the odometer, the clerk shall enter the phrase "exceeds mechanical limits" following the mileage designation. If the transferor indicates on the certificate of title that the odometer reading is not the actual mileage, the clerk shall enter the phrase "nonactual: warning - odometer discrepancy" following the mileage designation. The clerk shall use reasonable care in transferring the information supplied by the transferor, but is not liable for any errors or omissions of the clerk or those of the clerk's deputies in the performance of the clerk's duties created by this chapter.

The registrar shall prescribe an affidavit in which the transferor shall swear to the true selling price and, except as provided in this division, the true odometer reading of the motor vehicle. The registrar may prescribe an affidavit in which the seller and buyer provide information pertaining to the odometer reading of the motor vehicle in addition to that required by this section, as such information may be required by the United States secretary of transportation by rule prescribed under authority of subchapter IV of the "Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act," 86 Stat. 961 (1972), 15 U.S.C. 1981.

(2) Division (C)(1) of this section does not require the giving of information concerning the odometer and odometer reading of a motor vehicle when ownership of a motor vehicle is being transferred as a result of a bequest, under the laws of intestate succession, to a survivor pursuant to section 2106.18, 2131.12, or 4505.10 of the Revised Code, to a transfer-on-death beneficiary or beneficiaries pursuant to section 2131.13 of the ~~Reviseed~~ Revised Code, or in connection with the creation of a security interest.

(D) When the transfer to the applicant was made in some other state or in interstate commerce, the clerk, except as provided in this section, shall refuse to issue any certificate of title unless the tax imposed by or pursuant to Chapter 5741. of the Revised Code based on the purchaser's county of residence has been paid as evidenced by a receipt issued by the tax commissioner, or unless the applicant submits with the application payment of the tax. Upon payment of the tax in accordance with division (E) of this section, the clerk shall issue a receipt prescribed by the registrar and agreed upon by the tax commissioner, showing payment of the tax.

For receiving and disbursing such taxes paid to the clerk by a resident of

the clerk's county, the clerk may retain a poundage fee of one and one one-hundredth per cent. The clerk shall not retain a poundage fee from payments of taxes by persons who do not reside in the clerk's county.

A clerk, however, may retain from the taxes paid to the clerk an amount equal to the poundage fees associated with certificates of title issued by other clerks of courts of common pleas to applicants who reside in the first clerk's county. The registrar, in consultation with the tax commissioner and the clerks of the courts of common pleas, shall develop a report from the automated title processing system that informs each clerk of the amount of the poundage fees that the clerk is permitted to retain from those taxes because of certificates of title issued by the clerks of other counties to applicants who reside in the first clerk's county.

When the vendor is not regularly engaged in the business of selling motor vehicles, the vendor shall not be required to purchase a vendor's license or make reports concerning those sales.

(E) The clerk shall accept any payment of a tax in cash, or by cashier's check, certified check, draft, money order, or teller check issued by any insured financial institution payable to the clerk and submitted with an application for a certificate of title under division (B) or (D) of this section. The clerk also may accept payment of the tax by corporate, business, or personal check, credit card, electronic transfer or wire transfer, debit card, or any other accepted form of payment made payable to the clerk. The clerk may require bonds, guarantees, or letters of credit to ensure the collection of corporate, business, or personal checks. Any service fee charged by a third party to a clerk for the use of any form of payment may be paid by the clerk from the certificate of title administration fund created in section 325.33 of the Revised Code, or may be assessed by the clerk upon the applicant as an additional fee. Upon collection, the additional fees shall be paid by the clerk into that certificate of title administration fund.

The clerk shall make a good faith effort to collect any payment of taxes due but not made because the payment was returned or dishonored, but the clerk is not personally liable for the payment of uncollected taxes or uncollected fees. The clerk shall notify the tax commissioner of any such payment of taxes that is due but not made and shall furnish the information to the commissioner that the commissioner requires. The clerk shall deduct the amount of taxes due but not paid from the clerk's periodic remittance of tax payments, in accordance with procedures agreed upon by the tax commissioner. The commissioner may collect taxes due by assessment in the manner provided in section 5739.13 of the Revised Code.

Any person who presents payment that is returned or dishonored for any

reason is liable to the clerk for payment of a penalty over and above the amount of the taxes due. The clerk shall determine the amount of the penalty, and the penalty shall be no greater than that amount necessary to compensate the clerk for banking charges, legal fees, or other expenses incurred by the clerk in collecting the returned or dishonored payment. The remedies and procedures provided in this section are in addition to any other available civil or criminal remedies. Subsequently collected penalties, poundage fees, and title fees, less any title fee due the state, from returned or dishonored payments collected by the clerk shall be paid into the certificate of title administration fund. Subsequently collected taxes, less poundage fees, shall be sent by the clerk to the treasurer of state at the next scheduled periodic remittance of tax payments, with information as the commissioner may require. The clerk may abate all or any part of any penalty assessed under this division.

(F) In the following cases, the clerk shall accept for filing an application and shall issue a certificate of title without requiring payment or evidence of payment of the tax:

(1) When the purchaser is this state or any of its political subdivisions, a church, or an organization whose purchases are exempted by section 5739.02 of the Revised Code;

(2) When the transaction in this state is not a retail sale as defined by section 5739.01 of the Revised Code;

(3) When the purchase is outside this state or in interstate commerce and the purpose of the purchaser is not to use, store, or consume within the meaning of section 5741.01 of the Revised Code;

(4) When the purchaser is the federal government;

(5) When the motor vehicle was purchased outside this state for use outside this state;

(6) When the motor vehicle is purchased by a nonresident of this state for immediate removal from this state, and will be permanently titled and registered in another state, as provided by division (B)(23) of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code, and upon presentation of a copy of the affidavit provided by that section, and a copy of the exemption certificate provided by section 5739.03 of the Revised Code.

The clerk shall forward all payments of taxes, less poundage fees, to the treasurer of state in a manner to be prescribed by the tax commissioner and shall furnish information to the commissioner as the commissioner requires.

(G) An application, as prescribed by the registrar and agreed to by the tax commissioner, shall be filled out and sworn to by the buyer of a motor vehicle in a casual sale. The application shall contain the following notice in

bold lettering: "WARNING TO TRANSFEROR AND TRANSFEREE (SELLER AND BUYER): You are required by law to state the true selling price. A false statement is in violation of section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and is punishable by six months' imprisonment or a fine of up to one thousand dollars, or both. All transfers are audited by the department of taxation. The seller and buyer must provide any information requested by the department of taxation. The buyer may be assessed any additional tax found to be due."

(H) For sales of manufactured homes or mobile homes occurring on or after January 1, 2000, the clerk shall accept for filing, pursuant to Chapter 5739. of the Revised Code, an application for a certificate of title for a manufactured home or mobile home without requiring payment of any tax pursuant to section 5739.02, 5741.021, 5741.022, or 5741.023 of the Revised Code, or a receipt issued by the tax commissioner showing payment of the tax. For sales of manufactured homes or mobile homes occurring on or after January 1, 2000, the applicant shall pay to the clerk an additional fee of five dollars for each certificate of title issued by the clerk for a manufactured or mobile home pursuant to division (H) of section 4505.11 of the Revised Code and for each certificate of title issued upon transfer of ownership of the home. The clerk shall credit the fee to the county certificate of title administration fund, and the fee shall be used to pay the expenses of archiving those certificates pursuant to division (A) of section 4505.08 and division (H)(3) of section 4505.11 of the Revised Code. The tax commissioner shall administer any tax on a manufactured or mobile home pursuant to Chapters 5739. and 5741. of the Revised Code.

(I) Every clerk shall have the capability to transact by electronic means all procedures and transactions relating to the issuance of motor vehicle certificates of title that are described in the Revised Code as being accomplished by electronic means.

Sec. 4506.14. (A) Commercial driver's licenses shall expire as follows:

(1) Except as provided in division (A)(3) of this section, each such license issued to replace an operator's or chauffeur's license shall expire on the original expiration date of the operator's or chauffeur's license and, upon renewal, shall expire on the licensee's birthday in the fourth year after the date of issuance.

(2) Except as provided in division (A)(3) of this section, each such license issued as an original license to a person whose residence is in this state shall expire on the licensee's birthday in the fourth year after the date of issuance, and each such license issued to a person whose temporary residence is in this state shall expire in accordance with rules adopted by the

registrar of motor vehicles. A license issued to a person with a temporary residence in this state is nonrenewable, but may be replaced with a new license within ninety days prior to its expiration upon the applicant's compliance with all applicable requirements.

(3) Each such license issued to replace the operator's or chauffeur's license of a person who is less than twenty-one years of age, and each such license issued as an original license to a person who is less than twenty-one years of age, shall expire on the licensee's twenty-first birthday.

(B) No commercial driver's license shall be issued for a period longer than four years and ninety days. Except as provided in section 4507.12 of the Revised Code, the registrar may waive the examination of any person applying for the renewal of a commercial driver's license issued under this chapter, provided that the applicant presents either an unexpired commercial driver's license or a commercial driver's license that has expired not more than six months prior to the date of application.

(C) Subject to the requirements of this chapter and except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section in regard to a person whose temporary residence is in this state, every commercial driver's license shall be renewable ninety days before its expiration upon payment of the fees required by section 4506.08 of the Revised Code. Each person applying for renewal of a commercial driver's license shall complete the application form prescribed by section 4506.07 of the Revised Code and shall provide all certifications required. If the person wishes to retain an endorsement authorizing the person to transport hazardous materials, the person shall take and successfully complete the written test for the endorsement and shall submit to any background check required by federal law.

(D) Each person licensed as a driver under this chapter shall notify the registrar of any change in the person's address within ten days following that change. The notification shall be in writing on a form provided by the registrar and shall include the full name, date of birth, license number, county of residence, social security number, and new address of the person.

Sec. 4506.15. No person shall do any of the following:

(A) Drive a commercial motor vehicle while having a measurable or detectable amount of alcohol or of a controlled substance in ~~his~~ the person's blood, breath, or urine;

(B) Drive a commercial motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration of four-hundredths of one per cent or more;

(C) Drive a commercial motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance;

(D) Knowingly leave the scene of an accident involving a commercial

motor vehicle driven by the person;

(E) Use a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of a felony;

(F) Refuse to submit to a test under section 4506.17 of the Revised Code;

(G) Violate an out-of-service order issued under this chapter;

(H) Violate any prohibition described in divisions (B) to (G) of this section while transporting hazardous materials;

(I) Use a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of a felony involving the manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of a controlled substance as defined in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code;

(J) Drive a commercial motor vehicle in violation of any provision of sections 4511.61 to 4511.63 of the Revised Code or any federal or local law or ordinance pertaining to railroad-highway grade crossings.

Sec. 4506.16. (A) Whoever violates division (A) of section 4506.15 of the Revised Code or a similar law of another state or a foreign jurisdiction, immediately shall be placed out-of-service for twenty-four hours, in addition to any disqualification required by this section and any other penalty imposed by the Revised Code.

(B) The registrar of motor vehicles shall disqualify any person from operating a commercial motor vehicle as follows:

(1) Upon a first conviction for a violation of divisions (B) to (G) of section 4506.15 of the Revised Code or a similar law of another state or a foreign jurisdiction, one year~~, in addition to any other penalty imposed by the Revised Code;~~

~~(2) Upon a first conviction for a violation of division (H) of section 4506.15 of the Revised Code or a similar law of another state or a foreign jurisdiction, three years, in addition to any other penalty imposed by the Revised Code;~~

~~(3) Upon~~ and upon a second conviction ~~for a violation of divisions (B) to (G) of section 4506.15 of the Revised Code or a similar law of another state or a foreign jurisdiction, or any combination of such violations~~ arising from two or more separate incidents, the person shall be disqualified for life or for any other period of time as determined by the United States secretary of transportation and designated by the director of public safety by rule~~, in addition to any other penalty imposed by the Revised Code~~;

~~(4)~~(2) Upon a first conviction for a violation of division (H) of section 4506.15 of the Revised Code or a similar law of another state or a foreign jurisdiction, three years;

(3) Upon conviction of a violation of division ~~(E)~~(I) of section 4506.15 of the Revised Code or a similar law of another state or a foreign

jurisdiction ~~in connection with the manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of a controlled substance or the possession with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance~~, the person shall be disqualified for life~~, in addition to any other penalty imposed by the Revised Code~~;

(4) Upon a first conviction for a violation of division (J) of section 4506.15 of the Revised Code or a similar law of another state or a foreign jurisdiction, occurring in a three-year period, the person shall be disqualified for not less than sixty days, upon a second conviction occurring in the three-year period, the person shall be disqualified for not less than one hundred twenty days, and upon a subsequent conviction occurring within a three-year period, the person shall be disqualified for not less than one year;

(5) Upon conviction of two serious traffic violations involving the operation of a commercial motor vehicle by the person and arising from separate incidents occurring in a three-year period, the person shall be disqualified for sixty days~~, in addition to any other penalty imposed by the Revised Code~~;

(6) Upon conviction of three serious traffic violations involving the operation of a commercial motor vehicle by the person and arising from separate incidents occurring in a three-year period, the person shall be disqualified for one hundred twenty days~~, in addition to any other penalty imposed by the Revised Code~~.

(C) For the purposes of this section, conviction of a violation for which disqualification is required may be evidenced by any of the following:

(1) A judgment entry of a court of competent jurisdiction in this or any other state;

(2) An administrative order of a state agency of this or any other state having statutory jurisdiction over commercial drivers;

(3) A computer record obtained from or through the commercial driver's license information system;

(4) A computer record obtained from or through a state agency of this or any other state having statutory jurisdiction over commercial drivers or the records of commercial drivers.

(D) Any record described in division (C) of this section shall be deemed to be self-authenticating when it is received by the bureau of motor vehicles.

(E) When disqualifying a driver, the registrar shall cause the records of the bureau to be updated to reflect that action within ten days after it occurs.

(F) The registrar immediately shall notify a driver who is finally convicted of any offense described in section 4506.15 of the Revised Code or division (B)(3), (4), (5), or (6) of this section and thereby is subject to

disqualification, of the offense or offenses involved, of the length of time for which disqualification is to be imposed, and that the driver may request a hearing within thirty days of the mailing of the notice to show cause why the driver should not be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle. If a request for such a hearing is not made within thirty days of the mailing of the notice, the order of disqualification is final. The registrar may designate hearing examiners who, after affording all parties reasonable notice, shall conduct a hearing to determine whether the disqualification order is supported by reliable evidence. The registrar shall adopt rules to implement this division.

(G) Any person who is disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle under this section may apply to the registrar for a driver's license to operate a motor vehicle other than a commercial motor vehicle, provided the person's commercial driver's license is not otherwise suspended or revoked. A person whose commercial driver's license is suspended or revoked shall not apply to the registrar for or receive a driver's license under Chapter 4507. of the Revised Code during the period of suspension or revocation.

(H) The disqualifications imposed under this section are in addition to any other penalty imposed by the Revised Code.

Sec. 4506.20. (A) Each employer shall require every applicant for employment as a driver of a commercial motor vehicle to provide the information specified in section 4506.20 of the Revised Code.

(B) No employer shall knowingly permit or authorize any driver employed by ~~him~~ the employer to drive a commercial motor vehicle during any period in which any of the following apply:

(1) The driver's commercial driver's license is suspended, revoked, or canceled by any state or a foreign jurisdiction;

(2) The driver has lost ~~his~~ the privilege to drive, or currently is disqualified from driving, a commercial motor vehicle in any state or foreign jurisdiction;

(3) The driver is subject to an out-of-service order in any state or foreign jurisdiction;

(4) The driver has more than one driver's license.

(C) No employer shall knowingly permit or authorize a driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle in violation of section 4506.15 of the Revised Code.

(D) Whoever violates division (C) of this section may be assessed a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars.

Sec. 4506.24. (A) A restricted commercial driver's license and waiver for farm-related service industries may be issued by the registrar of motor

vehicles to allow a person to operate a commercial motor vehicle during seasonal periods determined by the registrar and subject to the restrictions set forth in this section.

(B) Upon receiving an application for a restricted commercial driver's license under section 4506.07 of the Revised Code and payment of a fee as provided in section 4506.08 of the Revised Code, the registrar may issue such license to any person who meets all of the following requirements:

(1) Has at least one year of driving experience in any type of vehicle;

(2) Holds a valid driver's license, other than a restricted license, issued under Chapter 4507. of the Revised Code;

(3) Certifies that during the ~~one-year~~ two-year period immediately preceding application, all of the following apply:

(a) The person has not had more than one license;

(b) The person has not had any license suspended, revoked, or canceled;

(c) The person has not had any convictions for any type of motor vehicle for the offenses for which disqualification is prescribed in section 4506.16 of the Revised Code;

(d) The person has not had any violation of a state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control other than a parking violation arising in connection with any traffic accident and has no record of an accident in which the person was at fault.

(4) Certifies and also provides evidence that the person is employed in one or more of the following farm-related service industries requiring the person to operate a commercial motor vehicle:

(a) Custom harvesters;

(b) Farm retail outlets and suppliers;

(c) Agri-chemical business;

(d) Livestock feeders.

(C) An annual waiver for farm-related service industries may be issued to authorize the holder of a restricted commercial driver's license to operate a commercial motor vehicle during seasonal periods designated by the registrar. The registrar shall determine the format of the waiver. The total number of days that a person may operate a commercial motor vehicle pursuant to a waiver for farm-related service industries shall not exceed one hundred eighty days in any twelve-month period. Each time the holder of a restricted commercial driver's license applies for a waiver for farm-related service industries, the registrar shall verify that the person meets all of the requirements set forth in division (B) of this section. The restricted commercial driver's license and waiver shall be carried at all times when a commercial motor vehicle is being operated by the holder of the license and

waiver.

(D) The holder of a restricted commercial driver's license and valid waiver for farm-related service industries may operate a class B or C commercial motor vehicle subject to all of the following restrictions:

(1) The commercial motor vehicle is operated within a distance of no more than one hundred fifty miles of the employer's place of business or the farm currently being served;

(2) The operation of the commercial motor vehicle does not involve transporting hazardous materials for which placarding is required, except as follows:

(a) Diesel fuel in quantities of one thousand gallons or less;

(b) Liquid fertilizers in vehicles or implements of husbandry with total capacities of three thousand gallons or less;

(c) Solid fertilizers that are not transported with any organic substance.

(E) Except as otherwise provided in this section an applicant for or holder of a restricted commercial driver's license and waiver for farm-related service industries is subject to the provisions of this chapter. Divisions (A)(4) and (B)(1) of section 4506.07 and sections 4506.09 and 4506.10 of the Revised Code do not apply to an applicant for a restricted commercial driver's license and waiver.

Sec. 4508.08. There is hereby created in the department of public safety the motorcycle safety and education program. The director of public safety shall administer the program in accordance with the following guidelines:

(A) The program shall include courses of instruction conducted at vocational schools, community colleges, or other suitable locations, by instructors who have obtained certification in the manner and form prescribed by the director. The courses shall meet standards established in rules adopted by the ~~motorcycle safety foundation for courses of instruction~~ department in ~~motorcycle safety and education~~ accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The courses may include instruction for novice motorcycle operators, instruction in motorist awareness and alcohol and drug awareness, and any other kind of instruction the director considers appropriate. A reasonable tuition fee ~~of not more than twenty-five dollars per student~~, as determined by the director, may be charged ~~for each course if sufficient funds are not available in~~. The director may authorize private organizations or corporations to offer courses without tuition fee restrictions, but such entities are not eligible for reimbursement of expenses or subsidies from the motorcycle safety and education fund created in section 4501.13 of the Revised Code ~~to pay all of the costs of conducting the motorcycle safety and education program~~.

(B) In addition to courses of instruction, the program may include provisions for equipment purchases, marketing and promotion, improving motorcycle license testing procedures, and any other provisions the director considers appropriate.

(C) The director shall evaluate the program every two years and shall periodically inspect the facilities, equipment, and procedures used in the courses of instruction.

(D) The director shall appoint at least one training specialist who shall oversee the operation of the program, establish courses of instruction, and supervise instructors. The training specialist shall be a licensed motorcycle operator and shall obtain certification in the manner and form prescribed by the director.

(E) The director may contract with other public agencies or with private organizations or corporations to assist in administering the program.

(F) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 102. of the Revised Code, the director, in order to administer the program, may participate in a motorcycle manufacturer's motorcycle loan program.

(G) The director shall contract with an insurance company or companies authorized to do business in this state to purchase a policy or policies of insurance with respect to the establishment or administration, or any other aspect of the operation of the program.

Sec. 4509.60. Upon acceptance of a bond with individual sureties, the registrar of motor vehicles shall forward to the county recorder of the county in which the sureties' real estate is located a notice of such deposit and pay the recorder a base fee of five dollars for filing and indexing the notice and a housing trust fund fee of five dollars pursuant to section 317.36 of the Revised Code. The recorder shall receive and file such notice and keep and index the same. Such bond shall constitute a lien in favor of the state upon the real estate so scheduled or any surety, and the lien shall exist in favor of any holder of a final judgment against the person who has filed the bond, for damages, including damages for care and loss of services, because of bodily injury to or death of any person, or for damage because of injury to property, including the loss of use thereof, resulting from the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle after such bond was filed, upon the filing of notice to that effect by the registrar with the county recorder as provided in this section.

Sec. 4511.198. If the United States congress repeals the mandate established by Title III, Section 351 of the "Department of Transportation Appropriations Act of 2000," Public Law 106-346, 114 Stat. 1356, requiring the secretary of transportation, beginning in fiscal year 2004, to withhold a

percentage of a state's federal-aid highway money if that state has not enacted and is not enforcing a law that provides that any person with a blood alcohol concentration of eight-hundredths of one per cent or greater while operating a motor vehicle in the state is deemed to have committed a per se offense of driving while intoxicated or an equivalent per se offense, or if a federal court with jurisdiction over the entirety of this state declares the mandate to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, then, in lieu of the prohibited alcohol concentrations specified in sections 1547.11, 4511.19, 4511.191, and 4511.197 of the Revised Code, the prohibited concentrations shall be as follows:

(A) The prohibited alcohol concentration in a person's whole blood is ten-hundredths of one per cent by weight of alcohol per unit volume.

(B) The prohibited alcohol concentration in a person's breath is ten-hundredths of one gram by weight of alcohol per two hundred ten liters of breath.

(C) The prohibited alcohol concentration in a person's blood serum or plasma is twelve-hundredths of one per cent by weight per unit volume.

(D) The prohibited alcohol concentration in a person's urine is fourteen-hundredths of one gram by weight of alcohol per one hundred milliliters of urine.

Sec. 4511.33. Whenever any roadway has been divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for traffic, or wherever within municipal corporations traffic is lawfully moving in two or more substantially continuous lines in the same direction, the following rules apply:

(A) A vehicle or trackless trolley shall be driven, as nearly as is practicable, entirely within a single lane or line of traffic and shall not be moved from such lane or line until the driver has first ascertained that such movement can be made with safety.

(B) Upon a roadway which is divided into three lanes and provides for two-way movement of traffic, a vehicle or trackless trolley shall not be driven in the center lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle or trackless trolley where the roadway is clearly visible and such center lane is clear of traffic within a safe distance, or when preparing for a left turn, or where such center lane is at the time allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction the vehicle or trackless trolley is proceeding and is posted with signs to give notice of such allocation.

(C) Official signs may be erected directing specified traffic to use a designated lane or designating those lanes to be used by traffic moving in a particular direction regardless of the center of the roadway, or restricting the use of a particular lane to only buses during certain hours or during all

hours, and drivers of vehicles and trackless trolleys shall obey the directions of such signs.

(D) Official traffic control devices may be installed prohibiting the changing of lanes on sections of roadway and drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of every such device.

Sec. 4511.62. (A)(1) Whenever any person driving a vehicle or trackless trolley approaches a railroad grade crossing, the person shall stop within fifty feet, but not less than fifteen feet from the nearest rail of the railroad if any of the following circumstances exist at the crossing:

(a) A clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device gives warning of the immediate approach of a train.

(b) A crossing gate is lowered.

(c) A flagperson gives or continues to give a signal of the approach or passage of a train.

(d) There is insufficient space on the other side of the railroad grade crossing to accommodate the vehicle or trackless trolley the person is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles, trackless trolleys, pedestrians, or railroad trains, notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to proceed.

(e) An approaching train is emitting an audible signal or is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to the crossing.

(f) There is insufficient undercarriage clearance to safely negotiate the crossing.

(2) A person who is driving a vehicle or trackless trolley and who approaches a railroad grade crossing shall not proceed as long as any of the circumstances described in divisions (A)(1)(a) to ~~(e)~~(f) of this section exist at the crossing.

(B) No person shall drive any vehicle through, around, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing while the gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed unless the person is signaled by a law enforcement officer or flagperson that it is permissible to do so.

Sec. 4511.63. (A) The operator ~~of any motor vehicle or trackless trolley, carrying passengers, for hire,~~ of any ~~school~~ bus, any vehicle described in division (C) of this section, or ~~of~~ any vehicle ~~carrying explosives or flammable liquids as a cargo or as such part of a cargo as~~ transporting material required to ~~constitute a hazard~~ be placarded under 49 CFR Parts 100-185, before crossing at grade any track of a railroad, shall stop the vehicle ~~or trackless trolley~~ and, while so stopped, shall listen through an open door or open window and look in both directions along the track for any approaching train, and for signals indicating the approach of a train, and

shall proceed only upon exercising due care after stopping, looking, and listening as required by this section. Upon proceeding, the operator of such a vehicle shall cross only in a gear that will ensure there will be no necessity for changing gears while traversing the crossing and shall not shift gears while crossing the tracks.

(B) This section does not apply at any ~~of the following:~~

~~(1) Street~~ street railway grade crossings within a municipal corporation, or to abandoned tracks, spur tracks, side tracks, and industrial tracks when the public utilities commission has authorized and approved the crossing of the tracks without making the stop required by this section~~;~~

~~(2) Through June 30, 1995, a street railway grade crossing where out-of-service signs are posted in accordance with section 4955.37 of the Revised Code~~.

(C) This section applies to any vehicle used for the transportation of pupils to and from a school or school-related function if the vehicle is owned or operated by, or operated under contract with, a public or nonpublic school.

(D) For purposes of this section, "bus" means any vehicle originally designed by its manufacturer to transport sixteen or more passengers, including the driver, or carries sixteen or more passengers, including the driver.

Sec. 4519.55. Application for a certificate of title for an off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle shall be made upon a form prescribed by the registrar of motor vehicles and shall be sworn to before a notary public or other officer empowered to administer oaths. The application shall be filed with the clerk of any court of common pleas. An application for a certificate of title may be filed electronically by any electronic means approved by the registrar in any county with the clerk of the court of common pleas of that county.

If an application for a certificate of title is filed electronically by an electronic dealer on behalf of the purchaser of an off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle, the clerk shall retain the completed electronic record to which the dealer converted the certificate of title application and other required documents. ~~The electronic dealer shall forward the actual application and all other documents relating to the sale of the off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle to any clerk within thirty days after the certificate of title is issued.~~ The registrar, after consultation with the attorney general, shall adopt rules that govern the location at which, and the manner in which, are stored the actual application and all other documents relating to the sale of an off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle when an

electronic dealer files the application for a certificate of title electronically on behalf of the purchaser.

The application shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed in section 4519.59 of the Revised Code. The fee shall be retained by the clerk who issues the certificate of title and shall be distributed in accordance with that section. If a clerk of a court of common pleas, other than the clerk of the court of common pleas of an applicant's county of residence, issues a certificate of title to the applicant, the clerk shall transmit data related to the transaction to the automated title processing system.

If a certificate of title previously has been issued for an off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle, the application also shall be accompanied by the certificate of title duly assigned, unless otherwise provided in this chapter. If a certificate of title previously has not been issued for the off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle, the application, unless otherwise provided in this chapter, shall be accompanied by a manufacturer's or importer's certificate; by a sworn statement of ownership; or by a certificate of title, bill of sale, or other evidence of ownership required by law of another state from which the off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle was brought into this state. The registrar, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall prescribe the types of additional documentation sufficient to establish proof of ownership, including, but not limited to, receipts from the purchase of parts or components, photographs, and affidavits of other persons.

For purposes of the transfer of a certificate of title, if the clerk is satisfied that a secured party has duly discharged a lien notation but has not canceled the lien notation with a clerk, the clerk may cancel the lien notation on the automated title processing system and notify the clerk of the county of origin.

In the case of the sale of an off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle by a dealer to a general purchaser or user, the certificate of title shall be obtained in the name of the purchaser by the dealer upon application signed by the purchaser. In all other cases, the certificate shall be obtained by the purchaser. In all cases of transfer of an off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle, the application for certificate of title shall be filed within thirty days after the later of the date of purchase or assignment of ownership of the off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle. If the application for certificate of title is not filed within thirty days after the later of the date of purchase or assignment of ownership of the off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle, the clerk shall charge a late filing fee of five dollars in addition to the fee prescribed by section 4519.59 of the

Revised Code. The clerk shall retain the entire amount of each late filing fee.

Except in the case of an off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle purchased prior to July 1, 1999, the clerk shall refuse to accept an application for certificate of title unless the applicant either tenders with the application payment of all taxes levied by or pursuant to Chapter 5739. or 5741. of the Revised Code based on the purchaser's county of residence, or submits either of the following:

(A) A receipt issued by the tax commissioner or a clerk of courts showing payment of the tax;

(B) An exemption certificate, in any form prescribed by the tax commissioner, that specifies why the purchase is not subject to the tax imposed by Chapter 5739. or 5741. of the Revised Code.

Payment of the tax shall be made in accordance with division (E) of section 4505.06 of the Revised Code and any rules issued by the tax commissioner. When a dealer submits payment of the tax to the clerk, the dealer shall retain any discount to which the dealer is entitled under section 5739.12 of the Revised Code. The clerk shall issue a receipt in the form prescribed by the tax commissioner to any applicant who tenders payment of the tax with the application for a certificate of title. If the application for a certificate of title is for an off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle purchased prior to July 1, 1999, the clerk shall accept the application without payment of the taxes levied by or pursuant to Chapter 5739. or 5741. of the Revised Code or presentation of either of the items listed in division (A) or (B) of this section.

For receiving and disbursing such taxes paid to the clerk by a resident of the clerk's county, the clerk may retain a poundage fee of one and one-hundredth per cent of the taxes collected, which shall be paid into the certificate of title administration fund created by section 325.33 of the Revised Code. The clerk shall not retain a poundage fee from payments of taxes by persons who do not reside in the clerk's county.

A clerk, however, may retain from the taxes paid to the clerk an amount equal to the poundage fees associated with certificates of title issued by other clerks of courts of common pleas to applicants who reside in the first clerk's county. The registrar, in consultation with the tax commissioner and the clerks of the courts of common pleas, shall develop a report from the automated title processing system that informs each clerk of the amount of the poundage fees that the clerk is permitted to retain from those taxes because of certificates of title issued by the clerks of other counties to applicants who reside in the first clerk's county.

In the case of casual sales of off-highway motorcycles or all-purpose vehicles that are subject to the tax imposed by Chapter 5739. or 5741. of the Revised Code, the purchase price for the purpose of determining the tax shall be the purchase price on an affidavit executed and filed with the clerk by the seller on a form to be prescribed by the registrar, which shall be prima-facie evidence of the price for the determination of the tax.

In addition to the information required by section 4519.57 of the Revised Code, each certificate of title shall contain in bold lettering the following notification and statements: "WARNING TO TRANSFEROR AND TRANSFEREE (SELLER AND BUYER): You are required by law to state the true selling price. A false statement is in violation of section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and is punishable by six months imprisonment or a fine of up to one thousand dollars, or both. All transfers are audited by the department of taxation. The seller and buyer must provide any information requested by the department of taxation. The buyer may be assessed any additional tax found to be due."

The clerk shall forward all payments of taxes, less poundage fees, to the treasurer of state in a manner to be prescribed by the tax commissioner and shall furnish information to the commissioner as the commissioner may require.

Every clerk shall have the capability to transact by electronic means all procedures and transactions relating to the issuance of certificates of title for off-highway motorcycles and all-purpose vehicles that are described in the Revised Code as being accomplished by electronic means.

Sec. 4561.18. Applications for the licensing and registration of aircraft shall be made and signed by the owner thereof upon forms prepared by the department of transportation and shall contain a description of the aircraft, including its federal registration number, and such other information as is required by the department.

