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**A B I L L**

To amend sections 1306.20, 2913.01, 2913.02, 2913.43,	1
2913.49, 2913.61, 3333.28, 4729.12, 4729.13,	2
4729.15, 4731.36, 4743.04, 5902.02, 5903.03,	3
5903.10, 5903.11, 5903.12, 5903.121, 5907.01, and	4
5907.04 and to enact sections 2305.112, 2307.611,	5
3333.164, 3345.42, 3345.421, 3345.422, 3345.423,	6
3345.424, 5903.01, 5903.04, 5903.05, and 5903.15	7
of the Revised Code to require state institutions	8
of higher education to award credit for military	9
training, to increase penalties for certain theft,	10
deception, and identity fraud offenses when the	11

victim is an active duty service member, to allow 12  
for a civil action for victims of identity fraud, 13  
and to make other changes regarding state support 14  
and benefits for veterans and their spouses. 15

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

**Section 1.** That sections 1306.20, 2913.01, 2913.02, 2913.43, 16  
2913.49, 2913.61, 3333.28, 4729.12, 4729.13, 4729.15, 4731.36, 17  
4743.04, 5902.02, 5903.03, 5903.10, 5903.11, 5903.12, 5903.121, 18  
5907.01, and 5907.04 be amended and sections 2305.112, 2307.611, 19  
3333.164, 3345.42, 3345.421, 3345.422, 3345.423, 3345.424, 20  
5903.01, 5903.04, 5903.05, and 5903.15 of the Revised Code be 21  
enacted to read as follows: 22

**Sec. 1306.20.** (A) Subject to section 1306.11 of the Revised 23  
Code, each state agency shall determine if, and the extent to 24  
which, it will send and receive electronic records and electronic 25  
signatures to and from other persons and otherwise create, 26  
generate, communicate, store, process, use, and rely upon 27  
electronic records and electronic signatures. 28

(B)(1) Subject to division (B)(2) of this section, a state 29  
agency may waive a requirement in the Revised Code, other than a 30  
requirement in sections 1306.01 to 1306.15 of the Revised Code, 31  
that relates to any of the following: 32

(a) The method of posting or displaying records; 33

(b) The manner of sending, communicating, or transmitting 34  
records; 35

(c) The manner of formatting records. 36

(2) A state agency may exercise its authority to waive a 37  
requirement under division (B)(1) of this section only if the 38

following apply: 39

(a) The requirement relates to a matter over which the state 40  
agency has jurisdiction; 41

(b) The waiver is consistent with criteria set forth in rules 42  
adopted by the state agency. The criteria, to the extent 43  
reasonable under the circumstances, shall contain standards to 44  
facilitate the use of electronic commerce by persons under the 45  
jurisdiction of the state agency consistent with rules adopted by 46  
the department of administrative services pursuant to division (A) 47  
of section 1306.21 of the Revised Code. 48

(C) If a state agency creates, uses, receives, or retains 49  
electronic records, both of the following apply: 50

(1) Any rules adopted by a state agency relating to 51  
electronic records shall be consistent with rules adopted by the 52  
department of administrative services pursuant to division (A) of 53  
section 1306.21 of the Revised Code. 54

(2) Each state agency shall create, use, receive, and retain 55  
electronic records in accordance with section 149.40 of the 56  
Revised Code. 57

(D) If a state agency creates, uses, or receives electronic 58  
signatures, the state agency shall create, use, or receive the 59  
signatures in accordance with rules adopted by the department of 60  
administrative services pursuant to division (A) of section 61  
1306.21 of the Revised Code. 62

(E)(1) To the extent a state agency retains an electronic 63  
record, the state agency may retain a record in a format that is 64  
different from the format in which the record was originally 65  
created, used, sent, or received only if it can be demonstrated 66  
that the alternative format used accurately and completely 67  
reflects the record as it was originally created, used, sent, or 68  
received. 69

(2) If a state agency in retaining any set of electronic 70  
records pursuant to division (E)(1) of this section alters the 71  
format of the records, the state agency shall create a certificate 72  
of authenticity for each set of records that is altered. 73

(3) The department of administrative services, in 74  
consultation with the state archivist, shall adopt rules in 75  
accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code that establish 76  
the methods for creating certificates of authenticity pursuant to 77  
division (E)(2) of this section. 78

(F) Whenever any rule of law requires or authorizes the 79  
filing of any information, notice, lien, or other document or 80  
record with any state agency, a filing made by an electronic 81  
record shall have the same force and effect as a filing made on 82  
paper in all cases where the state agency has authorized or agreed 83  
to such electronic filing and the filing is made in accordance 84  
with applicable rules or agreement. 85

(G) Nothing in sections 1306.01 to 1306.23 of the Revised 86  
Code shall be construed to require any state agency to use or 87  
permit the use of electronic records and electronic signatures. 88

(H)(1) Notwithstanding division (C)(1) or (D) of this 89  
section, any state agency that, prior to ~~the effective date of~~ 90  
~~this section~~ September 14, 2000, used or permitted the use of 91  
electronic records or electronic signatures pursuant to laws 92  
enacted, rules adopted, or agency policies adopted before ~~the~~ 93  
~~effective date of this section~~ September 14, 2000, may use or 94  
permit the use of electronic records or electronic signatures