Applications shall be filed with the director of transportation during the month of January~~,~~ annually and shall be renewed according to the standard renewal procedure of sections 4745.01 to 4745.03 of the Revised Code. Application for registration of any aircraft not previously registered in this state, if such aircraft is acquired or becomes subject to such license tax subsequent to the last day of January in any year, shall be made for the balance of the year in which the same is acquired, within forty-eight hours after such acquisition or after becoming subject to such license tax. Each such application shall be accompanied by the proper license tax, which ~~shall be at the following rates: For~~, for aircraft other than gliders, ~~listed by the manufacturer thereof as having a maximum seating capacity of either one or~~

~~two persons, six dollars annually; three persons, eight dollars annually; four persons, twelve dollars annually; five persons, fifteen dollars annually; over five persons, fifteen dollars plus five dollars for each person in excess thereof, annually; and~~ shall be at the annual rate of one hundred dollars per aircraft. The license tax for gliders~~,~~ shall be three dollars annually.

Such taxes are in lieu of all other taxes on or with respect to ownership of such aircraft.

Sec. 4561.21. (A) The director of transportation shall deposit all ~~license taxes and~~ transfer fees in the state treasury to the credit of the general fund.

(B) The director shall deposit all license taxes in the state treasury to the credit of the county airport maintenance assistance fund, which is hereby created. Money in the fund shall be used to assist counties in maintaining the airports they own, and the director shall distribute the money to counties in accordance with such procedures, guidelines, and criteria as the director shall establish.

Sec. 4707.071. (A) On May 1, 1991, all persons licensed as auction companies under former section 4707.071 of the Revised Code shall comply with all provisions of this chapter that are applicable to auctioneers except as provided in divisions (B) and (C) of this section. Such persons, however, do not have to serve an apprenticeship or attend a course of study under section 4707.09 of the Revised Code or submit to an examination under section 4707.08 of the Revised Code as long as they do not engage in the calling for, recognition of, and the acceptance of, offers for the purchase of personal property at auction and do not conduct auctions at any location other than the definite place of business required in section 4707.14 of the Revised Code.

(B) The principal owner of each auction company ~~which~~ that is licensed as of May 1, 1991, who pays the annual renewal fee specified in division ~~(A)~~(B) of section 4707.10 of the Revised Code during the first renewal period following May 1, 1991, shall be issued a special auctioneer's license, for the sale of personal property subject to division (A) of this section. Each principal owner shall apply for an annual license. In applying for an annual license, each person licensed as an auction company on May 1, 1991, shall designate an individual as principal owner by submitting documentation substantiating that the individual is in fact the principal owner and shall identify a definite place of business as required in section 4707.14 of the Revised Code. A person licensed as an auctioneer shall not be entitled to a special auctioneer's license.

(C) A special auctioneer's license issued under this section to the principal owner of a former auction company does not entitle the principal

owner or former auction company to conduct auctions at any location other than the definite place of business required in section 4707.14 of the Revised Code. Notwithstanding section 4707.10 of the Revised Code, the department of agriculture shall not issue a new special auctioneer's license if the definite place of business identified by the licensee in the licensee's initial application for a special auctioneer license has changed or if the name under which the licensee is doing business has changed. No person other than an owner, officer, member, or agent of the former auction company who personally has passed the examination prescribed in section 4707.08 of the Revised Code and been licensed as an auctioneer shall engage in the calling for, recognition of, and the acceptance of, offers for the purchase of real or personal property, goods, or chattels at auction in connection with a former auction company that has been issued a special auctioneer's license.

(D) A person licensed as a special auctioneer shall not engage in the sale of real property at auction.

Sec. 4707.072. (A) For purposes of this section, the department of agriculture shall adopt rules in accordance with section 4707.19 of the Revised Code prescribing the fee that a license applicant must pay. Until those rules are adopted, a license applicant shall pay the fee established in this section.

(B) The department ~~of agriculture~~ may grant one-auction licenses to any nonresident person deemed qualified by the department. Any person who applies for a one-auction license shall attest, on forms provided by the department, and furnish to the department, satisfactory proof that the license applicant or any auctioneer affiliated with the applicant meets the following requirements:

~~(A)~~(1) Has a good reputation;

~~(B)~~(2) Is of trustworthy character;

~~(C)~~(3) Has attained the age of at least eighteen years;

~~(D)~~(4) Has a general knowledge of the requirements of the Revised Code relative to auctioneers, the auction profession, and the principles involved in conducting an auction;

~~(E)~~(5) Has two years of professional auctioneering experience immediately preceding the date of application and the experience includes the personal conduct by the applicant of at least twelve auction sales in any state, or has met the requirements of section 4707.12 of the Revised Code;

~~(F)~~(6) Has paid a fee of one hundred dollars~~, which shall be credited to the auctioneers fund~~;

~~(G)~~(7) Has provided proof of financial responsibility ~~as required under section 4707.11 of the Revised Code~~ in the form of either an irrevocable

letter of credit or a cash bond or a surety bond in the amount of fifty thousand dollars. If the applicant gives a surety bond, the bond shall be executed by a surety company authorized to do business in this state. A bond shall be made to the department and shall be conditioned that the applicant shall comply with this chapter and rules adopted under it, including refraining from conduct described in section 4707.15 of the Revised Code. All bonds shall be on a form approved by the director of agriculture.

Sec. 4707.10. (A) For purposes of this section, the department of agriculture shall adopt rules in accordance with section 4707.19 of the Revised Code prescribing fees that licensees must pay and license renewal deadlines and procedures with which licensees must comply. Until those rules are adopted, licensees shall pay the fees and comply with the license renewal deadlines and procedures established in this section.

(B) The fee for each auctioneer's, apprentice auctioneer's, or special auctioneer's license issued by the department ~~of agriculture~~ is one hundred dollars, and the annual renewal fee for any such license is one hundred dollars. All licenses expire annually on the last day of June of each year and shall be renewed according to the standard renewal procedures of Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code, or the procedures of this section. Any licensee under this chapter who wishes to renew the licensee's license, but fails to do so before the first day of July shall reapply for licensure in the same manner and pursuant to the same requirements as for initial licensure, unless before the first day of September of the year of expiration, the former licensee pays to the department, in addition to the regular renewal fee, a late renewal penalty of one hundred dollars.

~~(B)~~(C) Any person who fails to renew the person's license before the first day of July is prohibited from engaging in any activity specified or comprehended in section 4707.01 of the Revised Code until such time as the person's license is renewed or a new license is issued. Renewal of a license between the first day of July and the first day of September does not relieve any person from complying with this division. The department may refuse to renew the license of or issue a new license to any person who violates this division.

~~(C)~~(D) The department shall prepare and deliver to each licensee a permanent license certificate and an ~~annual renewal~~ identification card, the appropriate portion of which shall be carried on the person of the licensee at all times when engaged in any type of auction activity, and part of which shall be posted with the permanent certificate in a conspicuous location at the licensee's place of business.

~~(D)~~(E) Notice in writing shall be given to the department by each auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer licensee of any change of principal business location or any change or addition to the name or names under which business is conducted, whereupon the department shall issue a new license for the unexpired period. Any change of business location or change or addition of names without notification to the department shall automatically cancel any license previously issued. For each new auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer license issued upon the occasion of a change in business location or a change in or an addition of names under which business is conducted, the department may collect a fee of ten dollars for each change in location, or name or each added name unless the notification of the change occurs concurrently with the renewal application.

Sec. 4707.24. Except for the purposes of divisions (A) and (B) of section 4707.25 of the Revised Code, sections 4707.25 to 4707.31 of the Revised Code do not apply with respect to a license issued under section 4707.072 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4709.12. (A) The barber board shall charge and collect the following fees:

(1) For the application to take the barber examination, ~~sixty~~ ninety dollars;

(2) For an application to retake any part of the barber examination, ~~thirty~~ forty-five dollars;

(3) For the initial issuance of a license to practice as a barber, ~~twenty~~ thirty dollars;

(4) For the biennial renewal of the license to practice as a barber, ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred ten dollars;

(5) For the restoration of an expired barber license, one hundred dollars, and ~~fifty~~ seventy-five dollars for each lapsed year, provided that the total fee shall not exceed ~~four~~ six hundred ~~sixty~~ ninety dollars;

(6) For the issuance of a duplicate barber or shop license, ~~thirty~~ forty-five dollars;

(7) For the inspection of a new barber shop, change of ownership, or reopening of premises or facilities formerly operated as a barber shop, and issuance of a shop license, ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred ten dollars;

(8) For the biennial renewal of a barber shop license, ~~fifty~~ seventy-five dollars;

(9) For the restoration of a barber shop license, ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred ten dollars;

(10) For each inspection of premises for location of a new barber school, or each inspection of premises for relocation of a currently licensed

barber school, ~~five~~ seven hundred fifty dollars;

(11) For the initial barber school license, ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars, and ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars for the renewal of the license;

(12) For the restoration of a barber school license, ~~six hundred~~ one thousand dollars;

(13) For the issuance of a student registration, ~~twenty-five~~ forty dollars;

(14) For the examination and issuance of a biennial teacher ~~or assistant teacher~~ license, one hundred ~~twenty-five~~ eighty-five dollars;

(15) For the renewal of a biennial teacher ~~or assistant teacher~~ license, one hundred fifty dollars;

(16) For the restoration of an expired teacher ~~or assistant teacher~~ license, ~~one~~ two hundred ~~fifty~~ twenty-five dollars, and ~~forty~~ sixty dollars for each lapsed year, provided that the total fee shall not exceed ~~three~~ four hundred fifty dollars;

(17) For the issuance of a barber license by reciprocity pursuant to section 4709.08 of the Revised Code, ~~two~~ three hundred dollars;

(18) For providing licensure information concerning an applicant, upon written request of the applicant, ~~twenty-five~~ forty dollars.

(B) The board, subject to the approval of the controlling board, may establish fees in excess of the amounts provided in this section, provided that the fees do not exceed the amounts permitted by this section by more than fifty per cent.

Sec. 4717.07. (A) The board of embalmers and funeral directors shall charge and collect the following fees:

(1) For the initial issuance or biennial renewal of an ~~initial~~ embalmer's or funeral director's license, ~~five~~ one hundred forty dollars;

(2) For the issuance of an embalmer or funeral director registration, twenty-five dollars;

(3) For filing an embalmer or funeral director certificate of apprenticeship, ten dollars;

(4) For the application to take the examination for a license to practice as an embalmer or funeral director, or to retake a section of the examination, thirty-five dollars;

(5) ~~For the biennial renewal of an embalmer's or funeral director's license, one hundred twenty dollars;~~

~~(6)~~ For the initial issuance of a license to operate a funeral home, ~~one~~ two hundred ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars and biennial renewal of a license to operate a funeral home, two hundred fifty dollars;

~~(7)~~(6) For the reinstatement of a lapsed embalmer's or funeral director's license, the renewal fee prescribed in division (A)(5) of this section plus

fifty dollars for each month or portion of a month the license is lapsed until reinstatement;

~~(8)~~(7) For the reinstatement of a lapsed license to operate a funeral home, the renewal fee prescribed in division (A)(6) of this section plus fifty dollars for each month or portion of a month the license is lapsed until reinstatement;

~~(9)~~(8) For the initial issuance of a license to operate an embalming facility, ~~one~~ two hundred dollars and biennial renewal of a license to operate an embalming facility, two hundred dollars;

~~(10)~~(9) For the reinstatement of a lapsed license to operate an embalming facility, the renewal fee prescribed in division (A)(9) of this section plus fifty dollars for each month or portion of a month the license is lapsed until reinstatement;

~~(11)~~(10) For the initial issuance of a license to operate a crematory facility, ~~one~~ two hundred dollars and biennial renewal of a license to operate a crematory facility, two hundred dollars;

~~(12)~~(11) For the reinstatement of a lapsed license to operate a crematory facility, the renewal fee prescribed in division (A)(11) of this section plus fifty dollars for each month or portion of a month the license is lapsed until reinstatement;

~~(13)~~(12) For the issuance of a duplicate of a license issued under this chapter, four dollars.

(B) In addition to the fees set forth in division (A) of this section, an applicant shall pay the examination fee assessed by any examining agency the board uses for any section of an examination required under this chapter.

(C) Subject to the approval of the controlling board, the board of embalmers and funeral directors may establish fees in excess of the amounts set forth in this section, provided that these fees do not exceed the amounts set forth in this section by more than fifty per cent.

Sec. 4717.09. (A) Every two years, licensed embalmers and funeral directors shall attend between twelve and thirty hours of educational programs as a condition for renewal of their licenses. The board of embalmers and funeral directors shall adopt rules governing the administration and enforcement of the continuing education requirements of this section. The board may contract with a professional organization or association or other third party to assist it in performing functions necessary to administer and enforce the continuing education requirements of this section. A professional organization or association or other third party with whom the board so contracts may charge a reasonable fee for performing these functions to licensees or to the persons who provide continuing

education programs.

(B) A person holding both an embalmer's license and a funeral director's license need meet only the continuing education requirements established by the board for one or the other of those licenses in order to satisfy the requirement of division (A) of this section.

(C) The board shall not renew the license of a licensee who fails to meet the continuing education requirements of this section and who has not been granted a waiver or exemption under division (D) or (E) of this section.

(D) Any licensee who fails to meet the continuing education requirements of this section because of undue hardship or disability, or who is not actively engaged in the practice of funeral directing or embalming in this state, may apply to the board for a waiver or an exemption. ~~The~~

(E) A licensee who has been an embalmer or a funeral director for not less than fifty years and is not actually in charge of an embalming facility or a manager or actually in charge of and ultimately responsible for a funeral home may apply to the board for an exemption.

(F) The board shall determine, by rule, the procedures for applying for a waiver or an exemption from continuing education requirements under this section and under what conditions a waiver or an exemption may be granted.

Sec. 4719.01. (A) As used in sections 4719.01 to 4719.18 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Affiliate" means a business entity that is owned by, operated by, controlled by, or under common control with another business entity.

(2) "Communication" means a written or oral notification or advertisement that meets both of the following criteria, as applicable:

(a) The notification or advertisement is transmitted by or on behalf of the seller of goods or services and by or through any printed, audio, video, cinematic, telephonic, or electronic means.

(b) In the case of a notification or advertisement other than by telephone, either of the following conditions is met:

(i) The notification or advertisement is followed by a telephone call from a telephone solicitor or salesperson.

(ii) The notification or advertisement invites a response by telephone, and, during the course of that response, a telephone solicitor or salesperson attempts to make or makes a sale of goods or services. As used in division (A)(2)(b)(ii) of this section, "invites a response by telephone" excludes the mere listing or inclusion of a telephone number in a notification or advertisement.

(3) "Gift, award, or prize" means anything of value that is offered or purportedly offered, or given or purportedly given by chance, at no cost to

the receiver and with no obligation to purchase goods or services. As used in this division, "chance" includes a situation in which a person is guaranteed to receive an item and, at the time of the offer or purported offer, the telephone solicitor does not identify the specific item that the person will receive.

(4) "Goods or services" means any real property or any tangible or intangible personal property, or services of any kind provided or offered to a person. "Goods or services" includes, but is not limited to, advertising; labor performed for the benefit of a person; personal property intended to be attached to or installed in any real property, regardless of whether it is so attached or installed; timeshare estates or licenses; and extended service contracts.

(5) "Purchaser" means a person that is solicited to become or does become financially obligated as a result of a telephone solicitation.

(6) "Salesperson" means an individual who is employed, appointed, or authorized by a telephone solicitor to make telephone solicitations but does not mean any of the following:

(a) An individual who comes within one of the exemptions in division (B) of this section;

(b) An individual employed, appointed, or authorized by a person who comes within one of the exemptions in division (B) of this section;

(c) An individual under a written contract with a person who comes within one of the exemptions in division (B) of this section, if liability for all transactions with purchasers is assumed by the person so exempted.

(7) "Telephone solicitation" means a communication to a person that meets both of the following criteria:

(a) The communication is initiated by or on behalf of a telephone solicitor or by a salesperson.

(b) The communication either represents a price or the quality or availability of goods or services or is used to induce the person to purchase goods or services, including, but not limited to, inducement through the offering of a gift, award, or prize.

(8) "Telephone solicitor" means a person that engages in telephone solicitation directly or through one or more salespersons either from a location in this state, or from a location outside this state to persons in this state. "Telephone solicitor" includes, but is not limited to, any such person that is an owner, operator, officer, or director of, partner in, or other individual engaged in the management activities of, a business.

(B) A telephone solicitor is exempt from the provisions of sections 4719.02 to 4719.18 and section 4719.99 of the Revised Code if the

telephone solicitor is any one of the following:

(1) A person engaging in a telephone solicitation that is a one-time or infrequent transaction not done in the course of a pattern of repeated transactions of a like nature;

(2) A person engaged in telephone solicitation solely for religious or political purposes; a charitable organization, fund-raising counsel, or professional solicitor in compliance with the registration and reporting requirements of Chapter 1716. of the Revised Code; or any person or other entity exempt under section 1716.03 of the Revised Code from filing a registration statement under section 1716.02 of the Revised Code;

(3) A person, making a telephone solicitation involving a home solicitation sale as defined in section 1345.21 of the Revised Code, that makes the sales presentation and completes the sale at a later, face-to-face meeting between the seller and the purchaser rather than during the telephone solicitation. However, if the person, following the telephone solicitation, causes another person to collect the payment of any money, this exemption does not apply.

(4) A licensed securities, commodities, or investment broker, dealer, investment advisor, or associated person when making a telephone solicitation within the scope of the person's license. As used in division (B)(4) of this section, "licensed securities, commodities, or investment broker, dealer, investment advisor, or associated person" means a person subject to licensure or registration as such by the securities and exchange commission; the National Association of Securities Dealers or other self-regulatory organization, as defined by 15 U.S.C.A. 78c; by the division of securities under Chapter 1707. of the Revised Code; or by an official or agency of any other state of the United States.

(5)(a) A person primarily engaged in soliciting the sale of a newspaper of general circulation;

(b) As used in division (B)(5)(a) of this section, "newspaper of general circulation" includes, but is not limited to, both of the following:

(i) A newspaper that is a daily law journal designated as an official publisher of court calendars pursuant to section 2701.09 of the Revised Code;

(ii) A newspaper or publication that has at least twenty-five per cent editorial, non-advertising content, exclusive of inserts, measured relative to total publication space, and an audited circulation to at least fifty per cent of the households in the newspaper's retail trade zone as defined by the audit.

(6)(a) An issuer, or its subsidiary, that has a class of securities to which all of the following apply:

(i) The class of securities is subject to section 12 of the "Securities Exchange Act of 1934," 15 U.S.C.A. 78l, and is registered or is exempt from registration under 15 U.S.C.A. 78l(g)(2)(A), (B), (C), (E), (F), (G), or (H);

(ii) The class of securities is listed on the New York stock exchange, the American stock exchange, or the NASDAQ national market system;

(iii) The class of securities is a reported security as defined in 17 C.F.R. 240.11Aa3-1(a)(4).

(b) An issuer, or its subsidiary, that formerly had a class of securities that met the criteria set forth in division (B)(6)(a) of this section if the issuer, or its subsidiary, has a net worth in excess of one hundred million dollars, files or its parent files with the securities and exchange commission an S.E.C. form 10-K, and has continued in substantially the same business since it had a class of securities that met the criteria in division (B)(6)(a) of this section. As used in division (B)(6)(b) of this section, "issuer" and "subsidiary" include the successor to an issuer or subsidiary.

(7) A person soliciting a transaction regulated by the commodity futures trading commission, if the person is registered or temporarily registered for that activity with the commission under 7 U.S.C.A. 1 et. seq. and the registration or temporary registration has not expired or been suspended or revoked;

(8) A person soliciting the sale of any book, record, audio tape, compact disc, or video, if the person allows the purchaser to review the merchandise for at least seven days and provides a full refund within thirty days to a purchaser who returns the merchandise or if the person solicits the sale on behalf of a membership club operating in compliance with regulations adopted by the federal trade commission in 16 C.F.R. 425;

(9) A supervised financial institution or its subsidiary. As used in division (B)(9) of this section, "supervised financial institution" means a bank, trust company, savings and loan association, savings bank, credit union, industrial loan company, consumer finance lender, commercial finance lender, or institution described in section 2(c)(2)(F) of the "Bank Holding Company Act of 1956," 12 U.S.C.A. 1841(c)(2)(F), as amended, supervised by an official or agency of the United States, this state, or any other state of the United States; or a licensee or registrant under sections 1321.01 to 1321.19, 1321.51 to 1321.60, or 1321.71 to 1321.83 of the Revised Code.

(10)(a) An insurance company, association, or other organization that is licensed or authorized to conduct business in this state by the superintendent of insurance pursuant to Title XXXIX of the Revised Code or Chapter 1751.

of the Revised Code, when soliciting within the scope of its license or authorization.

(b) A licensed insurance broker, agent, or solicitor when soliciting within the scope of the person's license. As used in division (B)(10)(b) of this section, "licensed insurance broker, agent, or solicitor" means any person licensed as an insurance broker, agent, or solicitor by the superintendent of insurance pursuant to Title XXXIX of the Revised Code.

(11) A person soliciting the sale of services provided by a cable television system operating under authority of a governmental franchise or permit;

(12) A person soliciting a business-to-business sale under which any of the following conditions are met:

(a) The telephone solicitor has been operating continuously for at least three years under the same business name under which it solicits purchasers, and at least fifty-one per cent of its gross dollar volume of sales consists of repeat sales to existing customers to whom it has made sales under the same business name.

(b) The purchaser business intends to resell the goods purchased.

(c) The purchaser business intends to use the goods or services purchased in a recycling, reuse, manufacturing, or remanufacturing process.

(d) The telephone solicitor is a publisher of a periodical or of magazines distributed as controlled circulation publications as defined in division (CC) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code and is soliciting sales of advertising, subscriptions, reprints, lists, information databases, conference participation or sponsorships, trade shows or media products related to the periodical or magazine, or other publishing services provided by the controlled circulation publication.

(13) A person that, not less often than once each year, publishes and delivers to potential purchasers a catalog that complies with both of the following:

(a) It includes all of the following:

(i) The business address of the seller;

(ii) A written description or illustration of each good or service offered for sale;

(iii) A clear and conspicuous disclosure of the sale price of each good or service; shipping, handling, and other charges; and return policy;

(b) One of the following applies:

(i) The catalog includes at least twenty-four pages of written material and illustrations, is distributed in more than one state, and has an annual postage-paid mail circulation of not less than two hundred fifty thousand

households;

(ii) The catalog includes at least ten pages of written material or an equivalent amount of material in electronic form on the internet or an on-line computer service, the person does not solicit customers by telephone but solely receives telephone calls made in response to the catalog, and during the calls the person takes orders but does not engage in further solicitation of the purchaser. As used in division (B)(13)(b)(ii) of this section, "further solicitation" does not include providing the purchaser with information about, or attempting to sell, any other item in the catalog that prompted the purchaser's call or in a substantially similar catalog issued by the seller.

(14) A political subdivision or instrumentality of the United States, this state, or any state of the United States;

(15) A college or university or any other public or private institution of higher education in this state;

(16) A public utility as defined in section 4905.02 of the Revised Code or a retail natural gas supplier as defined in section 4929.01 of the Revised Code, if the utility or supplier is subject to regulation by the public utilities commission, or the affiliate of the utility or supplier;

(17) ~~A travel agency or tour promoter that is registered in compliance with section 1333.96 of the Revised Code when soliciting within the scope of the agency's or promoter's registration;~~

~~(18)~~ A person that solicits sales through a television program or advertisement that is presented in the same market area no fewer than twenty days per month or offers for sale no fewer than ten distinct items of goods or services; and offers to the purchaser an unconditional right to return any good or service purchased within a period of at least seven days and to receive a full refund within thirty days after the purchaser returns the good or cancels the service;

~~(19)~~(18)(a) A person that, for at least one year, has been operating a retail business under the same name as that used in connection with telephone solicitation and both of the following occur on a continuing basis:

(i) The person either displays goods and offers them for retail sale at the person's business premises or offers services for sale and provides them at the person's business premises.

(ii) At least fifty-one per cent of the person's gross dollar volume of retail sales involves purchases of goods or services at the person's business premises.

(b) An affiliate of a person that meets the requirements in division (B)~~(19)~~(18)(a) of this section if the affiliate meets all of the following

requirements:

(i) The affiliate has operated a retail business for a period of less than one year;

(ii) The affiliate either displays goods and offers them for retail sale at the affiliate's business premises or offers services for sale and provides them at the affiliate's business premises;

(iii) At least fifty-one per cent of the affiliate's gross dollar volume of retail sales involves purchases of goods or services at the affiliate's business premises.

(c) A person that, for a period of less than one year, has been operating a retail business in this state under the same name as that used in connection with telephone solicitation, as long as all of the following requirements are met:

(i) The person either displays goods and offers them for retail sale at the person's business premises or offers services for sale and provides them at the person's business premises;

(ii) The goods or services that are the subject of telephone solicitation are sold at the person's business premises, and at least sixty-five per cent of the person's gross dollar volume of retail sales involves purchases of goods or services at the person's business premises;

(iii) The person conducts all telephone solicitation activities according to sections 310.3, 310.4, and 310.5 of the telemarketing sales rule adopted by the federal trade commission in 16 C.F.R. part 310.

~~(20)~~(19) A person who performs telephone solicitation sales services on behalf of other persons and to whom one of the following applies:

(a) The person has operated under the same ownership, control, and business name for at least five years, and the person receives at least seventy-five per cent of its gross revenues from written telephone solicitation contracts with persons who come within one of the exemptions in division (B) of this section.

(b) The person is an affiliate of one or more exempt persons and makes telephone solicitations on behalf of only the exempt persons of which it is an affiliate.

(c) The person makes telephone solicitations on behalf of only exempt persons, the person and each exempt person on whose behalf telephone solicitations are made have entered into a written contract that specifies the manner in which the telephone solicitations are to be conducted and that at a minimum requires compliance with the telemarketing sales rule adopted by the federal trade commission in 16 C.F.R. part 310, and the person conducts the telephone solicitations in the manner specified in the written contract.

(d) The person performs telephone solicitation for religious or political purposes, a charitable organization, a fund-raising council, or a professional solicitor in compliance with the registration and reporting requirements of Chapter 1716. of the Revised Code; and meets all of the following requirements:

(i) The person has operated under the same ownership, control, and business name for at least five years, and the person receives at least fifty-one per cent of its gross revenues from written telephone solicitation contracts with persons who come within the exemption in division (B)(2) of this section;

(ii) The person does not conduct a prize promotion or offer the sale of an investment opportunity; and

(iii) The person conducts all telephone solicitation activities according to sections 310.3, 310.4, and 310.5 of the telemarketing sales rules adopted by the federal trade commission in 16 C.F.R. part 310.

~~(21)~~(20) A person that is a licensed real estate salesperson or broker under Chapter 4735. of the Revised Code when soliciting within the scope of the person's license;

~~(22)~~(21)(a) Either of the following:

(i) A publisher that solicits the sale of the publisher's periodical or magazine of general, paid circulation, or a person that solicits a sale of that nature on behalf of a publisher under a written agreement directly between the publisher and the person.

(ii) A publisher that solicits the sale of the publisher's periodical or magazine of general, paid circulation, or a person that solicits a sale of that nature as authorized by a publisher under a written agreement directly with a publisher's clearinghouse provided the person is a resident of Ohio for more than three years and initiates all telephone solicitations from Ohio and the person conducts the solicitation and sale in compliance with 16 C.F.R. Part 310, as adopted by the federal trade commission.

(b) As used in division (B)~~(22)~~(21) of this section, "periodical or magazine of general, paid circulation" excludes a periodical or magazine circulated only as part of a membership package or given as a free gift or prize from the publisher or person.

~~(23)~~(22) A person that solicits the sale of food, as defined in section 3715.01 of the Revised Code, or the sale of products of horticulture, as defined in section 5739.01 of the Revised Code, if the person does not intend the solicitation to result in, or the solicitation actually does not result in, a sale that costs the purchaser an amount greater than five hundred dollars.

~~(24)~~(23) A funeral director licensed pursuant to Chapter 4717. of the Revised Code when soliciting within the scope of that license, if both of the following apply:

(a) The solicitation and sale are conducted in compliance with 16 C.F.R. part 453, as adopted by the federal trade commission, and with sections 1107.33 and 1345.21 to 1345.28 of the Revised Code;

(b) The person provides to the purchaser of any preneed funeral contract a notice that clearly and conspicuously sets forth the cancellation rights specified in division (G) of section 1107.33 of the Revised Code, and retains a copy of the notice signed by the purchaser.

~~(25)~~(24) A person, or affiliate thereof, licensed to sell or issue Ohio instruments designated as travelers checks pursuant to sections 1315.01 to 1315.11 of the Revised Code.

~~(26)~~(25) A person that solicits sales from its previous purchasers and meets all of the following requirements:

(a) The solicitation is made under the same business name that was previously used to sell goods or services to the purchaser;

(b) The person has, for a period of not less than three years, operated a business under the same business name as that used in connection with telephone solicitation;

(c) The person does not conduct a prize promotion or offer the sale of an investment opportunity;

(d) The person conducts all telephone solicitation activities according to sections 310.3, 310.4, and 310.5 of the telemarketing sales rules adopted by the federal trade commission in 16 C.F.R. part 310;

(e) Neither the person nor any of its principals has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or has entered a plea of no contest for a felony or a theft offense as defined in sections 2901.02 and 2913.01 of the Revised Code or similar law of another state or of the United States;

(f) Neither the person nor any of its principals has had entered against them an injunction or a final judgment or order, including an agreed judgment or order, an assurance of voluntary compliance, or any similar instrument, in any civil or administrative action involving engaging in a pattern of corrupt practices, fraud, theft, embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, or misappropriation of property; the use of any untrue, deceptive, or misleading representation; or the use of any unfair, unlawful, deceptive, or unconscionable trade act or practice.

~~(27)~~(26) An institution defined as a home health agency in section ~~3701.88~~ 3701.881 of the Revised Code, that conducts all telephone solicitation activities according to sections 310.3, 310.4, and 310.5 of the

telemarketing sales rules adopted by the federal trade commission in 16 C.F.R. part 310, and engages in telephone solicitation only within the scope of the institution's certification, accreditation, contract with the department of aging, or status as a home health agency; and that meets one of the following requirements:

(a) The institution is certified as a provider of home health services under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. 301, as amended~~; and is registered with the department of health pursuant to division (B) of section 3701.88 of the Revised Code~~;

(b) The institution is accredited by either the joint commission on accreditation of health care organizations or the community health accreditation program;

(c) The institution is providing passport services under the direction of the Ohio department of aging under section 173.40 of the Revised Code;

(d) An affiliate of an institution that meets the requirements of division (B)~~(27)~~(26)(a), (b), or (c) of this section when offering for sale substantially the same goods and services as those that are offered by the institution that meets the requirements of division (B)~~(27)~~(26)(a), (b), or (c) of this section.

~~(28)~~(27) A person licensed to provide a hospice care program by the department of health pursuant to section 3712.04 of the Revised Code when conducting telephone solicitations within the scope of the person's license and according to sections 310.3, 310.4, and 310.5 of the telemarketing sales rules adopted by the federal trade commission in 16 C.F.R. part 310.

Sec. 4723.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Registered nurse" means an individual who holds a current, valid license issued under this chapter that authorizes the practice of nursing as a registered nurse.

(B) "Practice of nursing as a registered nurse" means providing to individuals and groups nursing care requiring specialized knowledge, judgment, and skill derived from the principles of biological, physical, behavioral, social, and nursing sciences. Such nursing care includes:

(1) Identifying patterns of human responses to actual or potential health problems amenable to a nursing regimen;

(2) Executing a nursing regimen through the selection, performance, management, and evaluation of nursing actions;

(3) Assessing health status for the purpose of providing nursing care;

(4) Providing health counseling and health teaching;

(5) Administering medications, treatments, and executing regimens authorized by an individual who is authorized to practice in this state and is acting within the course of the individual's professional practice;

(6) Teaching, administering, supervising, delegating, and evaluating nursing practice.

(C) "Nursing regimen" may include preventative, restorative, and health-promotion activities.

(D) "Assessing health status" means the collection of data through nursing assessment techniques, which may include interviews, observation, and physical evaluations for the purpose of providing nursing care.

(E) "Licensed practical nurse" means an individual who holds a current, valid license issued under this chapter that authorizes the practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse.

(F) "The practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse" means providing to individuals and groups nursing care requiring the application of basic knowledge of the biological, physical, behavioral, social, and nursing sciences at the direction of a licensed physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, chiropractor, or registered nurse. Such nursing care includes:

(1) Observation, patient teaching, and care in a diversity of health care settings;

(2) Contributions to the planning, implementation, and evaluation of nursing;

(3) Administration of medications and treatments authorized by an individual who is authorized to practice in this state and is acting within the course of the individual's professional practice, except that administration of intravenous therapy shall be performed only in accordance with section 4723.17 or 4723.171 of the Revised Code. Medications may be administered by a licensed practical nurse upon proof of completion of a course in medication administration approved by the board of nursing.

(4) Administration to an adult of intravenous therapy authorized by an individual who is authorized to practice in this state and is acting within the course of the individual's professional practice, on the condition that the licensed practical nurse is authorized under section 4723.17 or 4723.171 of the Revised Code to perform intravenous therapy and performs intravenous therapy only in accordance with those sections.

(G) "Certified registered nurse anesthetist" means a registered nurse who holds a valid certificate of authority issued under this chapter that authorizes the practice of nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist in accordance with section 4723.43 of the Revised Code and rules adopted by the board of nursing.

(H) "Clinical nurse specialist" means a registered nurse who holds a valid certificate of authority issued under this chapter that authorizes the practice of nursing as a clinical nurse specialist in accordance with section

4723.43 of the Revised Code and rules adopted by the board of nursing.

(I) "Certified nurse-midwife" means a registered nurse who holds a valid certificate of authority issued under this chapter that authorizes the practice of nursing as a certified nurse-midwife in accordance with section 4723.43 of the Revised Code and rules adopted by the board of nursing.

(J) "Certified nurse practitioner" means a registered nurse who holds a valid certificate of authority issued under this chapter that authorizes the practice of nursing as a certified nurse practitioner in accordance with section 4723.43 of the Revised Code and rules adopted by the board of nursing.

(K) "Physician" means an individual authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

(L) "Collaboration" or "collaborating" means the following:

(1) In the case of a clinical nurse specialist, except as provided in division (L)(3) of this section, or a certified nurse practitioner, that one or more podiatrists acting within the scope of practice of podiatry in accordance with section 4731.51 of the Revised Code and with whom the nurse has entered into a standard care arrangement or one or more physicians with whom the nurse has entered into a standard care arrangement are continuously available to communicate with the clinical nurse specialist or certified nurse practitioner either in person or by radio, telephone, or other form of telecommunication;

(2) In the case of a certified nurse-midwife, that one or more physicians with whom the certified nurse-midwife has entered into a standard care arrangement are continuously available to communicate with the certified nurse-midwife either in person or by radio, telephone, or other form of telecommunication;

(3) In the case of a clinical nurse specialist who practices the nursing specialty of mental health or psychiatric mental health without being authorized to prescribe drugs and therapeutic devices, that one or more physicians are continuously available to communicate with the nurse either in person or by radio, telephone, or other form of telecommunication.

(M) "Supervision," as it pertains to a certified registered nurse anesthetist, means that the certified registered nurse anesthetist is under the direction of a podiatrist acting within the podiatrist's scope of practice in accordance with section 4731.51 of the Revised Code, a dentist acting within the dentist's scope of practice in accordance with Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code, or a physician, and, when administering anesthesia, the certified registered nurse anesthetist is in the immediate presence of the

podiatrist, dentist, or physician.

(N) "Standard care arrangement," except as it pertains to an advanced practice nurse, means a written, formal guide for planning and evaluating a patient's health care that is developed by one or more collaborating physicians or podiatrists and a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner and meets the requirements of section 4723.431 of the Revised Code.

(O) "Advanced practice nurse," until three years and eight months after May 17, 2000, means a registered nurse who is approved by the board of nursing under section 4723.55 of the Revised Code to practice as an advanced practice nurse.

(P) "Dialysis care" means the care and procedures that a dialysis technician is authorized to provide and perform, as specified in section 4723.72 of the Revised Code.

(Q) "Dialysis technician" means an individual who holds a current, valid certificate or temporary certificate issued under this chapter that authorizes the individual to practice as a dialysis technician in accordance with section 4723.72 of the Revised Code.

(R) "Certified community health worker" means an individual who holds a current, valid certificate as a community health worker issued by the board of nursing under section 4723.85 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4723.06. (A) The board of nursing shall:

(1) Administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter, including the taking of disciplinary action for violations of section 4723.28 of the Revised Code, any other provisions of this chapter, or rules adopted under this chapter;

(2) Develop criteria that an applicant must meet to be eligible to sit for the examination for licensure to practice as a registered nurse or as a licensed practical nurse;

(3) Issue and renew nursing licenses ~~and~~, dialysis technician certificates, and community health worker certificates, as provided in this chapter;

(4) Define the minimum curricula and standards for educational programs of the schools of professional nursing and schools of practical nursing in this state;

(5) Survey, inspect, and grant full approval to prelicensure nursing education programs that meet the standards established by rules adopted under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code. Prelicensure nursing education programs include, but are not limited to, associate degree, baccalaureate degree, diploma, and doctor of nursing programs leading to initial licensure to practice nursing as a registered nurse and practical nurse programs

leading to initial licensure to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse.

(6) Grant conditional approval, by a vote of a quorum of the board, to a new prelicensure nursing education program or a program that is being reestablished after having ceased to operate, if the program meets and maintains the minimum standards of the board established by rules adopted under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code. If the board does not grant conditional approval, it shall hold an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to consider conditional approval of the program. If the board grants conditional approval, at its first meeting after the first class has completed the program, the board shall determine whether to grant full approval to the program. If the board does not grant full approval or if it appears that the program has failed to meet and maintain standards established by rules adopted under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code, the board shall hold an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to consider the program. Based on results of the adjudication, the board may continue or withdraw conditional approval, or grant full approval.

(7) Place on provisional approval, for a period of time specified by the board, a program that has ceased to meet and maintain the minimum standards of the board established by rules adopted under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code. At the end of the period, the board shall reconsider whether the program meets the standards and shall grant full approval if it does. If it does not, the board may withdraw approval, pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(8) Approve continuing nursing education programs and courses under standards established in rules adopted under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code;

(9) Approve peer support programs, under rules adopted under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code, for nurses ~~and~~, for dialysis technicians, and for certified community health workers;

(10) Establish a program for monitoring chemical dependency in accordance with section 4723.35 of the Revised Code;

(11) Establish the practice intervention and improvement program in accordance with section 4723.282 of the Revised Code;

(12) Issue and renew certificates of authority to practice nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner;

(13) Approve under section 4723.46 of the Revised Code national certifying organizations for examination and certification of certified registered nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse-midwives, or certified nurse practitioners;

(14) Issue and renew certificates to prescribe in accordance with sections 4723.48 and 4723.485 of the Revised Code;

(15) Grant approval to the planned classroom and clinical study required by section 4723.483 of the Revised Code to be eligible for a certificate to prescribe;

(16) Make an annual edition of the formulary established in rules adopted under section 4723.50 of the Revised Code available to the public either in printed form or by electronic means and, as soon as possible after any revision of the formulary becomes effective, make the revision available to the public in printed form or by electronic means;

(17) Provide guidance and make recommendations to the general assembly, the governor, state agencies, and the federal government with respect to the regulation of the practice of nursing and the enforcement of this chapter;

(18) Make an annual report to the governor, which shall be open for public inspection;

(19) Maintain and have open for public inspection the following records:

(a) A record of all its meetings and proceedings;

(b) A file of holders of nursing licenses, registrations, and certificates granted under this chapter ~~and~~; dialysis technician certificates granted under this chapter; and community health worker certificates granted under this chapter. The file shall be maintained in the form prescribed by rule of the board.

(c) A list of prelicensure nursing education programs approved by the board;

(d) A list of approved peer support programs for nurses ~~and~~, dialysis technicians, and certified community health workers.

(B) The board may fulfill the requirement of division (A)(8) of this section by authorizing persons who meet the standards established in rules adopted under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code to approve continuing nursing education programs and courses. Persons so authorized shall approve continuing nursing education programs and courses in accordance with standards established in rules adopted under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code.

Persons seeking authorization to approve continuing nursing education programs and courses shall apply to the board and pay the appropriate fee established under section 4723.08 of the Revised Code. Authorizations to approve continuing nursing education programs and courses shall expire, and may be renewed according to the schedule established in rules adopted

under section ~~4732.07~~ 4723.07 of the Revised Code.

In addition to approving continuing nursing education programs under division (A)(8) of this section, the board may sponsor continuing education activities that are directly related to the statutes and rules pertaining to the practice of nursing in this state.

Sec. 4723.063. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Health care facility" means:

(a) A hospital registered under section 3701.07 of the Revised Code;

(b) A nursing home licensed under section 3721.02 of the Revised Code, or by a political subdivision certified under section 3721.09 of the Revised Code;

(c) A county home or a county nursing home as defined in section 5155.31 of the Revised Code that is certified under Title XVIII or XIX of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C. 301, amended;

(d) A freestanding dialysis center;

(e) A freestanding inpatient rehabilitation facility;

(f) An ambulatory surgical facility;

(g) A freestanding cardiac catheterization facility;

(h) A freestanding birthing center;

(i) A freestanding or mobile diagnostic imaging center;

(j) A freestanding radiation therapy center.

(2) "Nurse education program" means a prelicensure nurse education program approved by the board of nursing under section 4723.06 of the Revised Code or a postlicensure nurse education program approved by the board of regents under section 3333.04 of the Revised Code.

(B) The state board of nursing shall establish and administer the nurse education grant program. Under the program, the board shall award grants to nurse education programs that have partnerships with other education programs, community health agencies, or health care facilities. Grant recipients shall use the money to fund partnerships to increase the nurse education program's enrollment capacity. Methods of increasing a program's enrollment capacity may include hiring faculty and preceptors, purchasing educational equipment and materials, and other actions acceptable to the board. Grant money shall not be used to construct or renovate buildings. Partnerships may be developed between one or more nurse education programs and one or more health care facilities.

In awarding grants, the board shall give preference to partnerships between nurse education programs and hospitals, nursing homes, and county homes or county nursing homes, but may also award grants to fund partnerships between nurse education programs and other health care

facilities.

(C) The board shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing the following:

(1) Eligibility requirements for receipt of a grant;

(2) Grant application forms and procedures;

(3) The amounts in which grants may be made and the total amount that may be awarded to a nurse education program that has a partnership with other education programs, a community health agency, or a health care facility;

(4) A method whereby the board may evaluate the effectiveness of a partnership between joint recipients in increasing the nurse education program's enrollment capacity;

(5) The percentage of the money in the fund that must remain in the fund at all times to maintain a fiscally responsible fund balance;

(6) The percentage of available grants to be awarded to licensed practical nurse education programs, registered nurse education programs, and graduate programs;

(7) Any other matters incidental to the operation of the program.

(D) From January 1, 2004, until December 31, 2013, the ten dollars of each biennial nursing license renewal fee collected under section 4723.08 of the Revised Code shall be dedicated to the nurse education grant program fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. The board shall use money in the fund for grants awarded under division (A) of this section and for expenses of administering the grant program. The amount used for administrative expenses in any year shall not exceed ten per cent of the amount transferred to the fund in that year.

(E) Each quarter, for the purposes of transferring funds to the nurse education grant program, the board of nursing shall certify to the director of budget and management the number of biennial licenses renewed under this chapter during the preceding quarter and the amount equal to that number times ten dollars.

(F) Notwithstanding the requirements of section 4743.05 of the Revised Code, from January 1, 2004, until December 31, 2013, at the end of each quarter, the director of budget and management shall transfer from the occupational licensing and regulatory fund to the nurse education grant program fund the amount certified under division (E) of this section.

Sec. 4723.07. In accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the board of nursing shall adopt and may amend and rescind rules that establish all of the following:

(A) Provisions for the board's government and control of its actions and

business affairs;

(B) Minimum curricula and standards for nursing education programs that prepare graduates to be licensed under this chapter and procedures for granting, renewing, and withdrawing approval of those programs;

(C) Criteria that applicants for licensure must meet to be eligible to take examinations for licensure;

(D) Standards and procedures for renewal of the licenses and certificates issued by the board;

(E) Standards for approval of continuing nursing education programs and courses for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified registered nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse-midwives, and certified nurse practitioners. The standards may provide for approval of continuing nursing education programs and courses that have been approved by other state boards of nursing or by national accreditation systems for nursing, including, but not limited to, the American nurses' credentialing center and the national association for practical nurse education and service.

(F) Standards that persons must meet to be authorized by the board to approve continuing nursing education programs and courses and a schedule by which that authorization expires and may be renewed;

(G) Requirements, including continuing education requirements, for restoring inactive nursing licenses ~~and~~, dialysis technician certificates, and community health worker certificates, and for restoring nursing licenses ~~and~~, dialysis technician certificates, and community health worker certificates that have lapsed through failure to renew;

(H) Conditions that may be imposed for reinstatement of a nursing license ~~or~~, dialysis technician certificate, or community health worker certificate following action taken under ~~sections~~ section 3123.47, 4723.28, ~~and~~ 4723.281, or 4723.86 of the Revised Code resulting in a license or certificate suspension ~~from practice~~;

(I) Standards for approval of peer support programs for persons who hold a nursing license ~~or~~, dialysis technician certificate, or community health worker certificate;

(J) Requirements for board approval of courses in medication administration by licensed practical nurses;

(K) Criteria for evaluating the qualifications of an applicant for a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse, a certificate of authority issued under division (E) of section 4723.41 of the Revised Code, ~~or~~ a dialysis technician certificate, or a community health worker certificate by the board's endorsement of the applicant's authority to

practice issued by the licensing agency of another state;

(L) Universal blood and body fluid precautions that shall be used by each person holding a nursing license or dialysis technician certificate issued under this chapter who performs exposure-prone invasive procedures. The rules shall define and establish requirements for universal blood and body fluid precautions that include the following:

(1) Appropriate use of hand washing;

(2) Disinfection and sterilization of equipment;

(3) Handling and disposal of needles and other sharp instruments;

(4) Wearing and disposal of gloves and other protective garments and devices.

(M) Standards and procedures for approving certificates of authority to practice nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner, and for renewal of those certificates;

(N) Quality assurance standards for certified registered nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse-midwives, or certified nurse practitioners;

(O) Additional criteria for the standard care arrangement required by section 4723.431 of the Revised Code entered into by a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner and the nurse's collaborating physician or podiatrist;

(P) Continuing education standards for clinical nurse specialists who are exempt under division (C) of section 4723.41 of the Revised Code from the requirement of having passed a certification examination;

(Q) For purposes of division (B)(31) of section 4723.28 of the Revised Code, the actions, omissions, or other circumstances that constitute failure to establish and maintain professional boundaries with a patient.

The board may adopt other rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4723.08. (A) The board of nursing may impose fees not to exceed the following limits:

(1) For application for licensure by examination to practice nursing as a registered nurse or as a licensed practical nurse, ~~fifty~~ seventy-five dollars;

(2) For application for licensure by endorsement to practice nursing as a registered nurse or as a licensed practical nurse, ~~fifty~~ seventy-five dollars;

(3) For application for a certificate of authority to practice nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner, one hundred dollars;

(4) For application for a temporary dialysis technician certificate, the amount specified in rules adopted under section 4723.79 of the Revised Code;

(5) For application for a full dialysis technician certificate, the amount specified in rules adopted under section 4723.79 of the Revised Code;

(6) For application for a certificate to prescribe, fifty dollars;

(7) For verification of a nursing license, certificate of authority, or dialysis technician certificate to another jurisdiction, fifteen dollars;

(8) For providing a replacement copy of a nursing license, certificate of authority, ~~or~~ certificate to prescribe, dialysis technician certificate, ~~fifteen~~ intravenous therapy card, or frameable certificate, twenty-five dollars;

(9) For biennial renewal of a nursing license that expires on or ~~before~~ after August 31, 2003, ~~thirty-five~~ but before January 1, 2004, forty-five dollars;

(10) For biennial renewal of a nursing license that expires on or after ~~September 1, 2003, forty-five~~ January 1, 2004, sixty-five dollars;

(11) For biennial renewal of a certificate of authority to practice nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse mid-wife, or certified nurse practitioner that expires on or before August 31, 2005, one hundred dollars;

(12) For biennial renewal of a certificate of authority to practice nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner that expires on or after September 1, 2005, eighty-five dollars;

(13) For renewal of a certificate to prescribe, fifty dollars;

(14) For biennial renewal of a dialysis technician certificate, the amount specified in rules adopted under section 4723.79 of the Revised Code;

(15) For processing a late application for renewal of a nursing license, certificate of authority, or dialysis technician certificate, fifty dollars;

(16) For application for authorization to approve continuing nursing education programs and courses from an applicant accredited by a national accreditation system for nursing, five hundred dollars;

(17) For application for authorization to approve continuing nursing education programs and courses from an applicant not accredited by a national accreditation system for nursing, one thousand dollars;

(18) For each year for which authorization to approve continuing nursing education programs and courses is renewed, one hundred fifty dollars;

(19) For application for approval to operate a dialysis training program, the amount specified in rules adopted under section 4723.79 of the Revised

Code;

(20) For reinstatement of a lapsed nursing license, certificate of authority, or dialysis technician certificate, one hundred dollars;

(21) For written verification of a nursing license, certificate of authority, or dialysis technician certificate, when the verification is performed for purposes other than providing verification to another jurisdiction, five dollars~~. The board may contract for services pertaining to this verification process and the collection of the fee, and may permit the contractor to retain a portion of the fees as compensation, before any amounts are deposited into the state treasury.~~;

(22) For processing a check returned to the board by a financial institution as noncollectible, twenty-five dollars;

(23) For issuance of an intravenous therapy card for which a fee may be charged under section 4723.17 of the Revised Code, twenty-five dollars;

(24) For out-of-state survey visits of nursing education programs operating in Ohio, two thousand dollars;

(25) The amounts specified in rules adopted under section 4723.88 of the Revised Code pertaining to the issuance of certificates to community health workers, including fees for application for a certificate, verification of a certificate to another jurisdiction, written verification of a certificate when the verification is performed for purposes other than verification to another jurisdiction, providing a replacement copy of a certificate, biennial renewal of a certificate, processing a late application for renewal of a certificate, reinstatement of a lapsed certificate, application for approval of a community health worker training program for community health workers, and biennial renewal of the approval of a training program for community health workers.

(B) Each quarter, for purposes of transferring funds under section 4743.05 of the Revised Code to the nurse education assistance fund created in section 3333.28 of the Revised Code, the board of nursing shall certify to the director of budget and management the number of biennial licenses renewed under this chapter during the preceding quarter and the amount equal to that number times five dollars.

(C) The board may charge a participant in a board-sponsored continuing education activity an amount not exceeding fifteen dollars for each activity.

(D) The board may contract for services pertaining to the process of providing written verification of a nursing license, certificate of authority, dialysis technician certificate, or community health worker certificate when the verification is performed for purposes other than providing verification to another jurisdiction. The contract may include provisions pertaining to the

collection of the fee charged for providing the written verification. As part of these provisions, the board may permit the contractor to retain a portion of the fees as compensation, before any amounts are deposited into the state treasury.

Sec. 4723.082. ~~All~~ (A) Except as provided in section 4723.062 of the Revised Code and division (B) of this section, all receipts of the board of nursing, from any source, shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the occupational licensing and regulatory fund. ~~All~~

(B) All receipts from board-sponsored continuing education activities shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the special nursing issue fund created by section 4723.062 of the Revised Code.

(C) All vouchers of the board shall be approved by the board president or executive director, or both, as authorized by the board.

Sec. 4723.17. (A) The board of nursing may authorize a licensed practical nurse to administer to an adult intravenous therapy authorized by an individual who is authorized to practice in this state and is acting within the course of the individual's professional practice, if ~~all of the following are true of~~ the licensed practical nurse~~:~~

~~(1) The nurse~~ has a current, valid license issued under this chapter that includes authorization to administer medications and one of the following is the case:

(1) The nurse has successfully completed, within a practical nurse prelicensure education program approved by the board or by another jurisdiction's agency that regulates the practice of nursing, a course of study that prepares the nurse to safely perform the intravenous therapy procedures the board may authorize under this section. To meet this requirement, the course of study must include all of the following:

(a) Both didactic and clinical components;

(b) Curriculum requirements established in rules the board of nursing shall adopt in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code;

(c) Standards that require the nurse to perform a successful demonstration of the intravenous procedures, including all skills needed to perform them safely.

(2) The nurse has successfully completed a ~~course in intravenous administration approved by the board that includes both of the following:~~

~~(a) A~~ minimum of forty hours of training that includes all of the following:

~~(i)~~(a) The curriculum established by rules adopted by the board and in effect on January 1, 1999;

~~(ii)~~(b) Training in the anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular

system, signs and symptoms of local and systemic complications in the administration of fluids and antibiotic additives, and guidelines for management of these complications;

~~(iii)~~(c) Any other training or instruction the board considers appropriate.

~~(b)~~(d) A testing component that ~~includes the successful performance of three venipunctures supervised by a physician or registered nurse in a health care setting~~ requires the nurse to perform a successful demonstration of the intravenous procedures, including all skills needed to perform them safely.

(B) Except as provided in section 4723.171 of the Revised Code, a licensed practical nurse may perform intravenous therapy only if authorized by the board pursuant to division (A) of this section and only if it is performed in accordance with this section.

A licensed practical nurse authorized by the board to perform intravenous therapy may perform an intravenous therapy procedure only at the direction of one of the following:

(1) A licensed physician, dentist, optometrist, or podiatrist who, except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section, is present and readily available at the facility where the intravenous therapy procedure is performed;

(2) A registered nurse in accordance with division (C) of this section.

(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section and section 4723.171 of the Revised Code, when a licensed practical nurse authorized by the board to perform intravenous therapy performs an intravenous therapy procedure at the direction of a registered nurse, the registered nurse or another registered nurse shall be readily available at the site where the intravenous therapy is performed, and before the licensed practical nurse initiates the intravenous therapy, the registered nurse shall personally perform an on-site assessment of the individual who is to receive the intravenous therapy.

(2) When a licensed practical nurse authorized by the board to perform intravenous therapy performs an intravenous therapy procedure in a home as defined in section 3721.10 of the Revised Code, or in an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded as defined in section 5111.20 of the Revised Code, at the direction of a registered nurse or licensed physician, dentist, optometrist, or podiatrist, a registered nurse shall be on the premises of the home or facility or accessible by some form of telecommunication.

(D) No licensed practical nurse shall perform any of the following intravenous therapy procedures:

(1) Initiating or maintaining any of the following:

(a) Blood or blood components;

(b) Solutions for total parenteral nutrition;

(c) Any cancer therapeutic medication including, but not limited to, cancer chemotherapy or an anti-neoplastic agent;

(d) Solutions administered through any central venous line or arterial line or any other line that does not terminate in a peripheral vein, except that a licensed practical nurse authorized by the board to perform intravenous therapy may maintain the solutions specified in division (D)(6)(a) of this section that are being administered through a central venous line or peripherally inserted central catheter;

(e) Any investigational or experimental medication.

(2) Initiating intravenous therapy in any vein, except that a licensed practical nurse authorized by the board to perform intravenous therapy may initiate intravenous therapy in accordance with this section in a vein of the hand, forearm, or antecubital fossa;

(3) Discontinuing a central venous, arterial, or any other line that does not terminate in a peripheral vein;

(4) Initiating or discontinuing a peripherally inserted central catheter;

(5) Mixing, preparing, or reconstituting any medication for intravenous therapy, except that a licensed practical nurse authorized by the board to perform intravenous therapy may prepare or reconstitute an antibiotic additive;

(6) Administering medication via the intravenous route, including all of the following activities:

(a) Adding medication to an intravenous solution or to an existing infusion, except that a licensed practical nurse authorized by the board to perform intravenous therapy may do either of the following:

(i) Initiate an intravenous infusion containing one or more of the following elements: dextrose 5%; normal saline; lactated ringers; sodium chloride .45%; sodium chloride 0.2%; sterile water.

(ii) Hang subsequent containers of the intravenous solutions specified in division (D)(6)(a) of this section that contain vitamins or electrolytes, if a registered nurse initiated the infusion of that same intravenous solution.

(b) Initiating or maintaining an intravenous piggyback infusion, except that a licensed practical nurse authorized by the board to perform intravenous therapy may initiate or maintain an intravenous piggyback infusion containing an antibiotic additive;

(c) Injecting medication via a direct intravenous route, except that a licensed practical nurse authorized by the board to perform intravenous therapy may inject heparin or normal saline to flush an intermittent infusion device or heparin lock including, but not limited to, bolus or push.

(7) Aspirating any intravenous line to maintain patency;

(8) Changing tubing on any line including, but not limited to, an arterial line or a central venous line, except that a licensed practical nurse authorized by the board to perform intravenous therapy may change tubing on an intravenous line that terminates in a peripheral vein;

(9) Programming or setting any function of a patient controlled infusion pump.

(E) Notwithstanding division (D) of this section, at the direction of a physician or a registered nurse, a licensed practical nurse authorized by the board to perform intravenous therapy may perform the following activities for the purpose of performing dialysis:

(1) The routine administration and regulation of saline solution for the purpose of maintaining an established fluid plan;

(2) The administration of a heparin dose intravenously;

(3) The administration of a heparin dose peripherally via a fistula needle;

(4) The loading and activation of a constant infusion pump or the intermittent injection of a dose of medication prescribed by a licensed physician for dialysis.

(F) No person shall employ or direct a licensed practical nurse to perform an intravenous therapy procedure without first verifying that the licensed practical nurse is authorized by the board to perform intravenous therapy.

(G) The board shall issue an intravenous therapy card to the licensed practical nurses authorized pursuant to division (A) of this section to perform intravenous therapy. A fee for issuing the card shall not be charged under section 4723.08 of the Revised Code if the licensed practical nurse receives the card by meeting the requirements of division (A)(1) of this section. The board shall maintain a registry of the names of licensed practical nurses ~~authorized pursuant to division (A) of this section to perform~~ who hold intravenous therapy cards.

Sec. 4723.271. The board of nursing shall provide a replacement copy of a nursing license, certificate of authority, ~~or~~ dialysis technician certificate, or community health worker certificate issued under this chapter upon request of the holder accompanied by proper identification as prescribed in rules adopted by the board and payment of the fee authorized under section 4723.08 of the Revised Code.

Upon request of the holder of a nursing license, certificate of authority, ~~or~~ dialysis technician certificate, or community health worker certificate issued under this chapter and payment of the fee authorized under section 4723.08 of the Revised Code, the board shall verify to an agency of another

jurisdiction or foreign country the fact that the person holds such nursing license, certificate of authority, ~~or~~ dialysis technician certificate, or community health worker certificate.

Sec. 4723.34. (A) Reports to the board of nursing shall be made as follows:

(1) Every employer of registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, or dialysis technicians shall report to the board of nursing the name of any current or former employee who holds a nursing license or dialysis technician certificate issued under this chapter who has engaged in conduct that would be grounds for disciplinary action by the board under section 4723.28 of the Revised Code. Every employer of certified community health workers shall report to the board the name of any current or former employee who holds a community health worker certificate issued under this chapter who has engaged in conduct that would be grounds for disciplinary action by the board under section 4723.86 of the Revised Code.

(2) Nursing associations shall report to the board the name of any registered nurse or licensed practical nurse and dialysis technician associations shall report to the board the name of any dialysis technician who has been investigated and found to constitute a danger to the public health, safety, and welfare because of conduct that would be grounds for disciplinary action by the board under section 4723.28 of the Revised Code, except that an association is not required to report the individual's name if the individual is maintaining satisfactory participation in a peer support program approved by the board under rules adopted under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code. Community health worker associations shall report to the board the name of any certified community health worker who has been investigated and found to constitute a danger to the public health, safety, and welfare because of conduct that would be grounds for disciplinary action by the board under section 4723.86 of the Revised Code, except that an association is not required to report the individual's name if the individual is maintaining satisfactory participation in a peer support program approved by the board under rules adopted under section 4723.07 of the Revised Code.

(3) If the prosecutor in a case described in divisions (B)(3) to (5) of section 4723.28 of the Revised Code, or in a case where the trial court issued an order of dismissal upon technical or procedural grounds of a charge of a misdemeanor committed in the course of practice, a felony charge, or a charge of gross immorality or moral turpitude, knows or has reason to believe that the person charged is licensed under this chapter to practice nursing as a registered nurse or as a licensed practical nurse or holds a certificate issued under this chapter to practice as a dialysis

technician, the prosecutor shall notify the board of nursing. With regard to certified community health workers, if the prosecutor in a case involving a charge of a misdemeanor committed in the course of employment, a felony charge, or a charge of gross immorality or moral turpitude, including a case dismissed on technical or procedural grounds, knows or has reason to believe that the person charged holds a community health worker certificate issued under this chapter, the prosecutor shall notify the board.

Each notification required by this division shall be made on forms prescribed and provided by the board. The report shall include the name and address of the license or certificate holder, the charge, and the certified court documents recording the action.

(B) If any person fails to provide a report required by this section, the board may seek an order from a court of competent jurisdiction compelling submission of the report.

Sec. 4723.35. (A) As used in this section, "chemical dependency" means either of the following:

(1) The chronic and habitual use of alcoholic beverages to the extent that the user no longer can control the use of alcohol or endangers the user's health, safety, or welfare or that of others;

(2) The use of a controlled substance as defined in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code, a harmful intoxicant as defined in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, or a dangerous drug as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code, to the extent that the user becomes physically or psychologically dependent on the substance, intoxicant, or drug or endangers the user's health, safety, or welfare or that of others.

(B) The board of nursing may abstain from taking disciplinary action under section 4723.28 or 4723.86 of the Revised Code against an individual with a chemical dependency if it finds that the individual can be treated effectively and there is no impairment of the individual's ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of safe care. The board shall establish a chemical dependency monitoring program to monitor the registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, ~~and~~ dialysis technicians, and certified community health workers against whom the board has abstained from taking action. The board shall develop the program, select the program's name, and designate a coordinator to administer the program.

(C) The board shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish the following:

(1) Eligibility requirements for admission to and continued participation in the monitoring program;

(2) Terms and conditions that must be met to participate in and

successfully complete the program;

(3) Procedures for keeping confidential records regarding participants;

(4) Any other requirements or procedures necessary to establish and administer the program.

(D)(1) As a condition of being admitted to the monitoring program, an individual shall surrender to the program coordinator the license or certificate that the individual holds. While the surrender is in effect, the individual is prohibited from engaging in the practice of nursing ~~or,~~ engaging in the provision of dialysis care, or engaging in the provision of services that were being provided as a certified community health worker.

If the program coordinator determines that a participant is capable of resuming practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of safe care, the coordinator shall return the participant's license or certificate. If the participant violates the terms and conditions of resumed practice, the program coordinator shall require the participant to surrender the license or certificate as a condition of continued participation in the program. The coordinator may require the surrender only on the approval of the board's supervising member for disciplinary matters.

The surrender of a license or certificate on admission to the monitoring program or while participating in the program does not constitute an action by the board under section 4723.28 or 4723.86 of the Revised Code. The participant may rescind the surrender at any time and the board may proceed by taking action under section 4723.28 or 4723.86 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the program coordinator determines that a participant is significantly out of compliance with the terms and conditions for participation, the coordinator shall notify the board's supervising member for disciplinary matters and the supervising member shall temporarily suspend the participant's license or certificate. The program coordinator shall notify the participant of the suspension by certified mail sent to the participant's last known address and shall refer the matter to the board for formal action under section 4723.28 or 4723.86 of the Revised Code.

(E) All of the following apply with respect to the receipt, release, and maintenance of records and information by the monitoring program:

(1) The program coordinator shall maintain all records in the board's office for a period of five years.

(2) When applying to participate in the monitoring program, the applicant shall sign a waiver permitting the program coordinator to receive and release information necessary for the coordinator to determine whether the individual is eligible for admission. After being admitted, the participant shall sign a waiver permitting the program coordinator to receive and release

information necessary to determine whether the individual is eligible for continued participation in the program. Information that may be necessary for the program coordinator to determine eligibility for admission or continued participation in the monitoring program includes, but is not limited to, information provided to and by employers, probation officers, law enforcement agencies, peer assistance programs, health professionals, and treatment providers. No entity with knowledge that the information has been provided to the monitoring program shall divulge that knowledge to any other person.

(3) Except as provided in division (E)(4) of this section, all records pertaining to an individual's application for or participation in the monitoring program, including medical records, treatment records, and mental health records, shall be confidential. The records are not public records for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and are not subject to discovery by subpoena or admissible as evidence in any judicial proceeding.

(4) The program coordinator may disclose information regarding a participant's progress in the program to any person or government entity that the participant authorizes in writing to be given the information. In disclosing information under this division, the coordinator shall not include any information that is protected under section 3793.13 of the Revised Code or any federal statute or regulation that provides for the confidentiality of medical, mental health, or substance abuse records.

(F) In the absence of fraud or bad faith, the program coordinator, the board of nursing, and the board's employees and representatives are not liable for damages in any civil action as a result of disclosing information in accordance with division (E)(4) of this section. In the absence of fraud or bad faith, any person reporting to the program with regard to an individual's chemical dependence, or the progress or lack of progress of that individual with regard to treatment, is not liable for damages in any civil action as a result of the report.

Sec. 4723.431. (A) Except as provided in division (C)(1) of this section, a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner may practice only in accordance with a standard care arrangement entered into with each physician or podiatrist with whom the nurse collaborates. A copy of the standard care arrangement shall be retained on file at each site where the nurse practices. Prior approval of the standard care arrangement by the board of nursing is not required, but the board may periodically review it for compliance with this section.

A clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse

practitioner may enter into a standard care arrangement with one or more collaborating physicians or podiatrists. Each physician or podiatrist must be actively engaged in direct clinical practice in this state and practicing in a specialty that is the same as or similar to the nurse's nursing specialty. If a collaborating physician or podiatrist enters into standard care arrangements with more than three nurses who hold certificates to prescribe issued under section 4723.48 of the Revised Code, the physician or podiatrist shall not collaborate at the same time with more than three of the nurses in the prescribing component of their practices.

(B) A standard care arrangement shall be in writing and, except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section, shall contain all of the following:

(1) Criteria for referral of a patient by the clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner to a collaborating physician or podiatrist;

(2) A process for the clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner to obtain a consultation with a collaborating physician or podiatrist;

(3) A plan for coverage in instances of emergency or planned absences of either the clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner or a collaborating physician or podiatrist that provides the means whereby a physician or podiatrist is available for emergency care;

(4) The process for resolution of disagreements regarding matters of patient management between the clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner and a collaborating physician or podiatrist;

(5) A procedure for a regular review of the referrals by the clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner to other health care professionals and the care outcomes for a random sample of all patients seen by the nurse;

(6) If the clinical nurse specialist or certified nurse practitioner regularly provides services to infants, a policy for care of infants up to age one and recommendations for collaborating physician visits for children from birth to age three;

(7) Any other criteria required by rule of the board adopted pursuant to section 4723.07 or 4723.50 of the Revised Code.

(C) A standard care arrangement entered into pursuant to this section may permit a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner to supervise services provided by a home health agency as defined in section 3701.881 of the Revised Code.

(D)(1) A clinical nurse specialist who does not hold a certificate to

prescribe and whose nursing specialty is mental health or psychiatric mental health, as determined by the board, is not required to enter into a standard care arrangement, but shall practice in collaboration with one or more physicians.

(2) If a clinical nurse specialist practicing in either of the specialties specified in division (C)(1) of this section holds a certificate to prescribe, the nurse shall enter into a standard care arrangement with one or more physicians. The standard care arrangement must meet the requirements of division (B) of this section, but only to the extent necessary to address the prescribing component of the nurse's practice.

~~(D)~~(E) Nothing in this section prohibits a hospital from hiring a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner as an employee and negotiating standard care arrangements on behalf of the employee as necessary to meet the requirements of this section. A standard care arrangement between the hospital's employee and the employee's collaborating physician is subject to approval by the medical staff and governing body of the hospital prior to implementation of the arrangement at the hospital.

Sec. 4723.63. On receipt of a notice pursuant to section 3123.43 of the Revised Code, the board of nursing 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 nursing license ~~or,~~ dialysis technician certificate, or community health worker certificate issued pursuant to this chapter.

Sec. 4723.81. The board of nursing shall develop and implement a program for the certification of community health workers. The board shall begin issuing community health worker certificates under section 4723.85 of the Revised Code not later than February 1, 2005.

The certification program shall reflect the board's recognition of individuals who, as community representatives, advocate for individuals and groups in the community by assisting them in accessing community health and supportive resources through the provision of such services as education, role modeling, outreach, home visits, and referrals, any of which may be targeted toward an individual, family, or entire community. The certification program also shall reflect the board's recognition of the individuals as members of the community with a unique perspective of community needs that enables them to develop culturally appropriate solutions to problems and translate the solutions into practice.

The certification program does not require an individual to obtain a community health worker certificate as a means of authorizing the

individual to perform any of the activities that may be performed by an individual who holds a community health worker certificate.

Sec. 4723.82. (A) An individual who holds a current, valid community health worker certificate issued by the board of nursing under section 4723.85 of the Revised Code may use the title "certified community health worker" or "community health worker." When providing services within the community, the certificate holder may represent to the public that the individual is providing the services under either title.

(B)(1) Holding a community health worker certificate does not authorize an individual to administer medications or perform any other activity that requires judgment based on nursing knowledge or expertise. Any activities performed by a certified community health worker that are related to nursing care shall be performed only pursuant to the delegation of a registered nurse acting in accordance with the rules for delegation adopted under this chapter. Any other health-related activities performed by a certified community health worker shall be performed only under the supervision of a health professional acting within the scope of the professional's practice.

Only a registered nurse may supervise a certified community health worker when performing delegated activities related to nursing care. The registered nurse supervising a certified community health worker shall provide the supervision in accordance with the rules for delegation adopted under this chapter and the rules for supervision of community health workers adopted under section 4723.88 of the Revised Code, including the rules limiting the number of certified community health workers who may be supervised at any one time.

(2) A registered nurse who delegates activities to a certified community health worker or supervises a certified community health worker in the performance of delegated activities is not liable in damages to any person or government entity in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an action or omission of the certified community health worker in performing the activities, if the registered nurse delegates the activities or provides the supervision in accordance with this chapter and the rules adopted under this chapter.

Sec. 4723.83. (A) An individual seeking a community health worker certificate shall submit an application to the board of nursing on forms the board shall prescribe and furnish. The applicant shall include all information the board requires to process the application. The application shall be accompanied by the fee established in rules adopted under section 4723.88 of the Revised Code.

(B) An applicant for a community health worker certificate shall submit a request to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation for a criminal records check of the applicant. The request shall be on the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, accompanied by a standard impression sheet to obtain fingerprints prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section, and accompanied by the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of that section. On receipt of the completed form, the completed impression sheet, and the fee, the bureau shall conduct a criminal records check of the applicant. On completion of the criminal records check, the bureau shall send the results of the check to the board. The applicant shall ask the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to request that the federal bureau of investigation provide the superintendent with any information it has with respect to the applicant.

The results of any criminal records check conducted pursuant to a request made under this section, and any report containing those results, are not public records for purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be made available to any person or for any purpose other than the following:

(1) The results may be made available to any person for use in determining whether the individual who is the subject of the check should be issued a community health worker certificate.

(2) The results may be made available to the individual who is the subject of the check or that individual's representative.

Sec. 4723.84. (A) To be eligible to receive a community health worker certificate, an applicant shall meet all of the following conditions:

(1) Be eighteen years of age or older;

(2) Possess a high school diploma or the equivalent of a high school diploma, as determined by the board;

(3) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, successfully complete a community health worker training program approved by the board under section 4723.87 of the Revised Code;

(4) Have results on the criminal records check requested under section 4723.83 of the Revised Code indicating that the individual has not been convicted of, has not pleaded guilty to, and has not had a judicial finding of guilt for violating section 2903.01, 2903.02, 2903.03, 2903.11, 2905.01, 2907.02, 2907.03, 2907.05, 2909.02, 2911.01, or 2911.11 of the Revised Code or a substantially similar law of another state, the United States, or another country;

(5) Meet all other requirements the board specifies in rules adopted

under section 4723.88 of the Revised Code.

(B) In lieu of meeting the condition of completing a community health worker training program, an applicant may be issued a community health worker certificate if the individual was employed in a capacity substantially the same as a community health worker before the board implemented the certification program. To be eligible under this division, an applicant must meet the requirements specified in rules adopted by the board under section 4723.88 of the Revised Code and provide documentation from the employer attesting to the employer's belief that the applicant is competent to perform activities as a certified community health worker.

Sec. 4723.85. (A) The board of nursing shall review all applications received under section 4723.83 of the Revised Code. If an applicant meets the requirements of section 4723.84 of the Revised Code, the board shall issue a community health worker certificate to the applicant.

(B) A community health worker certificate issued under this section expires biennially and may be renewed in accordance with the schedule and procedures established by the board in rules adopted under section 4723.88 of the Revised Code. To be eligible for renewal, an individual must complete the continuing education requirements established by the board in rules adopted under section 4723.88 of the Revised Code and meet all other requirements for renewal, as specified in the board's rules adopted under that section. If an applicant for renewal has successfully completed the continuing education requirements and meets all other requirements for renewal, the board shall issue a renewed community health worker certificate to the applicant.

Sec. 4723.86. The board of nursing, by vote of a quorum, may deny, revoke, or suspend a community health worker certificate. The board may impose one or more of the sanctions against an applicant or certificate holder for any of the reasons it specifies in rules adopted under section 4723.88 of the Revised Code. All actions to impose a sanction shall be taken in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4723.87. (A) A person or government entity seeking to operate a training program that prepares individuals to become certified community health workers shall submit an application to the board of nursing on forms the board shall prescribe and furnish. The applicant shall include all information the board requires to process the application. The application shall be accompanied by the fee established in rules adopted under section 4723.87 of the Revised Code.

The board shall review all applications received. If an applicant meets the standards for approval established in the board's rules adopted under

section 4723.88 of the Revised Code, the board shall approve the program.

(B) The board's approval of a training program expires biennially and may be renewed in accordance with the schedule and procedures established by the board in rules adopted under section 4723.88 of the Revised Code.

(C) If an approved community health worker training program ceases to meet the standards for approval, the board shall withdraw its approval of the program, refuse to renew its approval of the program, or place the program on provisional approval. In withdrawing or refusing to renew its approval, the board shall act in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. In placing a program on provisional approval, the board shall specify the period of time during which the provisional approval is valid. At the end of the period, the board shall reconsider whether the program meets the standards for approval. If the program meets the standards for approval, the board shall reinstate its full approval of the program or renew its approval of the program. If the program does not meet the standards for approval, the board shall proceed by withdrawing or refusing to renew its approval of the program.

Sec. 4723.88. The board of nursing, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules to administer and enforce sections 4723.81 to 4723.87 of the Revised Code. The rules shall establish all of the following:

(A) Standards and procedures for issuance of community health worker certificates;

(B) Standards for evaluating the competency of an individual who applies to receive a certificate on the basis of having been employed in a capacity substantially the same as a community health worker before the board implemented the certification program;

(C) Standards and procedures for renewal of community health worker certificates, including the continuing education requirements that must be met for renewal;

(D) Standards governing the performance of activities related to nursing care that are delegated by a registered nurse to certified community health workers. In establishing the standards, the board shall specify limits on the number of certified community health workers a registered nurse may supervise at any one time.

(E) Standards and procedures for assessing the quality of the services that are provided by certified community health workers;

(F) Standards and procedures for denying, suspending, and revoking a community health worker certificate, including reasons for imposing the sanctions that are substantially similar to the reasons that sanctions are

imposed under section 4723.28 of the Revised Code;

(G) Standards and procedures for approving and renewing the board's approval of training programs that prepare individuals to become certified community health workers. In establishing the standards, the board shall specify the minimum components that must be included in a training program, shall require that all approved training programs offer the standardized curriculum, and shall ensure that the curriculum enables individuals to use the training as a basis for entering programs leading to other careers, including nursing education programs.

(H) Standards and procedures for withdrawing the board's approval of a training program, refusing to renew the approval of a training program, and placing a training program on provisional approval;

(I) Amounts for each fee that may be imposed under division (A)(25) of section 4723.08 of the Revised Code;

(J) Any other standards or procedures the board considers necessary and appropriate for the administration and enforcement of sections 4723.81 to 4723.87 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4729.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Pharmacy," except when used in a context that refers to the practice of pharmacy, means any area, room, rooms, place of business, department, or portion of any of the foregoing where the practice of pharmacy is conducted.

(B) "Practice of pharmacy" means providing pharmacist care requiring specialized knowledge, judgment, and skill derived from the principles of biological, chemical, behavioral, social, pharmaceutical, and clinical sciences. As used in this division, "pharmacist care" includes the following:

(1) Interpreting prescriptions;

(2) Compounding or dispensing drugs and dispensing drug therapy related devices;

(3) Counseling individuals with regard to their drug therapy, recommending drug therapy related devices, and assisting in the selection of drugs and appliances for treatment of common diseases and injuries and providing instruction in the proper use of the drugs and appliances;

(4) Performing drug regimen reviews with individuals by discussing all of the drugs that the individual is taking and explaining the interactions of the drugs;

(5) Performing drug utilization reviews with licensed health professionals authorized to prescribe drugs when the pharmacist determines that an individual with a prescription has a drug regimen that warrants additional discussion with the prescriber;

(6) Advising an individual and the health care professionals treating an individual with regard to the individual's drug therapy;

(7) Acting pursuant to a consult agreement with a physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, if an agreement has been established with the physician;

(8) Administering ~~by injection~~ the adult immunizations specified in section 4729.41 of the Revised Code, if the pharmacist has met the requirements of that section.

(C) "Compounding" means the preparation, mixing, assembling, packaging, and labeling of one or more drugs in any of the following circumstances:

(1) Pursuant to a prescription issued by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs;

(2) Pursuant to the modification of a prescription made in accordance with a consult agreement;

(3) As an incident to research, teaching activities, or chemical analysis;

(4) In anticipation of prescription drug orders based on routine, regularly observed dispensing patterns.

(D) "Consult agreement" means an agreement to manage an individual's drug therapy that has been entered into by a pharmacist and a physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

(E) "Drug" means:

(1) Any article recognized in the United States pharmacopoeia and national formulary, or any supplement to them, intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in humans or animals;

(2) Any other article intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in humans or animals;

(3) Any article, other than food, intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of humans or animals;

(4) Any article intended for use as a component of any article specified in division (C)(1), (2), or (3) of this section; but does not include devices or their components, parts, or accessories.

(F) "Dangerous drug" means any of the following:

(1) Any drug to which either of the following applies:

(a) Under the "Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act," 52 Stat. 1040 (1938), 21 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, the drug is required to bear a label containing the legend "Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without

prescription" or "Caution: Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian" or any similar restrictive statement, or the drug may be dispensed only upon a prescription;

(b) Under Chapter 3715. or 3719. of the Revised Code, the drug may be dispensed only upon a prescription.

(2) Any drug that contains a schedule V controlled substance and that is exempt from Chapter 3719. of the Revised Code or to which that chapter does not apply;

(3) Any drug intended for administration by injection into the human body other than through a natural orifice of the human body.

(G) "Federal drug abuse control laws" has the same meaning as in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code.

(H) "Prescription" means a written, electronic, or oral order for drugs or combinations or mixtures of drugs to be used by a particular individual or for treating a particular animal, issued by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs.

(I) "Licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs" or "prescriber" means an individual who is authorized by law to prescribe drugs or dangerous drugs or drug therapy related devices in the course of the individual's professional practice, including only the following:

(1) A dentist licensed under Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code;

(2) Until January 17, 2000, an advanced practice nurse approved under section 4723.56 of the Revised Code to prescribe drugs and therapeutic devices;

(3) A clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner who holds a certificate to prescribe issued under section 4723.48 of the Revised Code;

(4) An optometrist licensed under Chapter 4725. of the Revised Code to practice optometry under a therapeutic pharmaceutical agents certificate;

(5) A physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatry;

(6) A veterinarian licensed under Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code.

(J) "Sale" and "sell" include delivery, transfer, barter, exchange, or gift, or offer therefor, and each such transaction made by any person, whether as principal proprietor, agent, or employee.

(K) "Wholesale sale" and "sale at wholesale" mean any sale in which the purpose of the purchaser is to resell the article purchased or received by the purchaser.

(L) "Retail sale" and "sale at retail" mean any sale other than a

wholesale sale or sale at wholesale.

(M) "Retail seller" means any person that sells any dangerous drug to consumers without assuming control over and responsibility for its administration. Mere advice or instructions regarding administration do not constitute control or establish responsibility.

(N) "Price information" means the price charged for a prescription for a particular drug product and, in an easily understandable manner, all of the following:

(1) The proprietary name of the drug product;

(2) The established (generic) name of the drug product;

(3) The strength of the drug product if the product contains a single active ingredient or if the drug product contains more than one active ingredient and a relevant strength can be associated with the product without indicating each active ingredient. The established name and quantity of each active ingredient are required if such a relevant strength cannot be so associated with a drug product containing more than one ingredient.

(4) The dosage form;

(5) The price charged for a specific quantity of the drug product. The stated price shall include all charges to the consumer, including, but not limited to, the cost of the drug product, professional fees, handling fees, if any, and a statement identifying professional services routinely furnished by the pharmacy. Any mailing fees and delivery fees may be stated separately without repetition. The information shall not be false or misleading.

(O) "Wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs" means a person engaged in the sale of dangerous drugs at wholesale and includes any agent or employee of such a person authorized by the person to engage in the sale of dangerous drugs at wholesale.

(P) "Manufacturer of dangerous drugs" means a person, other than a pharmacist, who manufactures dangerous drugs and who is engaged in the sale of those dangerous drugs within this state.

(Q) "Terminal distributor of dangerous drugs" means a person who is engaged in the sale of dangerous drugs at retail, or any person, other than a wholesale distributor or a pharmacist, who has possession, custody, or control of dangerous drugs for any purpose other than for that person's own use and consumption, and includes pharmacies, hospitals, nursing homes, and laboratories and all other persons who procure dangerous drugs for sale or other distribution by or under the supervision of a pharmacist or licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs.

(R) "Promote to the public" means disseminating a representation to the public in any manner or by any means, other than by labeling, for the

purpose of inducing, or that is likely to induce, directly or indirectly, the purchase of a dangerous drug at retail.

(S) "Person" includes any individual, partnership, association, limited liability company, or corporation, the state, any political subdivision of the state, and any district, department, or agency of the state or its political subdivisions.

(T) "Finished dosage form" has the same meaning as in section 3715.01 of the Revised Code.

(U) "Generically equivalent drug" has the same meaning as in section 3715.01 of the Revised Code.

(V) "Animal shelter" means a facility operated by a humane society or any society organized under Chapter 1717. of the Revised Code or a dog pound operated pursuant to Chapter 955. of the Revised Code.

(W) "Food" has the same meaning as in section 3715.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4729.41. (A) A pharmacist licensed under this chapter who meets the requirements of division (B) of this section may administer~~, by injection,~~ adult immunizations for any of the following:

(1) Influenza;

(2) Pneumonia;

(3) Tetanus;

(4) Hepatitis A;

(5) Hepatitis B.

(B) To be authorized to administer the adult immunizations specified in division (A) of this section, a pharmacist shall do all of the following:

(1) Successfully complete a course in the administration of adult immunizations that has been approved by the state board of pharmacy as meeting the standards established for such courses by the centers for disease control and prevention in the public health service of the United States department of health and human services;

(2) Receive and maintain certification to perform basic life-support procedures by successfully completing a basic life-support training course certified by the American red cross or American heart association;

(3) Practice in accordance with a definitive set of treatment guidelines specified in a protocol established by a physician and approved by the state board of pharmacy. The protocol shall include provisions requiring that the pharmacist do both of the following:

(a) Observe an individual who has been immunized by the pharmacist to determine whether the individual has an adverse reaction to the immunization. The length of time and location of the observation shall be

specified in rules adopted by the state board of pharmacy under division (D) of this section.

(b) Not later than thirty days after administering an adult immunization to an individual, notify the individual's family physician or, if the individual has no family physician, the board of health of the health district in which the individual resides.

(C) No pharmacist shall do either of the following:

(1) Engage in the administration of adult immunizations by injection unless the requirements of division (B) of this section have been met;

(2) Delegate to any person the pharmacist's authority to administer adult immunizations.

(D) The state board of pharmacy shall adopt rules to implement this section, including rules for approval of courses in administration of adult immunizations and approval of protocols to be followed by pharmacists in administering adult immunizations. Prior to adopting the rules regarding approval of protocols, the state board of pharmacy shall consult with the state medical board and the board of nursing. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4731.27. (A) As used in this section, "collaboration," "physician," "standard care arrangement," and "supervision" have the same meanings as in section 4723.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Except as provided in division ~~(C)~~(D)(1) of section 4723.431 of the Revised Code, a physician or podiatrist shall enter into a standard care arrangement with each clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner with whom the physician or podiatrist is in collaboration. The collaborating physician or podiatrist shall fulfill the responsibilities of collaboration, as specified in the arrangement and in accordance with division (A) of section 4723.431 of the Revised Code. A copy of the standard care arrangement shall be retained on file at each site where the nurse practices. Prior approval of the standard care arrangement by the state medical board is not required, but the board may periodically review it.

Nothing in this division prohibits a hospital from hiring a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner as an employee and negotiating standard care arrangements on behalf of the employee as necessary to meet the requirements of this section. A standard care arrangement between the hospital's employee and the employee's collaborating physician is subject to approval by the medical staff and governing body of the hospital prior to implementation of the arrangement at the hospital.

(C) With respect to a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner participating in an externship pursuant to an initial certificate to prescribe issued under section 4723.48 of the Revised Code, the physician responsible for evaluating the externship shall provide the state medical board with the name of the nurse. If the externship is terminated for any reason, the physician shall notify the board.

(D) A physician or podiatrist shall cooperate with the board of nursing in any investigation the board conducts with respect to a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner who collaborates with the physician or podiatrist or with respect to a certified registered nurse anesthetist who practices with the supervision of the physician or podiatrist.

Sec. 4731.65. As used in sections 4731.65 to 4731.71 of the Revised Code:

(A)(1) "Clinical laboratory services" means either of the following:

(a) Any examination of materials derived from the human body for the purpose of providing information for the diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of any disease or impairment or for the assessment of health;

(b) Procedures to determine, measure, or otherwise describe the presence or absence of various substances or organisms in the body.

(2) "Clinical laboratory services" does not include the mere collection or preparation of specimens.

(B) "Designated health services" means any of the following:

(1) Clinical laboratory services;

(2) Home health care services;

(3) Outpatient prescription drugs.

(C) "Fair market value" means the value in arms-length transactions, consistent with general market value and:

(1) With respect to rentals or leases, the value of rental property for general commercial purposes, not taking into account its intended use;

(2) With respect to a lease of space, not adjusted to reflect the additional value the prospective lessee or lessor would attribute to the proximity or convenience to the lessor if the lessor is a potential source of referrals to the lessee.

(D) "Governmental health care program" means any program providing health care benefits that is administered by the federal government, this state, or a political subdivision of this state, including the medicare program established under Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, health care coverage for public employees, health care benefits administered by the bureau of workers'

compensation, the medical assistance program established under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code, and the disability ~~assistance~~ medical assistance program established under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) "Group practice" means a group of two or more holders of certificates under this chapter legally organized as a partnership, professional corporation or association, limited liability company, foundation, nonprofit corporation, faculty practice plan, or similar group practice entity, including an organization comprised of a nonprofit medical clinic that contracts with a professional corporation or association of physicians to provide medical services exclusively to patients of the clinic in order to comply with section 1701.03 of the Revised Code and including a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or professional association described in division (B) of section 4731.226 of the Revised Code formed for the purpose of providing a combination of the professional services of optometrists who are licensed, certificated, or otherwise legally authorized to practice optometry under Chapter 4725. of the Revised Code, chiropractors who are licensed, certificated, or otherwise legally authorized to practice chiropractic under Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code, psychologists who are licensed, certificated, or otherwise legally authorized to practice psychology under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code, registered or licensed practical nurses who are licensed, certificated, or otherwise legally authorized to practice nursing under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code, pharmacists who are licensed, certificated, or otherwise legally authorized to practice pharmacy under Chapter 4729. of the Revised Code, physical therapists who are licensed, certificated, or otherwise legally authorized to practice physical therapy under sections 4755.40 to 4755.53 of the Revised Code, mechanotherapists who are licensed, certificated, or otherwise legally authorized to practice mechanotherapy under section 4731.151 of the Revised Code, and doctors of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery who are licensed, certificated, or otherwise legally authorized for their respective practices under this chapter, to which all of the following apply:

(a) Each physician who is a member of the group practice provides substantially the full range of services that the physician routinely provides, including medical care, consultation, diagnosis, or treatment, through the joint use of shared office space, facilities, equipment, and personnel.

(b) Substantially all of the services of the members of the group are provided through the group and are billed in the name of the group and amounts so received are treated as receipts of the group.

(c) The overhead expenses of and the income from the practice are

distributed in accordance with methods previously determined by members of the group.

(d) The group practice meets any other requirements that the state medical board applies in rules adopted under section 4731.70 of the Revised Code.

(2) In the case of a faculty practice plan associated with a hospital with a medical residency training program in which physician members may provide a variety of specialty services and provide professional services both within and outside the group, as well as perform other tasks such as research, the criteria in division (E)(1) of this section apply only with respect to services rendered within the faculty practice plan.

(F) "Home health care services" and "immediate family" have the same meanings as in the rules adopted under section 4731.70 of the Revised Code.

(G) "Hospital" has the same meaning as in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code.

(H) A "referral" includes both of the following:

(1) A request by a holder of a certificate under this chapter for an item or service, including a request for a consultation with another physician and any test or procedure ordered by or to be performed by or under the supervision of the other physician;

(2) A request for or establishment of a plan of care by a certificate holder that includes the provision of designated health services.

(I) "Third-party payer" has the same meaning as in section 3901.38 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4731.71. The auditor of state may implement procedures to detect violations of section 4731.66 or 4731.69 of the Revised Code within governmental health care programs administered by the state. The auditor of state shall report any violation of either section to the state medical board and shall certify to the attorney general in accordance with section 131.02 of the Revised Code the amount of any refund owed to a state-administered governmental health care program under section 4731.69 of the Revised Code as a result of a violation. If a refund is owed to the medical assistance program established under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code or the disability ~~assistance~~ medical assistance program established under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code, the auditor of state also shall report the amount to the department of commerce.

The state medical board also may implement procedures to detect violations of section 4731.66 or 4731.69 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4734.15. (A) The license provided for in this chapter shall entitle

the holder thereof to practice chiropractic in this state. All of the following apply to the practice of chiropractic in this state:

(1) A chiropractor is authorized to examine, diagnose, and assume responsibility for the care of patients, any or all of which is included in the practice of chiropractic.

(2) The practice of chiropractic does not permit the chiropractor to treat infectious, contagious, or venereal disease, to perform surgery or acupuncture, or to prescribe or administer drugs for treatment.

(3) A chiropractor may use roentgen rays only for diagnostic purposes.

(4) The practice of chiropractic does not include the performance of abortions.

(B) An individual holding a valid, current license to practice chiropractic is entitled to use the title "doctor," "doctor of chiropractic," "chiropractic physician," or "chiropractic" and is a "physician" for the purposes of Chapter 4123. of the Revised Code ~~and the medicaid program operated pursuant to Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code~~.

Sec. 4736.12. (A) The state board of sanitarian registration shall charge the following fees:

(1) To apply as a sanitarian-in-training, ~~fifty-seven~~ seventy-five dollars;

(2) For sanitarians-in-training to apply for registration as sanitarians, ~~fifty-seven~~ seventy-five dollars. The applicant shall pay this fee only once regardless of the number of times the applicant takes an examination required under section 4736.08 of the Revised Code.

(3) For persons other than sanitarians-in-training to apply for registration as sanitarians, including persons meeting the requirements of section 4736.16 of the Revised Code, one hundred ~~fourteen~~ fifty dollars. The applicant shall pay this fee only once regardless of the number of times the applicant takes an examination required under section 4736.08 of the Revised Code.

(4) The renewal fee for registered sanitarians shall be ~~fixed by the board and shall not exceed sixty-one~~ sixty-nine dollars.

(5) The renewal fee for sanitarians-in-training shall be ~~fixed by the board and shall not exceed sixty-one~~ sixty-nine dollars.

(6) For late application for renewal, twenty-five dollars.

The board of sanitarian registration, with the approval of the controlling board, may establish fees in excess of the amounts provided in this section, provided that such fees do not exceed the amounts permitted by this section by more than fifty per cent.

(B) The board of sanitarian registration shall charge separate fees for examinations as required by section 4736.08 of the Revised Code, provided

that the fees are not in excess of the actual cost to the board of conducting the examinations.

(C) The board of sanitarian registration may adopt rules establishing fees for all of the following:

(1) Application for the registration of a training agency approved under rules adopted by the board pursuant to section 4736.11 of the Revised Code and for the annual registration renewal of an approved training agency.

(2) Application for the review of continuing education hours submitted for the board's approval by approved training agencies or by registered sanitarians or sanitarians-in-training.

Sec. 4743.05. Except as otherwise provided in sections 4701.20, 4723.062, 4723.082, and 4729.65 of the Revised Code, all money collected under Chapters 3773., 4701., 4703., 4709., 4713., 4715., 4717., 4723., 4725., 4729., 4732., 4733., 4734., 4736., 4741., 4753., 4755., 4757., 4758., 4759., ~~and~~ 4761., 4771., and 4779. of the Revised Code~~, and until December 31, 2004, money collected under Chapter 4779. of the Revised Code,~~ shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the occupational licensing and regulatory fund, which is hereby created for use in administering such chapters.

At the end of each quarter, the director of budget and management shall transfer from the occupational licensing and regulatory fund to the nurse education assistance fund created in section 3333.28 of the Revised Code the amount certified to the director under division (B) of section 4723.08 of the Revised Code.

At the end of each quarter, the director shall transfer from the occupational licensing and regulatory fund to the certified public accountant education assistance fund created in section 4701.26 of the Revised Code the amount certified to the director under division (H)(2) of section 4701.10 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4747.05. (A) The hearing aid dealers and fitters licensing board shall issue to each applicant, within sixty days of receipt of a properly completed application and payment of two hundred ~~fifty~~ sixty-two dollars, a hearing aid dealer's or fitter's license if the applicant, if an individual:

(1) Is at least eighteen years of age;

(2) Is a person of good moral character;

(3) Is free of contagious or infectious disease;

(4) Has successfully passed a qualifying examination specified and administered by the board.

(B) If the applicant is a firm, partnership, association, or corporation, the application, in addition to such information as the board requires, shall be

accompanied by an application for a license for each person, whether owner or employee, of the firm, partnership, association, or corporation, who engages in dealing in or fitting of hearing aids, or shall contain a statement that such applications are submitted separately. No firm, partnership, association, or corporation licensed pursuant to this chapter shall permit any unlicensed person to sell or fit hearing aids.

(C) Each license issued expires on the thirtieth day of January of the year following that in which it was issued.

Sec. 4747.06. (A) Each person engaged in the practice of dealing in or fitting of hearing aids who holds a valid hearing aid dealer's or fitter's license shall apply annually to the hearing aid dealers and fitters licensing board for renewal of such license under the standard renewal procedure specified in Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code. The board shall issue to each applicant, on proof of completion of the continuing education required by division (B) of this section and payment of one hundred ~~fifty~~ fifty-seven dollars on or before the first day of February, one hundred ~~seventy-five~~ eighty-three dollars on or before the first day of March, or two hundred ten dollars thereafter, a renewed hearing aid dealer's or fitter's license. No person who applies for renewal of a hearing aid dealer's or fitter's license that has expired shall be required to take any examination as a condition of renewal provided application for renewal is made within two years of the date such license expired.

(B) Each person engaged in the practice of dealing in or fitting of hearing aids who holds a valid hearing aid dealer's or fitter's license shall complete each year not less than ten hours of continuing professional education approved by the board. On a form provided by the board, the person shall certify to the board, at the time of license renewal pursuant to division (A) of this section, that in the preceding year the person has completed continuing education in compliance with this division and shall submit any additional information required by rule of the board regarding the continuing education. The board shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing the standards continuing education programs must meet to obtain board approval and continuing education reporting requirements.

Continuing education may be applied to meet the requirement of this division if it is provided or certified by any of the following:

(1) The national institute of hearing instruments studies committee of the international hearing society;

(2) The American speech-language hearing association;

(3) The American academy of audiology.

The board may excuse persons licensed under this chapter, as a group or as individuals, from all or any part of the requirements of this division because of an unusual circumstance, emergency, or special hardship.

Sec. 4747.07. Each person who holds a hearing aid dealer's or fitter's license and engages in the practice of dealing in and fitting of hearing aids shall display such license in a conspicuous place in the person's office or place of business at all times. Each person who maintains more than one office or place of business shall post a duplicate copy of the license at each location. The hearing aid dealers and fitters licensing board shall issue duplicate copies of a license upon receipt of a properly completed application and payment of ~~fifteen~~ sixteen dollars for each copy requested.

Sec. 4747.10. Each person currently engaged in training to become a licensed hearing aid dealer or fitter shall apply to the hearing aid dealers and fitters licensing board for a hearing aid dealer's and fitter's trainee permit. The board shall issue to each applicant within thirty days of receipt of a properly completed application and payment of one hundred fifty dollars, a trainee permit if such applicant is:

(A) At least eighteen years of age;

(B) The holder of a diploma from an accredited high school, or possesses an equivalent education;

(C) A person of good moral character;

(D) Free of contagious or infectious disease.

Each trainee permit issued by the board expires one year from the date it was first issued, and may be renewed once if the trainee has not successfully completed the qualifying requirements for licensing as a hearing aid dealer or fitter before the expiration date of such permit. The board shall issue a renewed permit to each applicant upon receipt of a properly completed application and payment of one hundred five dollars. No person holding a trainee permit shall engage in the practice of dealing in or fitting of hearing aids except while under supervision by a licensed hearing aid dealer or fitter.

Sec. 4751.06. (A) An applicant for licensure as a nursing home administrator who has successfully completed the requirements of section 4751.05 of the Revised Code, passed the examination administered by the board of examiners of nursing home administrators or a government or private entity under contract with the board, and paid to the board an original license fee of two hundred ~~ten~~ fifty dollars shall be issued a license on a form provided by the board. Such license shall certify that the applicant has met the licensure requirements of Chapter 4751. of the Revised Code and is entitled to practice as a licensed nursing home administrator.

(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. 4751.07. (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 examiners of nursing home administrators 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 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.

(B) Upon making an application for a new certificate of registration such individual shall pay the annual registration fee of two hundred ~~ten~~ fifty 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.

(D) The license of a nursing home administrator who fails to comply with this section shall automatically lapse.

(E) A 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 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.

(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. 4759.08. (A) The Ohio board of dietetics shall charge and collect fees as described in this section for issuing the following:

(1) An application for an initial dietitian license, or an application for ~~reinstatement~~ reactivation of an inactive license, one hundred ~~ten~~ twenty-five dollars, and for reinstatement of a lapsed, revoked, or suspended license, one hundred ~~sixty-five~~ eighty dollars;

(2) License renewal, ~~eighty~~ ninety-five dollars;

(3) A limited permit, and renewal of the permit, ~~fifty-five~~ sixty-five dollars;

(4) A duplicate license or permit, twenty dollars;

(5) For processing a late application for renewal of any license or permit, an additional fee equal to fifty per cent of the fee for the renewal.

(B) The board shall not require a licensed dietitian holding an inactive license to pay the renewal fee.

(C) Subject to the approval of the controlling board, the Ohio board of dietetics may establish fees in excess of the amounts provided in division (A) of this section, provided that the fees do not exceed the amounts by greater than fifty per cent.

(D) The board may adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to waive all or part of the fee for an initial license if the license is issued within one hundred days of the date of expiration of the license.

(E) All receipts of the board shall be deposited in the state treasury to

the credit of the occupational licensing and regulatory fund. All vouchers of the board shall be approved by the chairperson or secretary of the board, or both, as authorized by the board.

Sec. 4771.22. The Ohio athletic commission shall deposit all money it receives under this chapter to the credit of the ~~athlete agents registration~~ occupational licensing and regulatory fund, ~~which is hereby~~ created ~~in the state treasury. The commission shall use the fund to administer and enforce this chapter~~ under section 4743.05 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4779.08. (A) The state board of orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to carry out the purposes of this chapter, including rules prescribing all of the following:

(1) The form and manner of filing of applications to be admitted to examinations and for licensure and license renewal;

(2) Standards and procedures for formulating, evaluating, approving, and administering licensing examinations or recognizing other entities that conduct examinations;

(3) The form, scoring, and scheduling of licensing examinations;

(4) Fees for examinations and applications for licensure and license renewal;

(5) Fees for approval of continuing education courses;

(6) Procedures for issuance, renewal, suspension, and revocation of licenses and the conduct of disciplinary hearings;

(7) Standards of ethical and professional conduct in the practice of orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics;

(8) Standards for approving national certification organizations in orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics;

(9) Fines for violations of this chapter;

(10) Standards for the recognition and approval of educational programs required for licensure, including standards for approving foreign educational credentials;

(11) Standards for continuing education programs required for license renewal;

(12) Provisions for making available the information described in section 4779.22 of the Revised Code.

(B) The board may adopt any other rules necessary for the administration of this chapter.

(C) The fees prescribed by this section shall be paid to the treasurer of state, who shall ~~from the effective date of this section until December 31, 2004,~~ deposit the fees in the occupational licensing and regulatory fund

established in section 4743.05 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4779.17. The state board of orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics shall issue a license under section 4779.09 of the Revised Code to practice orthotics, prosthetics, orthotics and prosthetics, or pedorthics without examination to an applicant who meets all of the following requirements:

(A) Applies to the board in accordance with section 4779.09 of the Revised Code;

(B) Holds a license to practice orthotics, prosthetics, orthotics and prosthetics, or pedorthics issued by the appropriate authority of another state;

(C) One of the following applies:

(1) In the case of an applicant for a license to practice orthotics, the applicant meets the requirements in divisions (A)(2) and (3) of section 4779.10 of the Revised Code.

(2) In the case of an applicant for a license to practice prosthetics, the applicant meets the requirements in divisions (A)(2) and (3) of section 4779.11 of the Revised Code.

(3) In the case of an applicant for a license to practice orthotics and prosthetics, the applicant meets the requirements in divisions (A)(2) and (3) of section 4779.12 of the Revised Code.

(4) In the case of an applicant for a license to practice pedorthics, the applicant meets the requirements in divisions (B) and (C) of section 4779.13 of the Revised Code.

(D) The fees prescribed by this section shall be paid to the treasurer of state, who shall ~~from the effective date of this section until December 31, 2004,~~ deposit the fees in the occupational licensing and regulatory fund established in section 4743.05 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4779.18. (A) The state board of orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics shall issue a temporary license to an individual who meets all of the following requirements:

(1) Applies to the board in accordance with rules adopted under section 4779.08 of the Revised Code and pays the application fee specified in the rules;

(2) Is eighteen years of age or older;

(3) Is of good moral character;

(4) One of the following applies:

(a) In the case of an applicant for a license to practice orthotics, the applicant meets the requirements in divisions (A)(2) and (3) of section 4779.10 of the Revised Code.

(b) In the case of an applicant for a license to practice prosthetics, the

applicant meets the requirements in divisions (A)(2) and (3) of section 4779.11 of the Revised Code.

(c) In the case of an applicant for a license to practice orthotics and prosthetics, the applicant meets the requirements in divisions (A)(2) and (3) of section 4779.12 of the Revised Code.

(d) In the case of an applicant for a license to practice pedorthics, the applicant meets the requirements in divisions (B) and (C) of section 4779.13 of the Revised Code.

(B) A temporary license issued under this section is valid for one year and may be renewed once in accordance with rules adopted by the board under section 4779.08 of the Revised Code.

An individual who holds a temporary license may practice orthotics, prosthetics, orthotics and prosthetics, or pedorthics only under the supervision of an individual who holds a license issued under section 4779.09 of the Revised Code in the same area of practice.

(C) The fees prescribed by this section shall be paid to the treasurer of state, who shall ~~from the effective date of this section until December 31, 2004,~~ deposit the fees in the occupational licensing and regulatory fund established in section 4743.05 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4903.24. If the public utilities commission finds after investigating that any rate, joint rate, fare, charge, toll, rental, schedule, or classification of service is unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, unjustly discriminatory, unjustly preferential, or in violation of law, or that any service is inadequate or cannot be obtained, the public utility found to be at fault shall pay the expenses incurred by the commission upon such investigation.

All fees, expenses, and costs of, or in connection with, any hearing or investigation may be imposed by the commission upon any party to the record or may be divided among any parties to the record in such proportion as the commission determines.

All fees, expenses, and costs authorized and collected under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special assessment fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. Money in the fund shall be used by the commission for the purpose of covering the costs of any investigations or hearings it orders regarding any public utility.

Sec. 4905.79. Any telephone company, as defined in ~~division (D)(2) of~~ section 5727.01 of the Revised Code, that is required to provide any telephone service program implemented after March 27, 1991, to aid the communicatively impaired in accessing the telephone network shall be allowed a tax credit for the costs of any such program under section ~~5727.44~~ 5733.56 of the Revised Code. Relative to any such program, the public

utilities commission, in accordance with its rules, shall allow interested parties to intervene and participate in any proceeding or part of a proceeding brought before the commission pursuant to this section. The commission shall adopt rules it considers necessary to carry out this section.

Sec. 4905.91. For the purpose of protecting the public safety with respect to intrastate pipe-line transportation by any operator:

(A) The public utilities commission shall:

(1) Adopt, and may amend or rescind, rules to carry out sections 4905.90 to 4905.96 of the Revised Code, including rules concerning pipe-line safety, drug testing, and enforcement procedures. The commission shall adopt these rules only after notice and opportunity for public comment. The rules adopted under this division and any orders issued under sections 4905.90 to 4905.96 of the Revised Code constitute the pipe-line safety code. The commission shall administer and enforce that code.

(2) Make certifications and reports to the United States department of transportation as required under the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act.

(B) The commission may:

(1) Investigate any service, act, practice, policy, or omission by any operator to determine its compliance with sections 4905.90 to 4905.96 of the Revised Code and the pipe-line safety code;

(2) Investigate any intrastate pipe-line transportation facility to determine if it is hazardous to life or property, as provided in 82 Stat. 720 (1968), 49 U.S.C.A. App. 1679b(b)(2) and (3);

(3) Investigate the existence or report of any safety-related condition that involves any intrastate pipe-line transportation facility;

(4) Enter into and perform contracts or agreements with the United States department of transportation to inspect interstate transmission facilities pursuant to the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act;

(5) Accept grants-in-aid, ~~funds~~ cash, and reimbursements provided for or made available to this state by the federal government to carry out the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act or to enforce sections 4905.90 to 4905.96 of the Revised Code and the pipe-line safety code. All such grants-in-aid, cash, and reimbursements shall be deposited to the credit of the gas pipe-line safety fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury, to be used by the commission for the purpose of carrying out this section.

(C) The commission's regulation of gathering lines shall conform to the regulation of gathering lines in 49 C.F.R. ~~parts~~ 192 and 199, as amended, and the commission's annual certification agreements with the United States department of transportation, except that rule 4901:1-16-03, paragraph (D) of rule 4901:1-16-05, and rule 4901:1-16-06 of the Ohio Administrative

Code shall also apply to gathering lines. The procedural rules under chapter 4901:1-16 of the Ohio Administrative Code shall also apply to operators of gathering lines.

Sec. 4919.79. (A) The public utilities commission may adopt safety rules applicable to the highway transportation and offering for transportation of hazardous materials in interstate commerce, which highway transportation takes place into or through this state.

(B) The commission may adopt safety rules applicable to the highway transportation of persons or property in interstate commerce, which transportation takes place into or through this state.

(C) Rules adopted under divisions (A) and (B) of this section shall be consistent with, and equivalent in scope, coverage, and content to, the "Hazardous Materials Transportation Act," 88 Stat. 2156 (1975), 49 U.S.C.A. 1801, as amended, and regulations adopted under it, and the "Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1984," 98 Stat. 2832, 49 U.S.C.A. 2501, and regulations adopted under it, respectively. No person shall violate a rule adopted under division (A) or (B) of this section or any order of the commission issued to secure compliance with any such rule.

(D) The commission shall cooperate with, and permit the use of, the services, records, and facilities of the commission as fully as practicable by appropriate officers of the interstate commerce commission, the United States department of transportation, and other federal agencies or commissions and appropriate commissions of other states in the enforcement and administration of state and federal laws relating to highway transportation by motor vehicles. The commission may enter into cooperative agreements with the interstate commerce commission, the United States department of transportation, and any other federal agency or commission to enforce the economic and safety laws and rules of this state and of the United States concerning highway transportation by motor vehicles. All grants-in-aid, cash, and reimbursements received by the commission pursuant to those cooperative agreements shall be deposited to the credit of the motor carrier safety fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury, to be used by the commission for the purpose of carrying out this section.

(E) To achieve the purposes of this section, the commission may, through its inspectors or other authorized employees, inspect any vehicles of carriers of persons or property in interstate commerce subject to the safety rules prescribed by this section and may enter upon the premises and vehicles of such carriers to examine any of the carriers' records or documents that relate to the safety of operation of such carriers. In order to

assist the commission in the performance of its duties under this section, authorized employees of the commercial motor vehicle safety enforcement unit, division of state highway patrol, of the department of public safety may enter in or upon, for purposes of inspection, any vehicle of any such carrier.

In order to inspect motor vehicles owned or operated by private motor carriers of persons, authorized employees of the commercial motor vehicle safety enforcement unit, division of state highway patrol, of the department of public safety may enter in or upon the premises of any private carrier of persons in interstate commerce, subject to the safety rules prescribed by this section.

Sec. 4931.45. (A) A final plan may be amended to expand the territory included in the countywide 9-1-1 system, to upgrade any part or all of a system from basic 9-1-1 to enhanced 9-1-1 service, to adjust the territory served by a public safety answering point, to represcribe the funding of public safety answering points as between the alternatives set forth in division (B)(5) of section 4931.43 of the Revised Code, or to make any other necessary adjustments to the plan only by convening a new 9-1-1 planning committee, and adopting an amended final plan. The convening of a new 9-1-1 planning committee and the proposal and adoption of an amended final plan shall be made in the same manner required for the convening of an initial committee and adoption of an original proposed and final plan under sections 4931.42 to 4931.44 of the Revised Code. Adoption of any resolution under section 4931.51 of the Revised Code pursuant to a final plan that both has been adopted and provides for funding through charges imposed under that section is not an amendment of a final plan for the purpose of this division.

(B) When a final plan is amended to expand the territory that receives 9-1-1 service or to upgrade a 9-1-1 system from basic to enhanced 9-1-1 service, ~~the provisions of~~ sections 4931.47 and ~~5727.39~~ 5733.55 of the Revised Code apply with respect to the telephone company's recovery of the nonrecurring and recurring rates and charges for the telephone network portion of the system.

Sec. 4931.47. (A) In accordance with Chapters 4901., 4903., 4905., 4909., and 4931. of the Revised Code, the public utilities commission shall determine the just, reasonable, and compensatory rates, tolls, classifications, charges, or rentals to be observed and charged for the telephone network portion of a basic and enhanced 9-1-1 system, and each telephone company participating in the system shall be subject to such chapters, to the extent they apply, as to the service provided by its portion of the telephone network system as described in the final plan or to be installed pursuant to

agreements under section 4931.48 of the Revised Code, and as to the rates, tolls, classifications, charges, or rentals to be observed and charged for that service.

(B) Only the customers of a participating telephone company that are served within the area covered by a 9-1-1 system shall pay the recurring rates for the maintenance and operation of the telephone network in providing 9-1-1 service. Such rates shall be computed by dividing the total monthly recurring rates set forth in a telephone company's schedule as filed in accordance with section 4905.30 of the Revised Code, by the total number of residential and business customer access lines, or their equivalent, within the area served. Each residential and business customer within the area served shall pay the recurring rates based on the number of its residential and business customer access lines or their equivalent. No company may include such amount on any customer's bill until the company has completed its portion of the telephone network in accordance with the terms, conditions, requirements, and specifications of the final plan or an agreement made under section 4931.48 of the Revised Code.

(C)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(2) of this section, the total nonrecurring charges for the telephone network used in providing 9-1-1 service, as set forth in the schedule filed by a telephone company in accordance with section 4905.30 of the Revised Code, on completion of the installation of the network in accordance with the terms, conditions, requirements, and specifications of the final plan or pursuant to section 4931.48 of the Revised Code shall be recovered by the company through the credit authorized by section ~~5727.39~~ 5733.55 of the Revised Code.

(2) The credit shall not be allowed for upgrading of a system from basic to enhanced 9-1-1 service when:

(a) The telephone company received the credit for the telephone network portion of the basic 9-1-1 system now proposed to be upgraded; and

(b) At the time the final plan or agreement pursuant to section 4931.48 of the Revised Code calling for the basic 9-1-1 system was agreed to, the telephone company was capable of reasonably meeting the technical and economic requirements of providing the telephone network portion of an enhanced 9-1-1 system within the territory proposed to be upgraded, as determined by the public utilities commission under division (A) or (H) of section 4931.41 or division (C) of section 4931.48 of the Revised Code.

(3) When the credit is not allowed under division (C)(2) of this section, the total nonrecurring charges for the telephone network used in providing 9-1-1 service, as set forth in the schedule filed by a telephone company in

accordance with section 4905.30 of the Revised Code, on completion of the installation of the network in accordance with the terms, conditions, requirements, and specifications of the final plan or pursuant to section 4931.48 of the Revised Code, shall be paid by the municipal corporations and townships with any territory in the area in which such upgrade from basic to enhanced 9-1-1 service is made.

(D) Where customer premises equipment for a public safety answering point is supplied by a telephone company that is required to file a schedule under section 4905.30 of the Revised Code pertaining to customer premises equipment, the recurring and nonrecurring rates and charges for the installation and maintenance of the equipment specified in the schedule shall apply.

Sec. 4931.48. (A) If a final plan is disapproved under division (B) of section 4931.44 of the Revised Code, by resolution, the legislative authority of a municipal corporation or township that contains at least thirty per cent of the county's population may establish within its boundaries, or the legislative authorities of a group of municipal corporations or townships each of which is contiguous with at least one other such municipal corporation or township in the group, together containing at least thirty per cent of the county's population, may jointly establish within their boundaries a 9-1-1 system. For this purpose, the municipal corporation or township may enter into an agreement, and the contiguous municipal corporations or townships may jointly enter into an agreement with a telephone company providing service in the municipal corporations or townships to provide for the telephone network portion of the system.

(B) If no resolution has been adopted to convene a 9-1-1 planning committee under section 4931.42 of the Revised Code, but not sooner than eighteen months after the effective date of such section, by resolution, the legislative authority of any municipal corporation in the county may establish within its boundaries, or the legislative authorities of a group of municipal corporations and townships each of which is contiguous to at least one of the other such municipal corporations or townships in the group may jointly establish within their boundaries, a 9-1-1 system. The municipal corporation or contiguous municipal corporations and townships, may enter into an agreement with a telephone company serving ~~cutomers~~ customers within the boundaries of the municipal corporation or contiguous municipal corporations and townships, to provide for the telephone network portion of a 9-1-1 system.

(C) Whenever a telephone company and one or more municipal corporations and townships enter into an agreement under this section to

provide for the telephone network portion of a basic 9-1-1 system, the telephone company shall so notify the public utilities commission, which shall determine whether the telephone company is capable of reasonably meeting the technical and economic requirements of providing the telephone network for an enhanced system within the territory served by the company and covered by the agreement. The determination shall be made solely for the purposes of division (C)(2) of section 4931.47 of the Revised Code.

(D) Within three years from the date of entering into an agreement under division (A) or (B) of this section, the telephone company shall have installed the telephone network portion of the 9-1-1 system according to the terms, conditions, requirements, and specifications set forth in the agreement.

(E) The telephone company shall recover the cost of installing the telephone network system pursuant to agreements made under this section as provided in ~~sections~~ section 4931.47 ~~and 5727.39~~ of the Revised Code, as authorized under section 5733.55 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4973.17. (A) Upon the application of any bank, building and loan association, or association of banks or building and loan associations in this state, the ~~governor~~ secretary of state may appoint and commission any persons that the bank, building and loan association, or association of banks or building and loan associations designates, or as many of those persons as the ~~governor~~ secretary of state considers proper, to act as police officers for and on the premises of that bank, building and loan association, or association of banks or building and loan associations, or elsewhere, when directly in the discharge of their duties. Police officers so appointed shall be citizens of this state and of good character. They shall hold office for three years, unless, for good cause shown, their commission is revoked by the ~~governor~~ secretary of state, or by the bank, building and loan association, or association of banks or building and loan associations, as provided by law.

(B) Upon the application of a company owning or using a railroad in this state and subject to section 4973.171 of the Revised Code, the ~~governor~~ secretary of state may appoint and commission any persons that the railroad company designates, or as many of those persons as the ~~governor~~ secretary of state considers proper, to act as police officers for and on the premises of the railroad company, its affiliates or subsidiaries, or elsewhere, when directly in the discharge of their duties. Police officers so appointed, within the time set by the Ohio peace officer training commission, shall successfully complete a commission approved training program and be certified by the commission. They shall hold office for three years, unless, for good cause shown, their commission is revoked by the ~~governor~~

secretary of state, or railroad company, as provided by law.

Any person holding a similar commission in another state may be commissioned and may hold office in this state without completing the approved training program required by this division provided that ~~that~~ the person has completed a substantially equivalent training program in the other state. The Ohio peace officer training commission shall determine whether a training program in another state meets the requirements of this division.

(C) Upon the application of any company under contract with the United States atomic energy commission for the construction or operation of a plant at a site owned by ~~such~~ the commission, the ~~governor~~ secretary of state may appoint and commission ~~such~~ persons ~~as~~ the company designates, not to exceed one hundred fifty, to act as police officers for the company at the plant or site owned by ~~such~~ the commission. Police officers so appointed shall be citizens of this state and of good character. They shall hold office for three years, unless, for good cause shown, their commission is revoked by the ~~governor~~ secretary of state or by the company, as provided by law.

(D)(1) Upon the application of any hospital that is operated by a public hospital agency or a nonprofit hospital agency and that employs and maintains its own proprietary police department or security department and subject to section 4973.171 of the Revised Code, the ~~governor~~ secretary of state may appoint and commission any persons that the hospital designates, or as many of those persons as the ~~governor~~ secretary of state considers proper, to act as police officers for the hospital. No person who is appointed as a police officer under this division shall engage in any duties or activities as a police officer for the hospital or any affiliate or subsidiary of the hospital unless all of the following apply:

(a) The chief of police of the municipal corporation in which the hospital is located~~,~~ or, if the hospital is located in the unincorporated area of a county, the sheriff of that county~~,~~ has granted approval to the hospital to permit persons appointed as police officers under this division to engage in those duties and activities. The approval required by this division is general in nature and is intended to cover in the aggregate all persons appointed as police officers for the hospital under this division; a separate approval is not required for each appointee on an individual basis.

(b) Subsequent to the grant of approval described in division (D)(1)(a) of this section, the hospital has entered into a written agreement with the chief of police of the municipal corporation in which the hospital is located~~,~~ or, if the hospital is located in the unincorporated area of a county, with the sheriff of that county, that sets forth the standards and criteria to govern the

interaction and cooperation between persons appointed as police officers for the hospital under this division and law enforcement officers serving the agency represented by the chief of police or sheriff who signed the agreement in areas of their concurrent jurisdiction. The written agreement shall be signed by the appointing authority of the hospital and by the chief of police or sheriff. The standards and criteria may include, but are not limited to, provisions governing the reporting of offenses discovered by hospital police officers to the agency represented by the chief of police or sheriff, provisions governing investigatory responsibilities relative to offenses committed on hospital property, and provisions governing the processing and confinement of persons arrested for offenses committed on hospital property. The agreement required by this division is intended to apply in the aggregate to all persons appointed as police officers for the hospital under this division; a separate agreement is not required for each appointee on an individual basis.

(c) The person has successfully completed a training program approved by the Ohio peace officer training commission and has been certified by the commission. A person appointed as a police officer under this division may attend a training program approved by the commission and be certified by the commission regardless of whether the appropriate chief of police or sheriff has granted the approval described in division (D)(1)(a) of this section and regardless of whether the hospital has entered into the written agreement described in division (D)(1)(b) of this section with the appropriate chief of police or sheriff.

(2)(a) A person who is appointed as a police officer under division (D)(1) of this section is entitled, upon the grant of approval described in division (D)(1)(a) of this section and upon ~~that~~ the person's and the hospital's compliance with the requirements of divisions (D)(1)(b) and (c) of this section, to act as a police officer for the hospital on the premises of the hospital and of its affiliates and subsidiaries that are within the territory of the municipal corporation served by the chief of police or the unincorporated area of the county served by the sheriff who signed the written agreement described in division (D)(1)(b) of this section, whichever is applicable, and anywhere else within the territory of that municipal corporation or within the unincorporated area of that county. The authority to act as a police officer as described in this division is granted only if the person, when engaging in that activity, is directly in the discharge of ~~that~~ the person's duties as a police officer for the hospital. The authority to act as a police officer as described in this division shall be exercised in accordance with the standards and criteria set forth in the written agreement described in

division (D)(1)(b) of this section.

(b) Additionally, a person appointed as a police officer under division (D)(1) of this section is entitled, upon the grant of approval described in division (D)(1)(a) of this section and upon ~~that~~ the person's and the hospital's compliance with the requirements of divisions (D)(1)(b) and (c) of this section, to act as a police officer elsewhere, within the territory of a municipal corporation or within the unincorporated area of a county, if the chief of police of that municipal corporation or the sheriff of that county, respectively, has granted approval for that activity to the hospital, police department, or security department served by the person as a police officer and if the person, when engaging in that activity, is directly in the discharge of ~~that~~ the person's duties as a police officer for the hospital. The approval described in this division may be general in nature or may be limited in scope, duration, or applicability, as determined by the chief of police or sheriff granting the approval.

(3) Police officers appointed under division (D)(1) of this section shall hold office for three years, unless, for good cause shown, their commission is revoked by the ~~governor~~ secretary of state or by the hospital, as provided by law. As used in divisions (D)(1) to (3) of this section, "public hospital agency" and "nonprofit hospital agency" have the same ~~meaning~~ meanings as in section 140.01 of the Revised Code.

(E) A fee of ~~five~~ fifteen dollars for each commission applied for under this section shall be paid at the time the application is made, and this amount shall be returned if for any reason a commission is not issued.

Sec. 4981.20. (A) Any real or personal property, or both, of the Ohio rail development commission that is acquired, constructed, reconstructed, enlarged, improved, furnished, or equipped, or any combination thereof, and leased or subleased under authority of sections 4981.11 to 4981.26 of the Revised Code shall be subject to ad valorem, sales, use, and franchise taxes and to zoning, planning, and building regulations and fees, to the same extent and in the same manner as if the lessee-user or sublessee-user thereof, rather than the issuer, had acquired, constructed, reconstructed, enlarged, improved, furnished, or equipped, or any combination thereof, such real or personal property, and title thereto was in the name of such lessee-user or sublessee-user.

The transfer of tangible personal property by lease or sublease under authority of sections 4981.11 to 4981.26 of the Revised Code is not a sale as used in Chapter 5739. of the Revised Code. The exemptions provided in divisions (B)(1) and ~~(14)~~(13) of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code shall not be applicable to purchases for a project under sections 4981.11 to

4981.26 of the Revised Code.

The issuer shall be exempt from all taxes on its real or personal property, or both, which has been acquired, constructed, reconstructed, enlarged, improved, furnished, or equipped, or any combination thereof, under sections 4981.11 to 4981.26 of the Revised Code so long as such property is used by the issuer for purposes which would otherwise exempt such property; has ceased to be used by a former lessee-user or sublessee-user and is not occupied or used; or has been acquired by the issuer but development has not yet commenced. The exemption shall be effective as of the date the exempt use begins. All taxes on the exempt real or personal property for the year should be prorated and the taxes for the exempt portion of the year shall be remitted by the county auditor.

(B) Bonds issued under sections 4981.11 to 4981.26 of the Revised Code, the transfer thereof, and the interest and other income from the bonds, including any profit made on the sale thereof, are free from taxation within the state.

Sec. 5101.11. This section does not apply to contracts entered into under section ~~5111.022,~~ 5111.90~~,~~ or 5111.91 of the Revised Code.

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Entity" includes an agency, board, commission, or department of the state or a political subdivision of the state; a private, nonprofit entity; a school district; a private school; or a public or private institution of higher education.

(2) "Federal financial participation" means the federal government's share of expenditures made by an entity in implementing a program administered by the department of job and family services.

(B) At the request of any public entity having authority to implement a program administered by the department of job and family services or any private entity under contract with a public entity to implement a program administered by the department, the department may seek to obtain federal financial participation for costs incurred by the entity. Federal financial participation may be sought from programs operated pursuant to Title IV-A, Title IV-E, and Title XIX of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C. 301, as amended; the "Food Stamp Act of 1964," 78 Stat. 703, 7 U.S.C. 2011, as amended; and any other statute or regulation under which federal financial participation may be available, except that federal financial participation may be sought only for expenditures made with funds for which federal financial participation is available under federal law.

(C) All funds collected by the department of job and family services pursuant to division (B) of this section shall be distributed to the entities that

incurred the costs, except for any amounts retained by the department pursuant to division (D)(3) of this section.

(D) In distributing federal financial participation pursuant to this section, the department may either enter into an agreement with the entity that is to receive the funds or distribute the funds in accordance with rules adopted under division (F) of this section. If the department decides to enter into an agreement to distribute the funds, the agreement may include terms that do any of the following:

(1) Provide for the whole or partial reimbursement of any cost incurred by the entity in implementing the program;

(2) In the event that federal financial participation is disallowed or otherwise unavailable for any expenditure, require the department of job and family services or the entity, whichever party caused the disallowance or unavailability of federal financial participation, to assume responsibility for the expenditures;

(3) Permit the department to retain not more than five per cent of the amount of the federal financial participation to be distributed to the entity;

(4) Require the public entity to certify the availability of sufficient unencumbered funds to match the federal financial participation it receives under this section;

(5) Establish the length of the agreement, which may be for a fixed or a continuing period of time;

(6) Establish any other requirements determined by the department to be necessary for the efficient administration of the agreement.

(E) An entity that receives federal financial participation pursuant to this section for a program aiding children and their families shall establish a process for collaborative planning with the department of job and family services for the use of the funds to improve and expand the program.

(F) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section, including rules for the distribution of federal financial participation pursuant to this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The director may adopt or amend any statewide plan required by the federal government for a program administered by the department, as necessary to implement this section.

(G) Federal financial participation received pursuant to this section shall not be included in any calculation made under section 5101.16 or 5101.161 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.12. The department of job and family services shall maximize its receipt of federal revenue. In fulfilling this duty, the department may

enter into contracts to maximize federal revenue without the expenditure of state money. In selecting private entities with which to contract, the department shall engage in a request for proposals process. The department, subject to the approval of the controlling board, may also directly enter into contracts with public entities providing revenue maximization services.

Each year in January and July, the department shall submit a report to the office of budget and management outlining the department's success in maximizing federal revenue. The office of budget and management shall establish procedures and requirements for preparing and submitting the reports and shall compile data concerning the amount of federal revenue received by the department. The department shall submit a copy of each of its reports to the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, the president and minority leader of the senate, and the legislative service commission.

Sec. 5101.14. (A) As used in this section and section 5101.144 of the Revised Code, "children services" means services provided to children pursuant to Chapter 5153. of the Revised Code.

(B) Within available funds, the department of job and family services shall ~~make payments~~ distribute funds to the counties within thirty days after the beginning of each calendar quarter for a part of ~~their~~ the counties' costs for children services ~~to children performed pursuant to Chapter 5153. of the Revised Code~~.

Funds provided to the county under this section shall be deposited into the children services fund created pursuant to section 5101.144 of the Revised Code.

~~(B)(1) The funds distributed under this section shall be used for the following:~~

~~(a) Home-based services to children and families;~~

~~(b) Protective services to children;~~

~~(c) To find, develop, and approve adoptive homes;~~

~~(d) Short-term, out-of-home care and treatment for children;~~

~~(e) Costs for the care of a child who resides with a caretaker relative, other than the child's parent, and is in the legal custody of a public children services agency pursuant to a voluntary temporary custody agreement entered into under division (A) of section 5103.15 of the Revised Code or in the legal custody of a public children services agency or the caretaker relative pursuant to an allegation or adjudication of abuse, neglect, or dependency made under Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code;~~

~~(f) Other services a public children services agency considers necessary to protect children from abuse, neglect, or dependency.~~

~~(2) No funds distributed under this section shall be used for the costs of maintaining a child in a children's home owned and operated by the county.~~

(C) In each fiscal year, the amount of funds available for distribution under this section shall be allocated to counties as follows:

(1) If the amount is less than the amount initially appropriated for the immediately preceding fiscal year, each county shall receive an amount equal to the percentage of the funding it received in the immediately preceding fiscal year, exclusive of any releases from or additions to the allocation or any sanctions imposed under this section;

(2) If the amount is equal to the amount initially appropriated for the immediately preceding fiscal year, each county shall receive an amount equal to the amount it received in the preceding fiscal year, exclusive of any releases from or additions to the allocation or any sanctions imposed under this section;

(3) If the amount is greater than the amount initially appropriated for the immediately preceding fiscal year, each county shall receive the amount determined under division (C)(2) of this section as a base allocation, plus a percentage of the amount that exceeds the amount initially appropriated for the immediately preceding fiscal year. The amount exceeding the amount initially appropriated in the immediately preceding fiscal year shall be allocated to the counties as follows:

(a) Twelve per cent divided equally among all counties;

(b) Forty-eight per cent in the ratio that the number of residents of the county under the age of eighteen bears to the total number of such persons residing in this state;

(c) Forty per cent in the ratio that the number of residents of the county with incomes under the federal poverty guideline bears to the total number of such persons in this state.

As used in division (C)(3)(c) of this section, "federal poverty guideline" means the poverty guideline as defined by the United States office of management and budget and revised by the United States secretary of health and human services in accordance with section 673 of the "Community Services Block Grant Act," 95 Stat. 511 (1981), 42 U.S.C.A. 9902, as amended.

(D) ~~The director of job and family services may adopt rules as necessary for the allocation of funds under this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(E)(1) As used in this division, "services to children" means children's protective services, home-based services to children and families, foster home services, residential treatment services, adoptive services, and~~

~~independent living services.~~

~~(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the allocation of funds for a fiscal year to a county under this section shall be reduced by the department if in the preceding calendar year the total amount expended for services to children from local funds was less than the total expended from that source in the second preceding calendar year. The reduction shall be equal to the difference between the total expended in the preceding calendar year and the total expended in the second preceding calendar year.~~

~~The determination of whether the amount expended for services to children was less in the preceding calendar year than in the second preceding calendar year shall not include a difference due to any of the following factors to the extent that the difference does not exceed the amount attributable to that factor:~~

~~(a) An across-the-board reduction in the county budget as a whole;~~

~~(b) A reduced or failed levy specifically earmarked for children services;~~

~~(c) The closure of, or a reduction in the operating capacity of, a children's home owned and operated by the county.~~

~~(3) Funds withheld under this division may be reallocated by the department to other counties. The department may grant whole or partial waivers of the provisions of this division.~~

~~(F) Children who are in the temporary or permanent custody of a certified public or private nonprofit agency or institution, or who are in adoptions subsidized under division (B) of section 5153.163 of the Revised Code are eligible for medical assistance through the medical assistance program established under section 5111.01 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(G)~~ Within ninety days after the end of each state fiscal ~~year~~ biennium, each county shall return any unspent funds to the department.

~~(H) In accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the~~ (E) The director ~~shall~~ of job and family services may adopt~~, and may amend and rescind,~~ the following rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code:

(1) Rules that are necessary for the allocation of funds under this section;

(2) Rules prescribing reports on expenditures to be submitted by the counties as necessary for the implementation of this section.

Sec. 5101.141. (A) As used in sections 5101.141 to 5101.1410 of the Revised Code, "Title IV-E" means Title IV-E of the "Social Security Act," 94 Stat. 501, 42 U.S.C. 670 (1980), as amended.

(B) The department of job and family services shall act as the single

state agency to administer federal payments for foster care and adoption assistance made pursuant to Title IV-E ~~of the "Social Security Act," 94 Stat. 501, 42 U.S.C.A. 670 (1980), as amended~~. The director of job and family services shall adopt rules to implement this authority. ~~Internal management rules~~ Rules governing financial and administrative requirements applicable to public children services agencies~~, private child placing agencies,~~ and ~~private noncustodial agencies~~ government entities that provide Title IV-E reimbursable placement services to children shall be adopted in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code, as if they were internal management rules. Rules governing requirements applicable to private child placing agencies and private noncustodial agencies and rules establishing eligibility, program participation, and other requirements concerning Title IV-E shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. A public children services agency to which the department distributes Title IV-E funds shall administer the funds in accordance with those rules.

~~(B)~~(C)(1) The county, on behalf of each child eligible for foster care maintenance payments under Title IV-E ~~of the "Social Security Act,"~~ shall make payments to cover the cost of providing all of the following:

(a) The child's food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision, and school supplies;

(b) The child's personal incidentals;

(c) Reasonable travel to the child's home for visitation.

(2) In addition to payments made under division ~~(B)~~(C)(1) of this section, the county may, on behalf of each child eligible for foster care maintenance payments under Title IV-E ~~of the "Social Security Act,"~~ make payments to cover the cost of providing the following:

(a) Liability insurance with respect to the child;

(b) If the county is participating in the demonstration project established under division (A) of section 5101.142 of the Revised Code, services provided under the project.

(3) With respect to a child who is in a child-care institution, including any type of group home designed for the care of children or any privately operated program consisting of two or more certified foster homes operated by a common administrative unit, the foster care maintenance payments made by the county on behalf of the child shall include the reasonable cost of the administration and operation of the institution, group home, or program, as necessary to provide the items described in divisions ~~(B)~~(C)(1) and (2) of this section.

~~(C)~~(D) To the extent that either foster care maintenance payments under division ~~(B)~~ (C) of this section or Title IV-E adoption assistance payments

for maintenance costs require the expenditure of county funds, the board of county commissioners shall report the nature and amount of each expenditure of county funds to the department.

~~(D)~~(E) The department shall distribute to public children services agencies that incur and report such expenditures federal financial participation received for administrative and training costs incurred in the operation of foster care maintenance and adoption assistance programs. The department may withhold not more than three per cent of the federal financial participation received. The funds withheld may be used only to fund the Ohio child welfare training program established under section 5153.60 of the Revised Code and the university partnership program for college and university students majoring in social work who have committed to work for a public children services agency upon graduation. The funds withheld shall be in addition to any administration and training cost for which the department is reimbursed through its own cost allocation plan.

~~(E)~~(F) All federal financial participation funds received by a county pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the county's children services fund created pursuant to section 5101.144 of the Revised Code.

~~(F)~~(G) The department shall periodically publish and distribute the maximum amounts that the department will reimburse public children services agencies for making payments on behalf of children eligible for foster care maintenance payments.

~~(G)~~(H) The department, by and through its director, is hereby authorized to develop, participate in the development of, negotiate, and enter into one or more interstate compacts on behalf of this state with agencies of any other states, for the provision of medical assistance and other social services to children in relation to whom all of the following apply:

(1) They have special needs.

(2) This state or another state that is a party to the interstate compact is providing adoption assistance on their behalf.

(3) They move into this state from another state or move out of this state to another state.

Sec. 5101.142. (A) The department of job and family services may apply to the United States secretary of health and human services for a waiver of requirements established under Title IV-E ~~of the "Social Security Act," 94 Stat. 501, 42 U.S.C.A. 670 (1980)~~, or regulations adopted thereunder, to conduct a demonstration project expanding eligibility for and services provided under Title IV-E. The department may enter into agreements with the secretary necessary to implement the demonstration

project, including agreements establishing the terms and conditions of the waiver authorizing the project. If a demonstration project is to be established, the department shall do all of the following:

(1) Have the director of job and family services adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the project. The rules shall be consistent with the agreements the department enters into with the secretary.

(2) Enter into agreements with public children services agencies that the department selects for participation in the project. The department shall not select an agency that objects to participation or refuses to be bound by the terms and conditions of the project.

(3) Contract with persons or governmental agencies providing services under the project;

(4) Amend the state plan required by section 471 of the "Social Security Act," 42 U.S.C.A. 671, as amended, as needed to implement the project;

(5) Conduct ongoing evaluations of the project;

(6) Perform other administrative and operational activities required by the agreement with the secretary.

(B) The department may apply to the United States secretary of health and human services for a waiver of the requirements established under Title IV-B of the "Social Security Act of 1967," 81 Stat. 821, 42 U.S.C.A. 620 or regulations adopted thereunder and established under any other federal law or regulations that affect the children services functions prescribed by Chapter 5153. of the Revised Code, to conduct demonstration projects or otherwise improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the children services function.

Sec. 5101.144. ~~As used in this section, "children services" means services provided to children pursuant to Chapter 5153. of the Revised Code.~~

Each county shall deposit all funds its public children services agency receives from appropriations made by the board of county commissioners or any other source for the purpose of providing children services into a special fund in the county treasury known as the children services fund. A county shall use money in the fund only for the purposes of meeting the expenses of providing children services.

Sec. 5101.145. (A) ~~For the purposes of this section, "Title IV-E" means Title IV-E of the "Social Security Act," 94 Stat. 501, 42 U.S.C.A. 670 (1980).~~

~~(B)~~ In adopting rules under section 5101.141 of the Revised Code regarding financial requirements applicable to public children services

agencies, private child placing agencies, ~~and~~ private noncustodial agencies, and government entities that provide Title IV-E reimbursable placement services to children, the department of job and family services shall establish both of the following:

(1) A single form for the agencies or entities to report costs reimbursable under Title IV-E and costs reimbursable under medicaid;

(2) Procedures to monitor cost reports submitted by the agencies or entities.

~~(C)~~(B) The procedures established under division ~~(B)~~(A)(2) of this section shall be implemented not later than October 1, 2003. The procedures shall be used to do both of the following:

(1) Determine which of the costs are reimbursable under Title IV-E;

(2) Ensure that costs reimbursable under medicaid are excluded from determinations made under division ~~(C)~~(B)(1) of this section.

Sec. 5101.146. The department of job and family services shall establish the following penalties, which shall be enforced at the discretion of the department, for the failure of a public children services agency, private child placing agency, ~~or~~ private noncustodial agency, or government entity that provides Title IV-E reimbursable placement services to children to comply with procedures the department establishes to ensure fiscal accountability:

(A) For initial failure, the department and the agency or entity involved shall jointly develop and implement a corrective action plan according to a specific schedule. If requested by the agency or entity involved, the department shall provide technical assistance to the agency or entity to ensure the fiscal accountability procedures and goals of the plan are met.

(B) For subsequent failures or failure to achieve the goals of the plan described in division (A) of this section, ~~either~~ one of the following:

(1) For public children services agencies, the department may take any action permitted under division ~~(B)(3)~~(C)(2), (4), ~~or~~ (5), or (6) of section 5101.24 of the Revised Code.

(2) For private child placing agencies or private noncustodial agencies, cancellation of any Title IV-E allowability rates for the agency involved pursuant to section 5101.141 of the Revised Code or revocation pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code of that agency's certificate issued under section 5103.03 of the Revised Code;

(3) For government entities, other than public children services agencies, that provide Title IV-E reimbursable placement services to children, cancellation of any Title IV-E allowability rates for the entity involved pursuant to section 5101.141 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.1410. In addition to the remedies available under sections

5101.146 and 5101.24 of the Revised Code, the department of job and family services may certify a claim to the attorney general under section 131.02 of the Revised Code for the attorney general to take action under that section against a public children services agency, private child placing agency, private noncustodial agency, or government entity that provides Title IV-E reimbursable placement services to children if all of the following are the case:

(A) The agency or entity files a cost report with the department pursuant to rules adopted under division (B) of section 5101.141 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department receives and distributes federal Title IV-E reimbursement funds based on the cost report.

(C) The agency's or entity's misstatement, misclassification, overstatement, understatement, or other inclusion or omission of any cost included in the cost report causes the United States department of health and human services to disallow all or part of the federal Title IV-E reimbursement funds the department received and distributed.

(D) The agency's or entity's misstatement, misclassification, overstatement, understatement, or other inclusion or omission of any cost included in the cost report is not the direct result of a written directive concerning the agency or entity's cost report that the department issued to the agency or entity.

Sec. 5101.16. (A) As used in this section and sections 5101.161 and 5101.162 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Disability financial assistance" means the financial ~~and medical~~ assistance ~~provided~~ program established under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code.

(2) "Disability medical assistance" means the medical assistance program established under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code.

(3) "Food stamps" means the program administered by the department of job and family services pursuant to section 5101.54 of the Revised Code.

~~(3)~~(4) "Medicaid" means the medical assistance program established by Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code, excluding transportation services provided under that chapter.

~~(4)~~(5) "Ohio works first" means the program established by Chapter 5107. of the Revised Code.

~~(5)~~(6) "Prevention, retention, and contingency" means the program established by Chapter 5108. of the Revised Code.

~~(6)~~(7) "Public assistance expenditures" means expenditures for all of the following:

(a) Ohio works first;
(b) County administration of Ohio works first;
(c) Prevention, retention, and contingency;
(d) County administration of prevention, retention, and contingency;
(e) Disability financial assistance;
(f) Disability medical assistance;
(g) County administration of disability financial assistance;
~~(g)~~(h) County administration of disability medical assistance;
(i) County administration of food stamps;
~~(h)~~(j) County administration of medicaid.

(8) "Title IV-A program" has the same meaning as in section 5101.80 of the Revised Code.

(B) Each board of county commissioners shall pay the county share of public assistance expenditures in accordance with section 5101.161 of the Revised Code. Except as provided in division (C) of this section, a county's share of public assistance expenditures is the sum of all of the following for state fiscal year 1998 and each state fiscal year thereafter:

(1) The amount that is twenty-five per cent of the county's total expenditures for disability financial assistance and disability medical assistance and county administration of ~~disability assistance~~ those programs during the state fiscal year ending in the previous calendar year that the department of job and family services determines are allowable.

(2) The amount that is ten per cent, or other percentage determined under division (D) of this section, of the county's total expenditures for county administration of food stamps and medicaid during the state fiscal year ending in the previous calendar year that the department determines are allowable, less the amount of federal reimbursement credited to the county under division (E) of this section for the state fiscal year ending in the previous calendar year;

(3)~~(a) Except as provided in division (B)(3)(b) of this section,~~ A percentage of the actual amount~~, as determined by the department of job and family services from expenditure reports submitted to the United States department of health and human services,~~ of the county share of program and administrative expenditures during federal fiscal year 1994 for assistance and services, other than child day-care, provided under Titles IV-A and IV-F of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C. 301, as those titles existed prior to the enactment of the "Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996," 110 Stat. 2105. The department of job and family services shall determine the actual amount of the county share from expenditure reports submitted to the United

States department of health and human services. The percentage shall be the percentage established in rules adopted under division (F) of this section.

~~(b) For state fiscal years 2000 and 2001, seventy-seven per cent of the amount determined under division (B)(3)(a) of this section.~~

(C)(1) If a county's share of public assistance expenditures determined under division (B) of this section for a state fiscal year exceeds one hundred ten per cent of the county's share for those expenditures for the immediately preceding state fiscal year, the department of job and family services shall reduce the county's share for expenditures under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section so that the total of the county's share for expenditures under division (B) of this section equals one hundred ten per cent of the county's share of those expenditures for the immediately preceding state fiscal year.

(2) A county's share of public assistance expenditures determined under division (B) of this section may be increased pursuant to a sanction under section 5101.24 of the Revised Code.

(D)(1) If the per capita tax duplicate of a county is less than the per capita tax duplicate of the state as a whole and division (D)(2) of this section does not apply to the county, the percentage to be used for the purpose of division (B)(2) of this section is the product of ten multiplied by a fraction of which the numerator is the per capita tax duplicate of the county and the denominator is the per capita tax duplicate of the state as a whole. The department of job and family services shall compute the per capita tax duplicate for the state and for each county by dividing the tax duplicate for the most recent available year by the current estimate of population prepared by the department of development.

(2) If the percentage of families in a county with an annual income of less than three thousand dollars is greater than the percentage of such families in the state and division (D)(1) of this section does not apply to the county, the percentage to be used for the purpose of division (B)(2) of this section is the product of ten multiplied by a fraction of which the numerator is the percentage of families in the state with an annual income of less than three thousand dollars a year and the denominator is the percentage of such families in the county. The department of job and family services shall compute the percentage of families with an annual income of less than three thousand dollars for the state and for each county by multiplying the most recent estimate of such families published by the department of development, by a fraction, the numerator of which is the estimate of average annual personal income published by the bureau of economic analysis of the United States department of commerce for the year on which the census estimate is based and the denominator of which is the most recent

such estimate published by the bureau.

(3) If the per capita tax duplicate of a county is less than the per capita tax duplicate of the state as a whole and the percentage of families in the county with an annual income of less than three thousand dollars is greater than the percentage of such families in the state, the percentage to be used for the purpose of division (B)(2) of this section shall be determined as follows:

(a) Multiply ten by the fraction determined under division (D)(1) of this section;

(b) Multiply the product determined under division (D)(3)(a) of this section by the fraction determined under division (D)(2) of this section.

(4) The department of job and family services shall determine, for each county, the percentage to be used for the purpose of division (B)(2) of this section not later than the first day of July of the year preceding the state fiscal year for which the percentage is used.

(E) The department of job and family services shall credit to a county the amount of federal reimbursement the department receives from the United States departments of agriculture and health and human services for the county's expenditures for administration of food stamps and medicaid that the department determines are allowable administrative expenditures.

(F)(1) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code to establish all of the following:

~~(1)~~(a) The method the department is to use to change a county's share of public assistance expenditures determined under division (B) of this section as provided in division (C) of this section;

~~(2)~~(b) The allocation methodology and formula the department will use to determine the amount of funds to credit to a county under this section;

~~(3)~~(c) The method the department will use to change the payment of the county share of public assistance expenditures from a calendar-year basis to a state fiscal year basis;

~~(4)~~(d) The percentage to be used for the purpose of division (B)(3) of this section, which shall meet both of the following requirements:

(i) The percentage shall not be less than seventy-five per cent nor more than eighty-two per cent;

(ii) The percentage shall not exceed the percentage that the state's qualified state expenditures is of the state's historic state expenditures as those terms are defined in 42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7).

(e) Other procedures and requirements necessary to implement this section.

(2) The director of job and family services may amend the rule adopted under division (F)(1)(d) of this section to modify the percentage on determination that the amount the general assembly appropriates for Title IV-A programs makes the modification necessary. The rule shall be adopted and amended as if an internal management rule and in consultation with the director of budget and management.

Sec. 5101.162. ~~The~~ Subject to available federal funds and appropriations made by the general assembly, the department of job and family services may, at its sole discretion, use available federal funds to reimburse county expenditures for county administration of food stamps or medicaid even though the county expenditures meet or exceed the maximum allowable reimbursement amount established by rules adopted under section 5101.161 of the Revised Code if the board of county commissioners has ~~not~~ entered into a ~~partnership~~ fiscal agreement with the director of job and family services under section 5101.21 of the Revised Code. The director may adopt internal management rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code to implement this section.

Sec. 5101.18. (A) When the director of job and family services adopts rules under section 5107.05 regarding income requirements for the Ohio works first program and under section ~~5115.05~~ 5115.03 of the Revised Code regarding income and resource requirements for the disability financial assistance program, the director shall determine what payments shall be regarded or disregarded. In making this determination, the director shall consider:

(1) The source of the payment;

(2) The amount of the payment;

(3) The purpose for which the payment was made;

(4) Whether regarding the payment as income would be in the public interest;

(5) Whether treating the payment as income would be detrimental to any of the programs administered in whole or in part by the department of job and family services and whether such determination would jeopardize the receipt of any federal grant or payment by the state or any receipt of aid under Chapter 5107. of the Revised Code.

(B) Any recipient of aid under Title XVI of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C. 301, as amended, whose money payment is discontinued as the result of a general increase in old-age, survivors, and disability insurance benefits under such act, shall remain a recipient for the purpose of receiving medical assistance through the medical assistance program established under section 5111.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.181. (A) As used in this section and section 5101.182 of the Revised Code, "public assistance" includes, in addition to Ohio works first~~;~~ ~~prevention~~, all of the following:

(1) Prevention retention, and contingency; ~~medicaid~~

(2) Medicaid; ~~and disability~~

(3) Disability financial assistance~~, general~~;

(4) Disability medical assistance;

(5) General assistance provided prior to July 17, 1995, under former Chapter 5113. of the Revised Code.

(B) As part of the procedure for the determination of overpayment to a recipient of public assistance under Chapter 5107., 5108., 5111., or 5115. of the Revised Code, the director of job and family services shall furnish quarterly the name and social security number of each individual who receives public assistance to the director of administrative services, the administrator of the bureau of workers' compensation, and each of the state's retirement boards. Within fourteen days after receiving the name and social security number of an individual who receives public assistance, the director of administrative services, administrator, or board shall inform the auditor of state as to whether such individual is receiving wages or benefits, the amount of any wages or benefits being received, the social security number, and the address of the individual. The director of administrative services, administrator, boards, and any agent or employee of those officials and boards shall comply with the rules of the director of job and family services restricting the disclosure of information regarding recipients of public assistance. Any person who violates this provision shall thereafter be disqualified from acting as an agent or employee or in any other capacity under appointment or employment of any state board, commission, or agency.

(C) The auditor of state may enter into a reciprocal agreement with the director of job and family services or comparable officer of any other state for the exchange of names, current or most recent addresses, or social security numbers of persons receiving public assistance under Title IV-A or under Title XIX of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C. 301, as amended.

(D)(1) The auditor of state shall retain, for not less than two years, at least one copy of all information received under this section and sections 145.27, 742.41, 3307.20, 3309.22, 4123.27, 5101.182, and 5505.04 of the Revised Code. The auditor shall review the information to determine whether overpayments were made to recipients of public assistance under Chapters 5107., 5108., 5111., and 5115. of the Revised Code. The auditor of

state shall initiate action leading to prosecution, where warranted, of recipients who received overpayments by forwarding the name of each recipient who received overpayment, together with other pertinent information, to the director of job and family services and the attorney general, to the district director of job and family services of the district through which public assistance was received, and to the county director of job and family services and county prosecutor of the county through which public assistance was received.

(2) The auditor of state and the attorney general or their designees may examine any records, whether in computer or printed format, in the possession of the director of job and family services or any county director of job and family services. They shall provide safeguards which restrict access to such records to purposes directly connected with an audit or investigation, prosecution, or criminal or civil proceeding conducted in connection with the administration of the programs and shall comply with the rules of the director of job and family services restricting the disclosure of information regarding recipients of public assistance. Any person who violates this provision shall thereafter be disqualified from acting as an agent or employee or in any other capacity under appointment or employment of any state board, commission, or agency.

(3) Costs incurred by the auditor of state in carrying out the auditor of state's duties under this division shall be borne by the auditor of state.

Sec. 5101.20. (A) As used in this section of the Revised Code:

(1) "Local area" has the same meaning as in section 101 of the "Workforce Investment Act of 1998," 112 Stat. 936, 29 U.S.C. 2801, as amended, and division (A) of section 6301.01 of the Revised Code;

(2) "Chief elected official" has the same meaning as in section 101 of the "Workforce Investment Act of 1998," 112 Stat. 936, 29 U.S.C. 2801, as amended, and division (F) of section 6301.01 of the Revised Code;

(3) "Grantee" means the chief elected officials of a local area.

(B) The director of job and family services shall enter into one or more written grant agreements with each local area under which financial assistance is awarded for workforce development activities included in the agreements. A grant agreement shall establish the terms and conditions governing the accountability for and use of grants provided by the department of job and family services to the grantee for the administration of workforce development activities funded under the "Workforce Investment Act of 1998," 112 Stat. 936, 29 U.S.C. 2801, as amended.

(C) In the case of a local area comprised of multiple political subdivisions, nothing in this section shall preclude the chief elected officials

of a local area from entering into an agreement among themselves to distribute any liability for activities of the local area, but such an agreement shall not be binding on the department of job and family services.

(D) The written grant agreement entered into under division (B) of this section shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws governing workforce development activities. All federal conditions and restrictions that apply to the use of grants received by the department of job and family services shall apply to the use of the grants received by the local areas from the department.

(E) A written grant agreement entered into under division (B) of this section shall:

(1) Identify the chief elected officials for the local area;

(2) Provide for the incorporation of the local workforce development plan;

(3) Include the chief elected officials' assurance that the local area and any subgrantee or contractor of the local area will do all of the following:

(a) Ensure that the financial assistance awarded under the grant agreement is used, and the workforce development duties included in the agreement are performed, in accordance with requirements established by the department or any of the following: federal or state law, the state plan for receipt of federal financial participation, grant agreements between the department and a federal agency, or executive orders.

(b) Ensure that the chief elected officials and any subgrantee or contractor of the local area utilize a financial management system and other accountability mechanisms that meet requirements the department establishes;

(c) Require the chief elected officials and any subgrantee or contractor of the local area to do both of the following:

(i) Monitor all private and government entities that receive a payment from financial assistance awarded under the grant agreement to ensure that each entity uses the payment in accordance with requirements for the workforce development duties included in the agreement;

(ii) Take action to recover payments that are not used in accordance with the requirements for the workforce development duties that are included in the agreement.

(d) Require the chief elected officials of a local area to promptly reimburse the department the amount that represents the amount a local area is responsible for of funds the department pays to any entity because of an adverse audit finding, adverse quality control finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty;

(e) Require chief elected officials of a local area to take prompt corrective action if the department, auditor of state, federal agency, or other entity authorized by federal or state law to determine compliance with requirements for a workforce development duty included in the agreement determines compliance has not been achieved;

(4) Provide that the award of financial assistance is subject to the availability of federal funds and appropriations made by the general assembly;

(5) Provide for annual financial, administrative, or other incentive awards, if any, to be provided in accordance with section 5101.23 of the Revised Code.

(6) Establish the method of amending or terminating the grant agreement and an expedited process for correcting terms or conditions of the agreement that the director and the chief elected officials agree are erroneous.

(7) Provide for the department of job and family services to award financial assistance for the workforce development duties included in the agreement in accordance with a methodology for determining the amount of the award established by rules adopted under division (F) of this section.

(8) Determine the dates that the grant agreement begins and ends.

(F)(1) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code governing grant agreements. The director shall adopt the rules as if they were internal management rules. The rules shall establish methodologies to be used to determine the amount of financial assistance to be awarded under the agreements and may do any of the following:

(a) Govern the establishment of consolidated funding allocations and other allocations;

(b) Specify allowable uses of financial assistance awarded under the agreements;

(c) Establish reporting, cash management, audit, and other requirements the director determines are necessary to provide accountability for the use of financial assistance awarded under the agreements and determine compliance with requirements established by the department or any of the following: a federal or state law, state plan for receipt of federal financial participation, grant agreement between the department and a federal entity, or executive order.

(2) A requirement of a grant agreement established by a rule adopted under this division is applicable to a grant agreement without having to be restated in the grant agreement.

Sec. 5101.201. The director of job and family services may enter into

agreements with one-stop operators and one-stop partners for the purpose of implementing the requirements of section 121 of the "Workforce Investment Act of 1998," 112 Stat. 936, 29 U.S.C. 2801.

Sec. 5101.21. (A) As used in ~~sections 5101.21 to 5101.24 of the Revised Code, "workforce development agency" and "workforce development activity" have the same meanings as in section 6301.01 of the Revised Code~~ this section, "county signer" means all of the following:

(1) A board of county commissioners;

(2) A county children services board appointed under section 5153.03 of the Revised Code if required by division (B) of this section to enter into a fiscal agreement;

(3) A county elected official that is a child support enforcement agency if required by division (B) of this section to enter into a fiscal agreement.

(B) The director of job and family services ~~shall~~ may enter into ~~a~~ one or more written ~~partnership agreement~~ fiscal agreements with ~~each board~~ boards of county commissioners~~.~~

~~(C)(1) Each partnership agreement shall include provisions regarding the administration and design of all of the following:~~

~~(a) The Ohio works first program established under Chapter 5107. of the Revised Code;~~

~~(b) The prevention, retention, and contingency program established under Chapter 5108. of the Revised Code;~~

~~(c) Duties assumed by a county department of job and family services pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 329.05 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(d) Any other county department of job and family services' duties that the director and board mutually agree to include in the agreement;~~

~~(e) If, for the purpose of Chapter 6301. of the Revised Code, the county the board serves is a local area defined in division (A)(2) or (3) of section 6301.01 of the Revised Code, workforce development activities provided by the workforce development agency established or designated for the local area.~~

~~(2) Each partnership agreement may include provisions regarding the administration and design of the duties of child support enforcement agencies and public children services agencies included in a plan of cooperation entered into under section 307.983 of the Revised Code that the director and board mutually agree to include in the agreement.~~

~~(D) Family services duties and workforce development activities included in a partnership agreement shall be vested in the board of county commissioners. The agreement shall comply with federal statutes and~~

~~regulations, state statutes, and, except as provided in division (D)(9) of this section, state rules governing the family services duties or workforce development activities included in the agreement.~~

~~A partnership~~ under which financial assistance is awarded for family services duties included in the agreements. Boards of county commissioners shall select which family services duties to include in a fiscal agreement. If a board of county commissioners elects to include family services duties of a public children services agency and a county children services board appointed under section 5153.03 of the Revised Code serves as the county's public children services agency, the board of county commissioners and county children services board shall jointly enter into the fiscal agreement with the director. If a board of county commissioners elects to include family services duties of a child support enforcement agency and the entity designated under former section 2301.35 of the Revised Code prior to October 1, 1997, or designated under section 307.981 of the Revised Code as the county's child support enforcement agency is an elected official of the county, the board of county commissioners and county elected official shall jointly enter into the fiscal agreement with the director. A fiscal agreement shall ~~include responsibilities that the state department of job and family services, county family services agencies administering family services duties included in the agreement, and workforce development agencies administering workforce development activities included in the agreement must satisfy. The agreement shall establish, specify, or provide for~~ do all of the following:

(1) ~~Requirements governing the administration and design of, and county family services agencies' or workforce development agencies' cooperation to enhance, family services duties or workforce development activities included in the agreement~~ Specify the family services duties included in the agreement and the private and government entities designated under section 307.981 of the Revised Code to serve as the county family services agencies performing the family services duties;

(2) ~~Outcomes that county family services agencies or workforce development agencies are expected to achieve from the administration and design of family services duties or workforce development activities included in the agreement and assistance, services, and technical support the state department will provide the county family services agencies or workforce development agencies to aid the agencies in achieving the expected outcomes~~ Provide for the department of job and family services to award financial assistance for the family services duties included in the agreement in accordance with a methodology for determining the amount of

the award established by rules adopted under division (D) of this section;

(3) ~~Performance and other administrative standards county family services agencies or workforce development agencies are required to meet in the design, administration, and outcomes of family services duties or workforce development activities included in the agreement and assistance, services, and technical support the state department will provide the county family services agencies or workforce development agencies to aid the agencies in meeting the performance and other administrative standards~~ Specify the form of the award of financial assistance which may be an allocation, cash draw, reimbursement, property, or, to the extent authorized by an appropriation made by the general assembly and to the extent practicable and not in conflict with a federal or state law, a consolidated funding allocation for two or more family services duties included in the agreement;

(4) ~~Criteria and methodology the state department will use to evaluate whether expected outcomes are achieved and performance and other administrative standards are met and county family services agencies or workforce development agencies will use to evaluate whether the state department is providing agreed upon assistance, services, and technical support~~ Provide that the award of financial assistance is subject to the availability of federal funds and appropriations made by the general assembly;

(5) ~~Annual~~ Specify annual financial, administrative, or other incentive awards, if any, to be provided in accordance with section 5101.23 of the Revised Code;

(6) ~~The state~~ Include the assurance of each county signer that the county signer will do all of the following:

(a) Ensure that the financial assistance awarded under the agreement is used, and the family services duties included in the agreement are performed, in accordance with requirements for the duties established by the department, a federal or state law, or any of the following that concern the family services duties included in the fiscal agreement and are published under section 5101.212 of the Revised Code: state plans for receipt of federal financial participation, grant agreements between the department and a federal agency, and executive orders issued by the governor;

(b) Ensure that the board and county family services agencies utilize a financial management system and other accountability mechanisms for the financial assistance awarded under the agreement that meet requirements the department establishes;

(c) Require the county family services agencies to do both of the

following:

(i) Monitor all private and government entities that receive a payment from financial assistance awarded under the agreement to ensure that each entity uses the payment in accordance with requirements for the family services duties included in the agreement;

(ii) Take action to recover payments that are not used in accordance with the requirements for the family services duties included in the agreement.

(d) Require county family services agencies to promptly reimburse the department the amount that represents the amount an agency is responsible for, pursuant to action the department takes under division (C) of section 5101.24 of the Revised Code, of funds the department pays to any entity because of an adverse audit finding, adverse quality control finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty;

(e) Require county family services agencies to take prompt corrective action, including paying amounts resulting from an adverse finding, sanction, or penalty, if the department, auditor of state, federal agency, or other entity authorized by federal or state law to determine compliance with requirements for a family services duty included in the agreement determines compliance has not been achieved;

(f) If the department establishes a consolidated funding allocation for two or more family services duties included in the agreement, require the county family services agencies to use funds available in the consolidated funding allocation only for the purpose for which the funds are appropriated.

(7) Provide for the department taking action pursuant to division (C) of section 5101.24 of the Revised Code if authorized by division (B)(1), (2), ~~or~~ (3), or (4) of that section ~~applies~~;

~~(7) The funding of family services duties or workforce development activities included in the agreement and whether the state department will establish a consolidated funding allocation under division (E) of this section. The agreement shall either specify the amount of payments to be made for the family services duties or workforce development activities included in the agreement or the method that will be used to determine the amount of payments.~~

(8) ~~Audits~~ Provide for timely audits required by federal ~~statutes and regulations~~ and state law and ~~requirements for~~ require prompt release of audit findings and prompt action to correct problems identified in an audit;

(9) ~~Which, if any, of the state department's rules will be waived so that a policy provided for in the agreement may be implemented~~ Comply with all of the requirements for the family services duties that are included in the

agreement and have been established by the department, federal or state law, or any of the following that concern the family services duties included in the fiscal agreement and are published under section 5101.212 of the Revised Code: state plans for receipt of federal financial participation, grant agreements between the department and a federal agency, and executive orders issued by the governor;

(10) ~~The~~ Provide for dispute resolution procedures in accordance with section 5101.24 of the Revised Code;

(11) Establish the method of amending or terminating the agreement and an expedited process for correcting terms or conditions of the agreement that the director and ~~board of~~ each county ~~commissioners~~ signer agree are erroneous;

~~(11) Dispute resolution procedures for anticipated and unanticipated disputes. The agreement may establish different dispute resolution procedures for different types of disputes. Dispute resolution procedures may include negotiation, mediation, arbitration, adjudication conducted by a hearing officer or fact-finding panel, and other procedures.~~

(12) ~~The date the agreement is to commence or~~ Except as provided in rules adopted under division (D) of this section, begin on the first day of July of an odd-numbered year and end on the last day of June of the next odd-numbered year. ~~An agreement may not commence before it is entered into nor end later than the last day of the state fiscal biennium for which it is entered into.~~

~~(13) If workforce development activities are included in the agreement, all of the following:~~

~~(a) The workforce development plan prepared under section 6301.07 of the Revised Code to be attached to and incorporated into the agreement;~~

~~(b) A description of the services, and a list of the core services, provided in the one-stop system for workforce development activities the county served by the board participates in under section 6301.06 of the Revised Code to be included in the agreement;~~

~~(c) If the county served by the board of county commissioners is in the type of local area defined in division (A)(3) of section 6301.01 of the Revised Code, the method and manner by which the board of county commissioners of each county and the chief elected official of a municipal corporation in the local area shall coordinate workforce development activities and resolve disagreements concerning either of the following:~~

~~(i) Choices concerning specifically who to appoint to the workforce policy board created under section 6301.06 of the Revised Code, within the criteria for membership set forth in that section;~~

~~(ii) Whether a member of the workforce policy board is performing satisfactorily for purposes of serving at the pleasure of the chief elected officials of the local area.~~

~~(14) Other provisions determined necessary by the state department, board, county family services agency, and workforce development agency.~~

~~(E)~~(C) The ~~state~~ department shall make payments authorized by a ~~partnership~~ fiscal agreement on vouchers it prepares and may include any funds appropriated or allocated to it for carrying out family services duties ~~or workforce development activities vested in the board of county commissioners under~~ included in the agreement, including funds for personal services and maintenance.

~~(F)(1) To the extent practicable and not in conflict with federal statutes or regulations, state law, or an appropriation made by the general assembly, the director may establish a consolidated funding allocation for any of the following:~~

~~(a) Two or more family services duties included in the agreement;~~

~~(b) Two or more workforce development activities included in the agreement;~~

~~(c) One or more family services duties and workforce development activities included in the agreement.~~

~~(2) The consolidated funding allocation may be for either of the following:~~

~~(a) A county that is the type of local area defined in division (A)(2) of section 6301.01 of the Revised Code;~~

~~(b) Two or more counties, or a municipal corporation and one or more counties, in the type of local area defined in division (A)(3) of section 6301.01 of the Revised Code that are coordinating and integrating workforce development activities in the local area.~~

~~(3) A county family services agency or workforce development agency shall use funds available in a consolidated funding allocation only for the purpose for which the funds were appropriated.~~

(D)(1) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code governing fiscal agreements. The director shall adopt the rules as if they were internal management rules. Before adopting the rules, the director shall give the public an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed rules. The rules shall establish methodologies to be used to determine the amount of financial assistance to be awarded under the agreements. The rules also shall establish terms and conditions under which an agreement may be entered into after the first day of July of an odd-numbered year. The rules may do any or all of the following:

(a) Govern the establishment of consolidated funding allocations and specify the time period for which a consolidated funding allocation is to be provided if the effective date of the agreement is after the first day of July of an odd-numbered year, which may include a time period before the effective date of the agreement;

(b) Govern the establishment of other allocations;

(c) Specify allowable uses of financial assistance awarded under the agreements;

(d) Establish reporting, cash management, audit, and other requirements the director determines are necessary to provide accountability for the use of financial assistance awarded under the agreements and determine compliance with requirements established by the department, a federal or state law, or any of the following that concern the family services duties included in the agreements and are published under section 5101.212 of the Revised Code: state plans for receipt of federal financial participation, grant agreements between the department and a federal entity, and executive orders issued by the governor.

(2) A requirement of a fiscal agreement established by a rule adopted under this division is applicable to a fiscal agreement without having to be restated in the fiscal agreement.

Sec. 5101.211. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, the director of job and family services may provide for a fiscal agreement entered into under section 5101.21 of the Revised Code to have a retroactive effective date of the first day of July of an odd-numbered year if both of the following are the case:

(1) The agreement is entered into after that date and before the last day of that July.

(2) The board of county commissioners requests the retroactive effective date and provides the director good cause satisfactory to the director for the reason the agreement was not entered into on or before the first day of that July.

(B) The director may provide for a fiscal agreement to have a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2003, if both of the following are the case:

(1) The agreement is entered into after July 1, 2003, and before August 29, 2003.

(2) The board of county commissioners requests the retroactive effective date.

Sec. 5101.212. The department of job and family services shall publish in a manner accessible to the public all of the following that concern family

services duties included in fiscal agreements entered into under section 5101.21 of the Revised Code: state plans for receipt of federal financial participation, grant agreements between the department and a federal agency, and executive orders issued by the governor. The department may publish the materials electronically or otherwise.

Sec. 5101.213. (A) Except as provided in section 5101.211 of the Revised Code, if a fiscal agreement under section 5101.21 of the Revised Code between the director of job and family services and a board of county commissioners is not in effect, all of the following apply:

(1) The department of job and family services shall award to the county the board serves financial assistance for family services duties in accordance with a methodology for determining the amount of the award established by rules adopted under division (B) of this section.

(2) The financial assistance may be provided in the form of allocations, cash draws, reimbursements, and property but may not be made in the form of a consolidated funding allocation.

(3) The award of the financial assistance is subject to the availability of federal funds and appropriations made by the general assembly.

(4) The county family services agencies performing the family services duties for which the financial assistance is awarded shall do all of the following:

(a) Use the financial assistance, and perform the family services duties, in accordance with requirements for the duties established by the department, a federal or state law, or any of the following that concern the duties: state plans for receipt of federal financial participation, grant agreements between the department and a federal agency, and executive orders issued by the governor;

(b) Utilize a financial management system and other accountability mechanisms for the financial assistance that meet requirements the department establishes;

(c) Monitor all private and government entities that receive a payment from the financial assistance to ensure that each entity uses the payment in accordance with requirements for the family services duties and take action to recover payments that are not used in accordance with the requirements for the family services duties;

(d) Promptly reimburse the department the amount that represents the amount an agency is responsible for, pursuant to action the department takes under division (C) of section 5101.24 of the Revised Code, of funds the department pays to any entity because of an adverse audit finding, adverse quality control finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation,

or other sanction or penalty;

(e) Take prompt corrective action, including paying amounts resulting from an adverse finding, sanction, or penalty, if the department, auditor of state, federal agency, or other entity authorized by federal or state law to determine compliance with requirements for a family services duty determines compliance has not been achieved.

(B) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code as necessary to implement this section. The director shall adopt the rules as if they were internal management rules. Before adopting the rules, the director shall give the public an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed rules. The rules shall establish methodologies to be used to determine the amount of financial assistance to be awarded and may do any or all of the following:

(1) Govern the establishment of funding allocations;

(2) Specify allowable uses of financial assistance the department awards under this section;

(3) Establish reporting, cash management, audit, and other requirements the director determines are necessary to provide accountability for the use of the financial assistance and determine compliance with requirements established by the department, a federal or state law, or any of the following that concern the family services duties for which the financial assistance is awarded: state plans for receipt of federal financial participation, grant agreements between the department and a federal entity, and executive orders issued by the governor.

Sec. ~~5101.211~~ 5101.214. The director of job and family services may enter into a written agreement with one or more state agencies, as defined in section 117.01 of the Revised Code, and state universities and colleges to assist in the coordination, provision, or enhancement of the family services duties of a county family services agency or the workforce development activities of a workforce development agency. The director also may enter into written agreements or contracts with, or issue grants to, private and government entities under which funds are provided for the enhancement or innovation of family services duties or workforce development activities on the state or local level. ~~The terms of an agreement, contract, or grant under this section may be incorporated into a partnership agreement the director enters into with a board of county commissioners under section 5101.21 or with the chief elected official of a municipal corporation under section 5101.213 of the Revised Code, if the director and board or chief elected official and state agency, state university or college, or private or government entity agree.~~

The director may adopt internal management rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code to implement this section.

Sec. ~~5101.212~~ 5101.215. If the director of job and family services enters into an agreement or contracts with, or issues a grant to, a religious organization under section ~~5101.211~~ 5101.214 of the Revised Code, the religious organization shall comply with section 104 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity and Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193).

Sec. 5101.216. The director of job and family services may enter into one or more written operational agreements with boards of county commissioners to do one or more of the following regarding family services duties:

(A) Provide for the director to amend or rescind a rule the director previously adopted;

(B) Provide for the director to modify procedures or establish alternative procedures to accommodate special circumstances in a county;

(C) Provide for the director and board to jointly identify operational problems of mutual concern and develop a joint plan to address the problems;

(D) Establish a framework for the director and board to modify the use of existing resources in a manner that is beneficial to the department of job and family services and the county that the board serves and improves family services duties for the recipients of the services.

Sec. 5101.22. The department of job and family services may establish performance and other administrative standards for the administration and outcomes of family services duties ~~and workforce development activities~~ and determine at intervals the department decides the degree to which a county family services agency ~~or workforce development agency~~ complies with a performance or other administrative standard. The department may use statistical sampling, performance audits, case reviews, or other methods it determines necessary and appropriate to determine compliance with performance and administrative standards.

~~A performance or other administrative standard established under this section for a family service duty or workforce development activity does not apply to a county family services agency or workforce development agency administering the duty if a different performance or administrative standard is specified for the agency's administration of the duty or activity pursuant to a partnership agreement entered into under section 5101.21 or 5101.213 of the Revised Code.~~

Sec. 5101.221. (A) Except as provided by division (C) of this section, if

the department of job and family services determines that a county family services agency has failed to comply with a performance or other administrative standard established under section 5101.22 of the Revised Code or by federal law for the administration or outcome of a family services duty, the department shall require the agency to develop, submit to the department for approval, and comply with a corrective action plan.

(B) If a county family services agency fails to develop, submit to the department, or comply with a corrective action plan under division (A) of this section, or the department disapproves the agency's corrective action plan, the department may require the agency to develop, submit to the department for approval, and comply with a corrective action plan that requires the agency to commit existing resources to the plan.

(C) The department may not require a county family services agency to take action under this section for failure to comply with a performance or other administrative standard established for an incentive awarded by the department. Instead, the department may require a county family services agency that fails to comply with that kind of performance or other administrative standard to take action in accordance with rules adopted by the department governing the standard.

(D) At the request of a county family services agency, the department shall assist the agency with the development of a corrective action plan under this section and provide the agency technical assistance in the implementation of the plan.

Sec. 5101.222. The director of job and family services may adopt rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code to implement sections 5101.22 to 5101.222 of the Revised Code. If the director adopts the rules, the director shall adopt the rules as if they were internal management rules.

Sec. 5101.24. (A) As used in this section, "responsible entity" means ~~the following:~~

~~(1) If the family services duty or workforce development activity involved is included in a partnership agreement~~ a board of county commissioners ~~and the director of job and family services enters into under section 5101.21 of the Revised Code, the board regardless of the fact that~~ or a county family services agency ~~performs the family services duty or a workforce development agency performs the workforce development activity.~~

~~(2) If the family services duty or workforce development activity involved is not included in a partnership agreement, the county family services agency or workforce development agency~~, whichever the director

of job and family services determines is appropriate to take action against under division (C) of this section.

(B) ~~The~~ Regardless of whether a family services duty is performed by a county family services agency, private or government entity pursuant to a contract entered into under section 307.982 of the Revised Code or division (C)(2) of section 5153.16 of the Revised Code, or private or government provider of a family service duty, the department of job and family services may take action under division (C) of this section against the responsible entity if the department determines any of the following ~~apply to the county family services agency performing the family services duty or workforce development agency providing the workforce development activity~~ are the case:

(1) ~~The agency fails to meet a performance standard specified in a partnership agreement entered into under section 5101.21 or established~~ A requirement of a fiscal agreement entered into under section 5101.21 of the Revised Code that includes the family services duty, including a requirement for fiscal agreements established by rules adopted under that section, is not complied with;

(2) A county family services agency fails to develop, submit to the department, or comply with a corrective action plan under division (B) of section 5101.221 of the Revised Code, or the department disapproves the agency's corrective action plan developed under division (B) of section ~~5101.22~~ 5101.221 of the Revised Code ~~for the duty or activity~~;

~~(2) The agency fails to comply with a~~ (3) A requirement for the family services duty established by the department or any of the following is not complied with: a federal ~~statute~~ or ~~regulations,~~ state ~~statute, or a department rule for the duty or activity~~ law, state plan for receipt of federal financial participation, grant agreement between the department and a federal agency, or executive order issued by the governor;

~~(3)~~(4) The ~~agency~~ responsible entity is solely or partially responsible, as determined by the director of job and family services, for an adverse audit ~~or~~ finding, adverse quality control finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty regarding the family services duty ~~or activity~~.

(C) The department may take one or more of the following actions against the responsible entity ~~if~~ when authorized by division (B)(1), (2), ~~or~~ (3), or (4) of this section ~~applies~~:

(1) Require the responsible entity to ~~submit to and~~ comply with a corrective action plan pursuant to a time schedule specified by the department~~;~~. The corrective action plan shall be established or approved by

the department and shall not require a county family services agency to commit resources to the plan.

(2) Require the responsible entity to comply with a corrective action plan pursuant to a time schedule specified by the department. The corrective action plan shall be established or approved by the department and require a county family services agency to commit to the plan existing resources identified by the agency.

(3) Require the responsible entity to do one of the following:

(a) Share with the department a final disallowance of federal financial participation or other sanction or penalty;

(b) Reimburse the department the final amount the department pays to the federal government or another entity that represents the amount the ~~agency~~ responsible entity is responsible for of an adverse audit ~~or~~ finding, adverse quality control finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty issued by the federal government, auditor of state, or other entity;

(c) Pay the federal government or another entity the final amount that represents the amount the ~~agency~~ responsible entity is responsible for of an adverse audit ~~or~~ finding, adverse quality control finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty issued by the federal government, auditor of state, or other entity;

(d) Pay the department the final amount that represents the amount the responsible entity is responsible for of an adverse audit finding or adverse quality control finding.

~~(3)~~(4) Impose ~~a financial or~~ an administrative sanction ~~or adverse audit~~ issued by the department against the responsible entity. A sanction may be increased if the department has previously taken action against the responsible entity under this division.

~~(4)~~(5) Perform, or contract with a government or private entity for the entity to perform, the family services duty ~~or workforce development activity~~ until the department is satisfied that the responsible entity ensures that the duty ~~or activity~~ will be performed satisfactorily. If the department performs or contracts with an entity to perform a family services duty ~~or workforce development activity~~ under division (C)~~(4)~~(5) of this section, the department may do either or both of the following:

(a) Spend funds in the county treasury appropriated by the board of county commissioners for the duty ~~or activity~~;

(b) Withhold funds allocated or reimbursements due to the responsible entity for the duty ~~or activity~~ and spend the funds for the duty ~~or activity~~.

~~(5)~~(6) Request that the attorney general bring mandamus proceedings to

compel the responsible entity to take or cease the action that causes division (B)(1), (2), ~~or~~ (3), or (4) of this section to apply. The attorney general shall bring mandamus proceedings in the Franklin county court of appeals at the department's request.

(7) If the department takes action under this division because of division (B)(3) of this section, temporarily withhold funds allocated or reimbursement due to the responsible entity until the department determines that the responsible entity is in compliance with the requirement. The department shall release the funds when the department determines that compliance has been achieved.

(D) If the department ~~decides~~ proposes to take action against the responsible entity under division (C) of this section, the department shall notify the responsible entity and county auditor. The notice shall be in writing and specify the action the department proposes to take. The department shall send the notice by regular United States mail.

~~The~~ Except as provided by division (E) of this section, the responsible entity may request an administrative review of a proposed action~~, other than a proposed action under division (C)(5) of this section, by sending a written request to the department not later than~~ in accordance with administrative review procedures the department shall establish. The administrative review procedures shall comply with all of the following:

(1) A request for an administrative review shall state specifically all of the following:

(a) The proposed action specified in the notice from the department for which the review is requested;

(b) The reason why the responsible entity believes the proposed action is inappropriate;

(c) All facts and legal arguments that the responsible entity wants the department to consider;

(d) The name of the person who will serve as the responsible entity's representative in the review.

(2) If the department's notice specifies more than one proposed action and the responsible entity does not specify all of the proposed actions in its request pursuant to division (D)(1)(a) of this section, the proposed actions not specified in the request shall not be subject to administrative review and the parts of the notice regarding those proposed actions shall be final and binding on the responsible entity.

(3) In the case of a proposed action under division (C)(1) of this section, the responsible entity shall have fifteen calendar days after the department mails the notice to the responsible entity to send a written request to the

department for an administrative review. If it receives such a request within the required time, the department shall postpone taking action under division (C)(1) of this section for fifteen calendar days following the day it receives the request~~. The~~ or extended period of time provided for in division (D)(5) of this section to allow a representative of the department and a representative of the responsible entity ~~shall attempt~~ an informal opportunity to resolve any dispute during that fifteen-day or extended period.

~~(2)~~(4) In the case of a proposed action under division (C)(2), (3), (4), (5), or (7) of this section, ~~forty-five~~ the responsible entity shall have thirty calendar days after the department mails the notice to the responsible entity to send a written request to the department for an administrative review. ~~The administrative review shall be limited solely to the issue of the amount the responsible entity shall share with the department, reimburse the department, or pay to the federal government or another entity under division (C)(2) of this section. The~~ If it receives such a request within the required time, the department shall postpone taking action under division (C)(2), (3), (4), (5), or (7) of this section for thirty calendar days following the day it receives the request or extended period of time provided for in division (D)(5) of this section to allow a representative of the department and a representative of the responsible entity ~~shall attempt~~ an informal opportunity to resolve any dispute ~~within sixty days~~ during that thirty-day or extended period.

~~(3) In the case of a proposed action under division (C)(3) or (4) of this section, forty-five days after the department mails the notice to the responsible entity. The department and responsible entity shall attempt to resolve any dispute within sixty days.~~

~~If the department and responsible entity fail to resolve any dispute within the required time, the department shall conduct a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except that the department, notwithstanding section 119.07 of the Revised Code, is not required to schedule the hearing within fifteen days of the responsible entity's request.~~

~~(E)~~(5) If the informal opportunity provided in division (D)(3) or (4) of this section does not result in a written resolution to the dispute within the fifteen- or thirty-day period, the director of job and family services and representative of the responsible entity may enter into a written agreement extending the time period for attempting an informal resolution of the dispute under division (D)(3) or (4) of this section.

(6) In the case of a proposed action under division (C)(3) of this section, the responsible entity may not include in its request disputes over a finding,

final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty issued by the federal government, auditor of state, or entity other than the department.

(7) If the responsible entity fails to request an administrative review within the required time, the responsible entity loses the right to request an administrative review of the proposed actions specified in the notice and the notice becomes final and binding on the responsible entity.

(8) If the informal opportunity provided in division (D)(3) or (4) of this section does not result in a written resolution to the dispute within the time provided by division (D)(3), (4), or (5) of this section, the director shall appoint an administrative review panel to conduct the administrative review. The review panel shall consist of department employees and one director or other representative of the type of county family services agency that is responsible for the kind of family services duty that is the subject of the dispute and serves a different county than the county served by the responsible entity. No individual involved in the department's proposal to take action against the responsible entity may serve on the review panel. The review panel shall review the responsible entity's request. The review panel may require that the department or responsible entity submit additional information and schedule and conduct an informal hearing to obtain testimony or additional evidence. A review of a proposal to take action under division (C)(3) of this section shall be limited solely to the issue of the amount the responsible entity shall share with the department, reimburse the department, or pay to the federal government, department, or other entity under division (C)(3) of this section. The review panel is not required to make a stenographic record of its hearing or other proceedings.

(9) After finishing an administrative review, an administrative review panel appointed under division (D)(8) of this section shall submit a written report to the director setting forth its findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations for action. The director may approve, modify, or disapprove the recommendations. If the director modifies or disapproves the recommendations, the director shall state the reasons for the modification or disapproval and the actions to be taken against the responsible entity.

(10) The director's approval, modification, or disapproval under division (D)(9) of this section shall be final and binding on the responsible entity and shall not be subject to further departmental review.

(E) The responsible entity is not entitled to an administrative review under division (D) of this section for any of the following:

(1) An action taken under division (C)(6) of this section;

(2) An action taken under section 5101.242 of the Revised Code;

(3) An action taken under division (C)(3) of this section if the federal government, auditor of state, or entity other than the department has identified the county family services agency as being solely or partially responsible for an adverse audit finding, adverse quality control finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty;

(4) An adjustment to an allocation, cash draw, advance, or reimbursement to a county family services agency that the department determines necessary for budgetary reasons;

(5) Withholding of a cash draw or reimbursement due to noncompliance with a reporting requirement established in rules adopted under section 5101.243 of the Revised Code.

(F) This section does not apply to other actions the department takes against the responsible entity pursuant to authority granted by another state law unless the other state law requires the department to take the action in accordance with this section.

(G) The director of job and family services may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code as necessary to implement this section.

Sec. 5101.241. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Local area" and "chief elected official" have the same meaning as in section 5101.20 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Responsible entity" means the chief elected officials of a local area.

(B) The department of job and family services may take action under division (C) of this section against the responsible entity, regardless of who performs the workforce development activity, if the department determines any of the following are the case:

(1) A requirement of a grant agreement entered into under section 5101.20 of the Revised Code that includes the workforce development activity, including a requirement for grant agreements established by rules adopted under that section, is not complied with;

(2) A performance standard for the workforce development activity established by the federal government or the department is not met;

(3) A requirement for the workforce development activity established by the department or any of the following is not complied with: a federal or state law, state plan for receipt of federal financial participation, grant agreement between the department and a federal agency, or executive order;

(4) The responsible entity is solely or partially responsible, as determined by the director of job and family services, for an adverse audit finding, adverse quality control finding, final disallowance of federal

financial participation, or other sanction or penalty regarding the workforce development activity.

(C) The department may take one or more of the following actions against the responsible entity when authorized by division (B)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section:

(1) Require the responsible entity to submit to and comply with a corrective action plan, established or approved by the department, pursuant to a time schedule specified by the department;

(2) Require the responsible entity to do one of the following:

(a) Share with the department a final disallowance of federal financial participation or other sanction or penalty;

(b) Reimburse the department the amount the department pays to the federal government or another entity that represents the amount the responsible entity is responsible for of an adverse audit finding, adverse quality control finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty issued by the federal government, auditor of state, or other entity;

(c) Pay the federal government or another entity the amount that represents the amount the responsible entity is responsible for of an adverse audit finding, adverse quality control finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty issued by the federal government, auditor of state, or other entity;

(d) Pay the department the amount that represents the amount the responsible entity is responsible for of an adverse audit finding, adverse quality control finding, or other sanction or penalty issued by the department.

(3) Impose a financial or administrative sanction or adverse audit finding issued by the department against the responsible entity, which may be increased with each subsequent action taken against the responsible entity.

(4) Perform or contract with a government or private entity for the entity to perform the workforce development activity until the department is satisfied that the responsible entity ensures that the activity will be performed to the department's satisfaction. If the department performs or contracts with an entity to perform the workforce development activity under division (C)(4) of this section, the department may withhold funds allocated to or reimbursements due to the responsible entity for the activity and use those funds to implement division (C)(4) of this section.

(5) Request the attorney general to bring mandamus proceedings to compel the responsible entity to take or cease the actions listed in division

(B) of this section. The attorney general shall bring any mandamus proceedings in the Franklin county court of appeals at the department's request.

(6) If the department takes action under this division because of division (B)(3) of this section, withhold funds allocated or reimbursement due to the responsible entity until the department determines that the responsible entity is in compliance with the requirement. The department shall release the funds when the department determines that compliance has been achieved.

(D) The department shall notify the responsible entity and the appropriate county auditor when the department proposes to take action under division (C) of this section. The notice shall be in writing and specify the action the department proposes to take. The department shall send the notice by regular United States mail. Except as provided in division (E) of this section, the responsible entity may request an administrative review of a proposed action in accordance with administrative review procedures the department shall establish. The administrative review procedures shall comply with all of the following:

(1) A request for an administrative review shall state specifically all of the following:

(a) The proposed action specified in the notice from the department for which the review is requested;

(b) The reason why the responsible entity believes the proposed action is inappropriate;

(c) All facts and legal arguments that the responsible entity wants the department to consider;

(d) The name of the person who will serve as the responsible entity's representative in the review.

(2) If the department's notice specifies more than one proposed action and the responsible entity does not specify all of the proposed actions in its request pursuant to division (D)(1)(a) of this section, the proposed actions not specified in the request shall not be subject to administrative review and the parts of the notice regarding those proposed actions shall be final and binding on the responsible entity.

(3) In the case of a proposed action under division (C)(1) of this section, the responsible entity shall have fifteen calendar days after the department mails the notice to the responsible entity to send a written request to the department for an administrative review. If it receives such a request within the required time, the department shall postpone taking action under division (C)(1) of this section for fifteen calendar days following the day it receives the request to allow a representative of the department and a representative

of the responsible entity an informal opportunity to resolve any dispute during that fifteen-day period.

(4) In the case of a proposed action under division (C)(2), (3), or (4) of this section, the responsible entity shall have thirty calendar days after the department mails the notice to the responsible entity to send a written request to the department for an administrative review. If it receives such a request within the required time, the department shall postpone taking action under division (C)(2), (3), or (4) of this section for thirty calendar days following the day it receives the request to allow a representative of the department and a representative of the responsible entity an informal opportunity to resolve any dispute during that thirty-day period.

(5) In the case of a proposed action under division (C)(2) of this section, the responsible entity may not include in its request disputes over a finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty issued by the federal government, auditor of state, or other entity other than the department.

(6) If the responsible entity fails to request an administrative review within the required time, the responsible entity loses the right to request an administrative review of the proposed actions specified in the notice and the notice becomes final and binding on the responsible entity.

(7) If the informal opportunity provided in division (D)(3) or (4) of this section does not result in a written resolution to the dispute, the director of job and family services shall appoint an administrative review panel to conduct the administrative review. The review panel shall consist of department employees who are not involved in the department's proposal to take action against the responsible entity. The review panel shall review the responsible entity's request. The review panel may require that the department or responsible entity submit additional information and schedule and conduct an informal hearing to obtain testimony or additional evidence. A review of a proposal to take action under division (C)(2) of this section shall be limited solely to the issue of the amount the responsible entity shall share with the department, reimburse the department, or pay to the federal government, department, or other entity under division (C)(2) of this section. The review panel is not required to make a stenographic record of its hearing or other proceedings.

(8) After finishing an administrative review, an administrative review panel appointed under division (D)(7) of this section shall submit a written report to the director setting forth its findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations for action. The director may approve, modify, or disapprove the recommendations. If the director modifies or disapproves the

recommendations, the director shall state the reasons for the modification or disapproval and the actions to be taken against the responsible entity.

(9) The director's approval, modification, or disapproval under division (D)(8) of this section shall be final and binding on the responsible entity and shall not be subject to further departmental review.

(E) The responsible entity is not entitled to an administrative review under division (D) of this section for any of the following:

(1) An action taken under division (C)(5) or (6) of this section;

(2) An action taken under section 5101.242 of the Revised Code;

(3) An action taken under division (C)(2) of this section if the federal government, auditor of state, or entity other than the department has identified the responsible entity as being solely or partially responsible for an adverse audit finding, adverse quality control finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty;

(4) An adjustment to an allocation, cash draw, advance, or reimbursement to the responsible entity's local area that the department determines necessary for budgetary reasons;

(5) Withholding of a cash draw or reimbursement due to noncompliance with a reporting requirement established in rules adopted under section 5101.243 of the Revised Code.

(F) This section does not apply to other actions the department takes against the responsible entity pursuant to authority granted by another state law unless the other state law requires the department to take the action in accordance with this section.

(G) The director of job and family services may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code as necessary to implement this section.

Sec. 5101.242. The department of job and family services may certify a claim to the attorney general under section 131.02 of the Revised Code for the attorney general to take action under that section against a responsible entity to recover any funds that the department determines the responsible entity owes the department for actions taken under division (C)(2), (3), (4), or (5) of section 5101.24 or 5101.241 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.243. The director of job and family services may adopt rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code establishing reporting requirements for family services duties and workforce development activities. If the director adopts the rules, the director shall adopt the rules as if they were internal management rules and, before adopting the rules, give the public an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed rules.

Sec. 5101.26. As used in this section and in sections 5101.27 to 5101.30 of the Revised Code:

(A) "County agency" means a county department of job and family services or a public children services agency.

(B) "Fugitive felon" means an individual who is fleeing to avoid prosecution, or custody or confinement after conviction, under the laws of the place from which the individual is fleeing, for a crime or an attempt to commit a crime that is a felony under the laws of the place from which the individual is fleeing or, in the case of New Jersey, a high misdemeanor, regardless of whether the individual has departed from the individual's usual place of residence.

(C) "Information" means records as defined in section 149.011 of the Revised Code, any other documents in any format, and data derived from records and documents that are generated, acquired, or maintained by the department of job and family services, a county agency, or an entity performing duties on behalf of the department or a county agency.

(D) "Law enforcement agency" means the state highway patrol, an agency that employs peace officers as defined in section 109.71 of the Revised Code, the adult parole authority, a county department of probation, a prosecuting attorney, the attorney general, similar agencies of other states, federal law enforcement agencies, and postal inspectors. "Law enforcement agency" includes the peace officers and other law enforcement officers employed by the agency.

(E) "Medical assistance provided under a public assistance program" means medical assistance provided under the programs established under sections 5101.49, 5101.50 to 5101.503, and 5101.51 to 5101.5110, Chapters 5111. and 5115., or any other provision of the Revised Code.

(F) "Public assistance" means financial assistance, medical assistance, or social services provided under a program administered by the department of job and family services or a county agency pursuant to Chapter 329., 5101., 5104., 5107., 5108., 5111., or 5115. of the Revised Code or an executive order issued under section 107.17 of the Revised Code.

~~(F)~~(G) "Public assistance recipient" means an applicant for or recipient or former recipient of public assistance.

Sec. 5101.27. (A) Except as permitted by this section, section 5101.28 or 5101.29 of the Revised Code, or the rules adopted under division (A) of section 5101.30 of the Revised Code, or required by federal law, no person or government entity shall solicit, disclose, receive, use, or knowingly permit, or participate in the use of any information regarding a public assistance recipient for any purpose not directly connected with the

administration of a public assistance program.

(B)~~(1)~~ To the extent permitted by federal law, the department of job and family services and county agencies shall ~~release~~ do both of the following:

(1) Release information regarding a public assistance recipient for purposes directly connected to the administration of the program to a government entity responsible for administering ~~a~~ that public assistance program ~~or any other state, federal, or federally assisted program that provides cash or in-kind assistance or services directly to individuals based on need or for the purpose of protecting children to a government entity responsible for administering a children's protective services program.~~;

(2) ~~To the extent permitted by federal law, the department and county agencies shall provide~~ Provide information regarding a public assistance recipient to a law enforcement agency for the purpose of any investigation, prosecution, or criminal or civil proceeding relating to the administration of ~~a~~ that public assistance program.

(C) To the extent permitted by federal law and section 1347.08 of the Revised Code, the department and county agencies shall provide access to information regarding a public assistance recipient to all of the following:

(1) The recipient;

(2) The authorized representative~~, as defined in rules adopted under section 5101.30 of the Revised Code, of the recipient~~;

(3) The ~~parent or~~ legal guardian of the recipient;

(4) The attorney of the recipient, if the attorney has written authorization that complies with section 5101.271 of the Revised Code from the recipient.

(D) To the extent permitted by federal law and subject to division (E) of this section, the department and county agencies may ~~release~~ do both of the following:

(1) Release information about a public assistance recipient if the recipient gives voluntary, written ~~consent that specifically identifies the persons or government entities to which the information may be released.~~

~~The~~ authorization that complies with section 5101.271 of the Revised Code;

(2) Release information regarding a public assistance recipient to a state, federal, or federally assisted program that provides cash or in-kind assistance or services directly to individuals based on need or for the purpose of protecting children to a government entity responsible for administering a children's protective services program.

(E) Except when the release is required by division (B), (C), or (D)(2) of this section, the department or county agency shall release the information

only ~~to the persons or government entities specified in the document evidencing consent. Consent may be time-limited or ongoing, at the discretion of the individual giving it, and may be rescinded at any time; however, an individual cannot rescind consent retroactively. The document evidencing consent must state that consent may be rescinded~~ in accordance with the authorization. The department or county agency shall provide, at no cost, a copy of each written authorization to the individual who signed it.

(F) The department or ~~a~~ county agency may release information under ~~this~~ division (D) of this section concerning ~~a~~ the receipt of medical assistance provided under ~~Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code~~ a public assistance program only if ~~both~~ all of the following conditions are ~~the case~~ met:

(1) The release of information is for purposes directly connected to the administration of ~~programs created under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code~~ or ~~services~~ provision of medical assistance provided under ~~programs created under that chapter~~ a public assistance program;

(2) The information is released to persons or government entities that are subject to standards of confidentiality and safeguarding information substantially comparable to those established for ~~programs created under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code~~ medical assistance provided under a public assistance program;

(3) The department or county agency has obtained an authorization consistent with section 5101.271 of the Revised Code.

(G) Information concerning the receipt of medical assistance provided under a public assistance program may be released only if the release complies with this section and rules adopted by the department pursuant to section 5101.30 of the Revised Code or, if more restrictive, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-191, 110 Stat. 1955, 42 U.S.C. 1320d, et seq., as amended, and regulations adopted by the United States department of health and human services to implement the act.

(H) The department of job and family services may adopt rules defining "authorized representative" for purposes of division (C)(2) of this section.

Sec. 5101.271. (A) For the purposes of section 5101.27 of the Revised Code, an authorization shall be made on a form that uses language understandable to the average person and contains all of the following:

(1) A description of the information to be used or disclosed that identifies the information in a specific and meaningful fashion;

(2) The name or other specific identification of the person or class of persons authorized to make the requested use or disclosure;

(3) The name or other specific identification of the person or governmental entity to which the information may be released;

(4) A description of each purpose of the requested use or disclosure of the information;

(5) The date on which the authorization expires or an event related either to the individual who is the subject of the request or to the purposes of the requested use or disclosure, the occurrence of which will cause the authorization to expire;

(6) A statement that the information used or disclosed pursuant to the authorization may be disclosed by the recipient of the information and may no longer be protected from disclosure;

(7) The signature of the individual or the individual's authorized representative and the date on which the authorization was signed;

(8) If signed by an authorized representative, a description of the representative's authority to act for the individual;

(9) A statement of the individual or authorized representative's right to prospectively revoke the written authorization in writing, along with one of the following:

(a) A description of how the individual or authorized representative may revoke the authorization;

(b) If the department of job and family services' privacy notice contains a description of how the individual or authorized representative may revoke the authorization, a reference to that privacy notice.

(10) A statement that treatment, payment, enrollment, or eligibility for public assistance cannot be conditioned on signing the authorization unless the authorization is necessary for determining eligibility for the public assistance program.

(B) When an individual requests information pursuant to section 5101.27 of the Revised Code regarding the individual's receipt of public assistance and does not wish to provide a statement of purpose, the statement "at request of the individual" is a sufficient description for purposes of division (A)(4) of this section.

Sec. 5101.28. (A) ~~The department of job and family services shall enter into written agreements with law enforcement agencies to exchange, obtain, or share~~ (1) On request of the department of job and family services or a county agency, a law enforcement agency shall provide information regarding public assistance recipients to enable the department~~,~~ or county ~~agencies, and law enforcement agencies~~ agency to determine, for eligibility purposes, whether a recipient or a member of a recipient's assistance group is ~~either of the following:~~

~~(1) A~~ a fugitive ~~felon;~~

~~(2) Violating~~ felon or violating a condition of probation, a community control sanction, parole, or a post-release control sanction imposed under state or federal law.

(2) A county agency may enter into a written agreement with a local law enforcement agency establishing procedures concerning access to information and providing for compliance with division (F) of this section.

(B) ~~The~~ To the extent permitted by federal law, the department and county agencies shall provide information, except information directly related to the receipt of medical assistance or medical services, regarding recipients of public assistance under a program administered by the state department or a county agency pursuant to Chapter 5107., 5108., or 5115. of the Revised Code to law enforcement agencies on request for the purposes of investigations, prosecutions, and criminal and civil proceedings that are within the scope of the law enforcement agencies' official duties.

(C) Information about a recipient shall be exchanged, obtained, or shared only if the department, county agency, or law enforcement agency requesting the information gives sufficient information to specifically identify the recipient. In addition to the recipient's name, identifying information may include the recipient's current or last known address, social security number, other identifying number, age, gender, physical characteristics, any information specified in an agreement entered into under division (A) of this section, or any information considered appropriate by the department or agency.

(D)(1) The department and its officers and employees are not liable in damages in a civil action for any injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from the release of information in accordance with divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section. This section does not affect any immunity or defense that the department and its officers and employees may be entitled to under another section of the Revised Code or the common law of this state, including section 9.86 of the Revised Code.

(2) The county agencies and their employees are not liable in damages in a civil action for any injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from the release of information in accordance with divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section. "Employee" has the same meaning as in division (B) of section 2744.01 of the Revised Code. This section does not affect any immunity or defense that the county agencies and their employees may be entitled to under another section of the Revised Code or the common law of this state, including section 2744.02 and division (A)(6) of section 2744.03 of the Revised Code.

(E) To the extent permitted by federal law, the department and county agencies shall provide access to information to the auditor of state acting pursuant to Chapter 117. or sections 5101.181 and 5101.182 of the Revised Code and to any other government entity authorized by ~~or~~ federal law to conduct an audit of or similar activity involving a public assistance program.

(F) The auditor of state shall prepare an annual report on the outcome of the agreements required under division (A) of this section. The report shall include the number of fugitive felons and probation and parole violators apprehended during the immediately preceding year as a result of the exchange of information pursuant to that division. The auditor of state shall file the report with the governor, the president and minority leader of the senate, and the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives. The state department, county agencies, and law enforcement agencies shall cooperate with the auditor of state's office in gathering the information required under this division.

(G) To the extent permitted by federal law, the department of job and family services, county departments of job and family services, and employees of the departments may report to a public children services agency or other appropriate agency information on known or suspected physical or mental injury, sexual abuse or exploitation, or negligent treatment or maltreatment, of a child receiving public assistance, if circumstances indicate that the child's health or welfare is threatened.

Sec. 5101.35. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Agency" means the following entities that administer a family services program:

(a) The department of job and family services;

(b) A county department of job and family services;

(c) A public children services agency;

(d) A private or government entity administering, in whole or in part, a family services program for or on behalf of the department of job and family services or a county department of job and family services or public children services agency.

(2) "Appellant" means an applicant, participant, former participant, recipient, or former recipient of a family services program who is entitled by federal or state law to a hearing regarding a decision or order of the agency that administers the program.

(3) "Family services program" means assistance provided under a Title IV-A program as defined in section 5101.80 of the Revised Code or under Chapter 5104., 5111., or 5115. or section 173.35, 5101.141, 5101.46, 5101.54, 5153.163, or 5153.165 of the Revised Code, other than assistance

provided under section 5101.46 of the Revised Code by the department of mental health, the department of mental retardation and developmental disabilities, a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services, or a county board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

(B) Except as provided ~~in~~ by division (G) of this section, an appellant who appeals under federal or state law a decision or order of an agency administering a family services program shall, at the appellant's request, be granted a state hearing by the department of job and family services. This state hearing shall be conducted in accordance with rules adopted under this section. The state hearing shall be tape-recorded, but neither the recording nor a transcript of the recording shall be part of the official record of the proceeding. A state hearing decision is binding upon the agency and department, unless it is reversed or modified on appeal to the director of job and family services or a court of common pleas.

(C) Except as provided by division (G) of this section, an appellant who disagrees with a state hearing decision may make an administrative appeal to the director of job and family services in accordance with rules adopted under this section. This administrative appeal does not require a hearing, but the director or the director's designee shall review the state hearing decision and previous administrative action and may affirm, modify, remand, or reverse the state hearing decision. Any person designated to make an administrative appeal decision on behalf of the director shall have been admitted to the practice of law in this state. An administrative appeal decision is the final decision of the department and is binding upon the department and agency, unless it is reversed or modified on appeal to the court of common pleas.

(D) An agency shall comply with a decision issued pursuant to division (B) or (C) of this section within the time limits established by rules adopted under this section. If a county department of job and family services or a public children services agency fails to comply within these time limits, the department may take action pursuant to section 5101.24 of the Revised Code. If another agency fails to comply within the time limits, the department may force compliance by withholding funds due the agency or imposing another sanction established by rules adopted under this section.

(E) An appellant who disagrees with an administrative appeal decision of the director of job and family services or the director's designee issued under division (C) of this section may appeal from the decision to the court of common pleas pursuant to section 119.12 of the Revised Code. The appeal shall be governed by section 119.12 of the Revised Code except that:

(1) The person may appeal to the court of common pleas of the county

in which the person resides, or to the court of common pleas of Franklin county if the person does not reside in this state.

(2) The person may apply to the court for designation as an indigent and, if the court grants this application, the appellant shall not be required to furnish the costs of the appeal.

(3) The appellant shall mail the notice of appeal to the department of job and family services and file notice of appeal with the court within thirty days after the department mails the administrative appeal decision to the appellant. For good cause shown, the court may extend the time for mailing and filing notice of appeal, but such time shall not exceed six months from the date the department mails the administrative appeal decision. Filing notice of appeal with the court shall be the only act necessary to vest jurisdiction in the court.

(4) The department shall be required to file a transcript of the testimony of the state hearing with the court only if the court orders the department to file the transcript. The court shall make such an order only if it finds that the department and the appellant are unable to stipulate to the facts of the case and that the transcript is essential to a determination of the appeal. The department shall file the transcript not later than thirty days after the day such an order is issued.

(F) The department of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section, including rules governing the following:

(1) State hearings under division (B) of this section. The rules shall include provisions regarding notice of eligibility termination and the opportunity of an appellant appealing a decision or order of a county department of job and family services to request a county conference with the county department before the state hearing is held.

(2) Administrative appeals under division (C) of this section;

(3) Time limits for complying with a decision issued under division (B) or (C) of this section;

(4) Sanctions that may be applied against an agency under division (D) of this section.

(G) The department of job and family services may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing ~~in~~ an appeals process for an appellant who appeals a decision or order regarding a Title IV-A program identified under division (A)(3)(c) or (d) of section 5101.80 of the Revised Code that is different from the appeals process established by this section. The different appeals process may include having a state agency that administers the Title IV-A program pursuant to an

interagency agreement entered into under section 5101.801 of the Revised Code administer the appeals process.

(H) The requirements of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code apply to a state hearing or administrative appeal under this section only to the extent, if any, specifically provided by rules adopted under this section.

Sec. 5101.36. Any application for public assistance gives a right of subrogation to the department of job and family services for any workers' compensation benefits payable to a person who is subject to a support order, as defined in section 3119.01 of the Revised Code, on behalf of the applicant, to the extent of any public assistance payments made on the applicant's behalf. If the director of job and family services, in consultation with a child support enforcement agency and the administrator of the bureau of workers' compensation, determines that a person responsible for support payments to a recipient of public assistance is receiving workers' compensation, the director shall notify the administrator of the amount of the benefit to be paid to the department of job and family services.

For purposes of this section, "public assistance" means medical assistance provided through the medical assistance program established under section 5111.01 of the Revised Code; Ohio works first provided under Chapter 5107. of the Revised Code; prevention, retention, and contingency benefits and services provided under Chapter 5108. of the Revised Code; ~~or~~ disability financial assistance provided under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code; or disability medical assistance provided under Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.46. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Title XX" means Title XX of the "Social Security Act," 88 Stat. 2337 (1974), 42 U.S.C.A. 1397, as amended.

(2) "Respective local agency" means, with respect to the department of job and family services, a county department of job and family services; with respect to the department of mental health, a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services; and with respect to the department of mental retardation and developmental disabilities, a county board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

(3) "Federal poverty guidelines" means the poverty guidelines as revised annually by the United States department of health and human services in accordance with section 673(2) of the "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981," 95 Stat. 511, 42 U.S.C.A. 9902, as amended, for a family size equal to the size of the family of the person whose income is being determined.

(B) The departments of job and family services, mental health, and

mental retardation and developmental disabilities, with their respective local agencies, shall administer the provision of social services funded through grants made under Title XX. The social services furnished with Title XX funds shall be directed at the following goals:

(1) Achieving or maintaining economic self-support to prevent, reduce, or eliminate dependency;

(2) Achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency, including reduction or prevention of dependency;

(3) Preventing or remedying neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and adults unable to protect their own interests, or preserving, rehabilitating, or reuniting families;

(4) Preventing or reducing inappropriate institutional care by providing for community-based care, home-based care, or other forms of less intensive care;

(5) Securing referral or admission for institutional care when other forms of care are not appropriate, or providing services to individuals in institutions.

(C)(1) All federal funds received under Title XX shall be appropriated as follows:

(a) Seventy-two and one-half per cent to the department of job and family services;

(b) Twelve and ninety-three one-hundreths per cent to the department of mental health;

(c) Fourteen and fifty-seven one-hundreths per cent to the department of mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

(2) Each state department shall, subject to the approval of the controlling board, develop formulas for the distribution of their Title XX appropriations to their respective local agencies. The formulas shall take into account the total population of the area that is served by the agency, the percentage of the population in the area that falls below the federal poverty guidelines, and the agency's history of and ability to utilize Title XX funds.

(3) Each of the state departments shall expend no more than three per cent of its Title XX appropriation for state administrative costs. Each of the department's respective local agencies shall expend no more than fourteen per cent of its Title XX appropriation for local administrative costs.

(4) The department of job and family services shall expend no more than two per cent of its Title XX appropriation for the training of the following:

(a) Employees of county departments of job and family services;

(b) Providers of services under contract with the state departments'

respective local agencies;

(c) Employees of a public children services agency directly engaged in providing Title XX services.

(D) The department of job and family services shall prepare a biennial comprehensive Title XX social services plan on the intended use of Title XX funds. The department shall develop a method for obtaining public comment during the development of the plan and following its completion.

For each state fiscal year, the department of job and family services shall prepare a report on the actual use of Title XX funds. The department shall make the report available for public inspection.

The departments of mental health and mental retardation and developmental disabilities shall prepare and submit to the department of job and family services the portions of each biennial plan and annual report that apply to services for mental health and mental retardation and developmental disabilities. Each respective local agency of the three state departments shall submit information as necessary for the preparation of biennial plans and annual reports.

(E) Each county department shall adopt a county profile for the administration and provision of Title XX social services in the county. In developing its county profile, the county department shall take into consideration the comments and recommendations received from the public by the county family services planning committee pursuant to section 329.06 of the Revised Code. As part of its preparation of the county profile, the county department may prepare a local needs report analyzing the need for Title XX social services.

The county department shall submit the county profile to the board of county commissioners for its review. Once the county profile has been approved by the board, the county department shall file a copy of the county profile with the department of job and family services. The department shall approve the county profile if the department determines the profile provides for the Title XX social services to meet the goals specified in division (B) of this section.

(F) Not less often than every two years, the departments of job and family services, mental health, and mental retardation and developmental disabilities each shall commission an entity independent of itself to conduct an audit of its Title XX expenditures in accordance with generally accepted auditing principles. Within thirty days following the completion of its audit, each department shall submit a copy of the audit to the general assembly and to the United States secretary of health and human services.

(G) Any of the three state departments and their respective local

agencies may require that an entity under contract to provide social services with Title XX funds submit to an audit on the basis of alleged misuse or improper accounting of funds. The three state departments and their respective local agencies may terminate or refuse to enter into a Title XX contract with a provider of social services if there are adverse findings in an audit that are the responsibility of the provider. The amount of any adverse findings shall not be reimbursed with Title XX funds. The cost of conducting an audit shall be reimbursed under a subsequent or amended Title XX contract with the provider.

(H) If federal funds received by the department of job and family services for use under Chapters 5107. and 5108. of the Revised Code are transferred by the controlling board for use in providing social services under this section, the distribution and use of the funds are not subject to the provisions of division (C) of this section. The department may do one or both of the following with the funds:

(1) Distribute the funds to the county departments of job and family services;

(2) Use the funds for services that benefit individuals eligible for services consistent with the principles of Title IV-A of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended.

(I) Except for the authority to adopt rules under division (J) of this section as necessary to carry out this division, this section does not apply to any distribution by the department of job and family services of funds for reimbursement of allowable Title XX expenditures when the funds for the reimbursement are received from a federal funding source other than Title XX.

(J) The department of job and family services may adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this section. Rules adopted under this division shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, unless they are internal management rules governing fiscal and administrative matters. Internal management rules may be adopted in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.58. As used in this section and section 5101.59 of the Revised Code, "public assistance" means aid provided under Chapter 5111. or 5115. of the Revised Code and participation in the Ohio works first program established under Chapter 5107. of the Revised Code.

The acceptance of public assistance gives a right of recovery to the department of job and family services and a county department of job and family services against the liability of a third party for the cost of medical services and care arising out of injury, disease, or disability of the public

assistance recipient or participant. When an action or claim is brought against a third party by a public assistance recipient or participant, the entire amount of any settlement or compromise of the action or claim, or any court award or judgment, is subject to the recovery right of the department of job and family services or county department of job and family services. Except in the case of a recipient or participant who receives medical services or care through a managed care organization, the department's or county department's claim shall not exceed the amount of medical expenses paid by the departments on behalf of the recipient or participant. In the case of a recipient or participant who receives medical services or care through a managed care organization, the amount of the department's or county department's claim shall be the amount the managed care organization pays for medical services or care rendered to the recipient or participant, even if that amount is more than the amount the departments pay to the managed care organization for the recipient's or participant's medical services or care. Any settlement, compromise, judgment, or award that excludes the cost of medical services or care shall not preclude the departments from enforcing their rights under this section.

Prior to initiating any recovery action, the recipient or participant, or the recipient's or participant's representative, shall disclose the identity of any third party against whom the recipient or participant has or may have a right of recovery. Disclosure shall be made to the department of job and family services when medical expenses have been paid pursuant to Chapter 5111. or 5115. of the Revised Code. Disclosure shall be made to both the department of job and family services and the appropriate county department of job and family services when medical expenses have been paid pursuant to Chapter 5115. of the Revised Code. No settlement, compromise, judgment, or award or any recovery in any action or claim by a recipient or participant where the departments have a right of recovery shall be made final without first giving the appropriate departments notice and a reasonable opportunity to perfect their rights of recovery. If the departments are not given appropriate notice, the recipient or participant is liable to reimburse the departments for the recovery received to the extent of medical payments made by the departments. The departments shall be permitted to enforce their recovery rights against the third party even though they accepted prior payments in discharge of their rights under this section if, at the time the departments received such payments, they were not aware that additional medical expenses had been incurred but had not yet been paid by the departments. The third party becomes liable to the department of job and family services or county department of job and family services as soon as

the third party is notified in writing of the valid claims for recovery under this section.

The right of recovery does not apply to that portion of any judgment, award, settlement, or compromise of a claim, to the extent of attorneys' fees, costs, or other expenses incurred by a recipient or participant in securing the judgment, award, settlement, or compromise, or to the extent of medical, surgical, and hospital expenses paid by such recipient or participant from the recipient's or participant's own resources. Attorney fees and costs or other expenses in securing any recovery shall not be assessed against any claims of the departments.

To enforce their recovery rights, the departments may do any of the following:

(A) Intervene or join in any action or proceeding brought by the recipient or participant or on the recipient's or participant's behalf against any third party who may be liable for the cost of medical services and care arising out of the recipient's or participant's injury, disease, or disability;

(B) Institute and pursue legal proceedings against any third party who may be liable for the cost of medical services and care arising out of the recipient's or participant's injury, disease, or disability;

(C) Initiate legal proceedings in conjunction with the injured, diseased, or disabled recipient or participant or the recipient's or participant's legal representative.

Recovery rights created by this section may be enforced separately or jointly by the department of job and family services and the county department of job and family services.

The right of recovery given to the department under this section does not include rights to support from any other person assigned to the state under sections 5107.20 and ~~5115.13~~ 5115.07 of the Revised Code, but includes payments made by a third party under contract with a person having a duty to support.

The director of job and family services may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code the department considers necessary to implement this section.

Sec. 5101.59. (A) The application for or acceptance of public assistance constitutes an automatic assignment of certain rights to the department of job and family services. This assignment includes the rights of the applicant, recipient, or participant and also the rights of any other member of the assistance group for whom the applicant, recipient, or participant can legally make an assignment.

Pursuant to this section, the applicant, recipient, or participant assigns to

the department any rights to medical support available to the applicant, recipient, or participant or for other members of the assistance group under an order of a court or administrative agency, and any rights to payments from any third party liable to pay for the cost of medical care and services arising out of injury, disease, or disability of the applicant, recipient, participant, or other members of the assistance group.

Medicare benefits shall not be assigned pursuant to this section. Benefits assigned to the department by operation of this section are directly reimbursable to the department by liable third parties.

(B) Refusal by the applicant, recipient, or participant to cooperate in obtaining medical support and payments for self or any other member of the assistance group renders the applicant, recipient, or participant ineligible for public assistance, unless cooperation is waived by the department. Eligibility shall continue for any individual who cannot legally assign the individual's own rights and who would have been eligible for public assistance but for the refusal to assign the individual's rights or to cooperate as required by this section by another person legally able to assign the individual's rights.

If the applicant, recipient, or participant or any member of the assistance group becomes ineligible for public assistance, the department shall restore to the applicant, recipient, participant, or member of the assistance group any future rights to benefits assigned under this section.

The rights of assignment given to the department under this section do not include rights to support assigned under section 5107.20 or ~~5115.13~~ 5115.07 of the Revised Code.

(C) The director of job and family services may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section, including rules that specify what constitutes cooperating with efforts to obtain medical support and payments and when the cooperation requirement may be waived.

Sec. 5101.75. (A) As used in sections 5101.75, 5101.751, 5101.752, 5101.753, and 5101.754 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Alternative source of long-term care" includes a residential care facility licensed under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code, an adult care facility licensed under Chapter 3722. of the Revised Code, home and community-based services, and a nursing home licensed under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code that is not a nursing facility.

(2) "Medicaid" means the medical assistance program established under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code.

(3) "Nursing facility" has the same meaning as in section 5111.20 of the

Revised Code.

(4) "Representative" means a person acting on behalf of an applicant for admission to a nursing facility. A representative may be a family member, attorney, hospital social worker, or any other person chosen to act on behalf of an applicant.

(5) "Third-party payment source" means a third-party payer as defined in section 3901.38 of the Revised Code or medicaid.

(B) Effective July 1, 1994, the department of job and family services may assess a person applying or intending to apply for admission to a nursing facility who is not an applicant for or recipient of medicaid to determine whether the person is in need of nursing facility services and whether an alternative source of long-term care is more appropriate for the person in meeting the person's physical, mental, and psychosocial needs than admission to the facility to which the person has applied.

Each assessment shall be performed by the department or an agency designated by the department under section 5101.751 of the Revised Code and shall be based on information provided by the person or the person's representative. It shall consider the person's physical, mental, and psychosocial needs and the availability and effectiveness of informal support and care. The department or designated agency shall determine the person's physical, mental, and psychosocial needs by using, to the maximum extent appropriate, information from the resident assessment instrument specified in rules adopted by the department under division (A) of section 5111.231 of the Revised Code. The department or designated agency shall also use the criteria and procedures established in rules adopted by the department under division (I) of this section. Assessments may be performed only by persons certified by the department under section 5101.752 of the Revised Code. The department or designated agency shall make a recommendation on the basis of the assessment and, not later than the time the assessment is required to be performed under division (D) of this section, give the person assessed written notice of the recommendation, which shall explain the basis for the recommendation. If the department or designated agency determines pursuant to an assessment that an alternative source of long-term care is more appropriate for the person than admission to the facility to which the person has applied, the department or designated agency shall include in the notice possible sources of financial assistance for the alternative source of long-term care. If the department or designated agency has been informed that the person has a representative, it shall give the notice to the representative.

(C) A person is not required to be assessed under division (B) of this

section if any of the following apply:

(1) The circumstances specified by rules adopted under division (I) of this section exist.

(2) The person is to receive care in a nursing facility under a contract for continuing care as defined in section 173.13 of the Revised Code.

(3) The person has a contractual right to admission to a nursing facility operated as part of a system of continuing care in conjunction with one or more facilities that provide a less intensive level of services, including a residential care facility licensed under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code, an adult-care facility licensed under Chapter 3722. of the Revised Code, or an independent living arrangement;

(4) The person is to receive continual care in a home for the aged exempt from taxation under section 5701.13 of the Revised Code;

(5) The person is to receive care in the nursing facility for not more than fourteen days in order to provide temporary relief to the person's primary caregiver and the nursing facility notifies the department of the person's admittance not later than twenty-four hours after admitting the person;

(6) The person is to be transferred from another nursing facility, unless the nursing facility from which or to which the person is to be transferred determines that the person's medical condition has changed substantially since the person's admission to the nursing facility from which the person is to be transferred or a review is required by a third-party payment source;

(7) The person is to be readmitted to a nursing facility following a period of hospitalization, unless the hospital or nursing facility determines that the person's medical condition has changed substantially since the person's admission to the hospital, or a review is required by a third-party payment source;

(8) The department or designated agency fails to complete an assessment within the time required by division (D) or (E) of this section or determines after a partial assessment that the person should be exempt from the assessment.

(D) The department or designated agency shall perform a complete assessment, or, if circumstances provided by rules adopted under division (I) of this section exist, a partial assessment, as follows:

(1) In the case of a hospitalized person applying or intending to apply to a nursing facility, not later than two working days after the person or the person's representative is notified that a bed is available in a nursing facility;

(2) In the case of an emergency as determined in accordance with rules adopted under division (I) of this section, not later than one working day after the person or the person's representative is notified that a bed is

available in a nursing facility;

(3) In all other cases, not later than five calendar days after the person or the person's representative who submits the application is notified that a bed is available in a nursing facility.

(E) If the department or designated agency conducts a partial assessment under division (D) of this section, it shall complete the rest of the assessment not later than one hundred eighty days after the date the person is admitted to the nursing facility unless the assessment entity determines the person should be exempt from the assessment.

(F) A person assessed under this section or the person's representative may file a complaint with the department about the assessment process. The department shall work to resolve the complaint in accordance with rules adopted under division (I) of this section.

(G) A person is not required to seek an alternative source of long-term care and may be admitted to or continue to reside in a nursing facility even though an alternative source of long-term care is available or the person is determined pursuant to an assessment under this section not to need nursing facility services.

(H) No nursing facility ~~with~~ for which an operator has a provider agreement with the department under section 5111.22 of the Revised Code shall admit or retain any person, other than a person exempt from the assessment requirement as provided by division (C) of this section, as a resident unless the nursing facility has received evidence that a complete or partial assessment has been completed.

(I) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement and administer this section. The rules shall include all of the following:

(1) The information a person being assessed or the person's representative must provide to enable the department or designated agency to do the assessment;

(2) Criteria to be used to determine whether a person is in need of nursing facility services;

(3) Criteria to be used to determine whether an alternative source of long-term care is appropriate for the person being assessed;

(4) Criteria and procedures to be used to determine a person's physical, mental, and psychosocial needs;

(5) Criteria to be used to determine the effectiveness and continued availability of a person's current source of informal support and care;

(6) Circumstances, in addition to those specified in division (C) of this section, under which a person is not required to be assessed;

(7) Circumstances under which the department or designated agency may perform a partial assessment under division (D) of this section;

(8) The method by which a situation will be determined to be an emergency for the purpose of division (D)(2) of this section;

(9) The method by which the department will attempt to resolve complaints filed under division (F) of this section.

(J) The director of job and family services may fine a nursing facility an amount determined by rules the director shall adopt in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code in either of the following circumstances:

(1) The nursing facility fails to notify the department within the required time about an admission described in division (C)(5) of this section;

(2) The nursing facility admits, without evidence that a complete or partial assessment has been conducted, a person other than a person exempt from the assessment requirement as provided by division (C) of this section.

The director shall deposit all fines collected under this division into the residents protection fund established by section 5111.62 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 5101.80. (A) As used in this section and in section 5101.801 of the Revised Code:

(1) "County family services agency" has the same meaning as in section 307.981 of the Revised Code.

(2) "State agency" has the same meaning as in section 9.82 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Title IV-A program" means all of the following that are funded in part with funds provided under the temporary assistance for needy families block grant established by Title IV-A of the "Social Security Act," 110 Stat. 2113 (1996), 42 U.S.C. 601, as amended:

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

(b) The prevention, retention, and contingency program established under Chapter 5108. of the Revised Code;

(c) A program established by the general assembly or an executive order issued by the governor that is administered or supervised by the department of job and family services pursuant to section 5101.801 of the Revised Code;

(d) A component of a Title IV-A program identified under divisions (A)(3)(a) to (c) of this section that the Title IV-A state plan prepared under division (C)(1) of this section identifies as a component.

(B) The department of job and family services shall act as the single state agency to administer and supervise the administration of Title IV-A

programs. The Title IV-A state plan and amendments to the plan prepared under division (C) of this section are binding on county family services agencies and state agencies that administer a Title IV-A program. No county family services agency or state agency administering a Title IV-A program may establish, by rule or otherwise, a policy governing the Title IV-A program that is inconsistent with a Title IV-A program policy established, in rule or otherwise, by the director of job and family services.

(C) The department of job and family services shall do all of the following:

(1) Prepare and submit to the United States secretary of health and human services a Title IV-A state plan for Title IV-A programs;

(2) Prepare and submit to the United States secretary of health and human services amendments to the Title IV-A state plan that the department determines necessary, including amendments necessary to implement Title IV-A programs identified in division (A)(3)(c) and (d) of this section;

(3) Prescribe forms for applications, certificates, reports, records, and accounts of county family services agencies and state agencies administering a Title IV-A program, and other matters related to Title IV-A programs;

(4) Make such reports, in such form and containing such information as the department may find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports, regarding Title IV-A programs;

(5) Require reports and information from each county family services agency and state agency administering a Title IV-A program as may be necessary or advisable regarding the Title IV-A program;

(6) Afford a fair hearing in accordance with section 5101.35 of the Revised Code to any applicant for, or participant or former participant of, a Title IV-A program aggrieved by a decision regarding the program;

(7) Administer and expend, pursuant to Chapters 5104., 5107., and 5108. of the Revised Code and section 5101.801 of the Revised Code, any sums appropriated by the general assembly for the purpose of those chapters and section and all sums paid to the state by the secretary of the treasury of the United States as authorized by Title IV-A of the "Social Security Act," 110 Stat. 2113 (1996), 42 U.S.C. 601, as amended;

(8) Conduct investigations and audits as are necessary regarding Title IV-A programs;

(9) Enter into reciprocal agreements with other states relative to the provision of Ohio works first and prevention, retention, and contingency to residents and nonresidents;

(10) Contract with a private entity to conduct an independent on-going

evaluation of the Ohio works first program and the prevention, retention, and contingency program. The contract must require the private entity to do all of the following:

(a) Examine issues of process, practice, impact, and outcomes;

(b) Study former participants of Ohio works first who have not participated in Ohio works first for at least one year to determine whether they are employed, the type of employment in which they are engaged, the amount of compensation they are receiving, whether their employer provides health insurance, whether and how often they have received benefits or services under the prevention, retention, and contingency program, and whether they are successfully self sufficient;

(c) Provide the department with reports at times the department specifies.

(11) Not later than January 1, 2001, and the first day of each January and July thereafter, prepare a report containing information on the following:

(a) Individuals exhausting the time limits for participation in Ohio works first set forth in section 5107.18 of the Revised Code.

(b) Individuals who have been exempted from the time limits set forth in section 5107.18 of the Revised Code and the reasons for the exemption.

(12) Not later than January 1, 2001, and on a quarterly basis thereafter until December 1, 2003, prepare, to the extent the necessary data is available to the department, a report based on information determined under section 5107.80 of the Revised Code that states how many former Ohio works first participants entered the workforce during the most recent previous quarter for which the information is known and includes information regarding the earnings of those former participants. The report shall include a county-by-county breakdown and shall not contain the names or social security numbers of former participants.

(13) To the extent authorized by section 5101.801 of the Revised Code, enter into interagency agreements with state agencies for the administration of Title IV-A programs identified under division (A)(3)(c) and (d) of this section.

(D) The department shall provide copies of the reports it receives under division (C)(10) of this section and prepares under divisions (C)(11) and (12) of this section to the governor, the president and minority leader of the senate, and the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives. The department shall provide copies of the reports to any private or government entity on request.

(E) An authorized representative of the department or a county family

services agency or state agency administering a Title IV-A program shall have access to all records and information bearing thereon for the purposes of investigations conducted pursuant to this section.

Part I of this act continues in Part II.
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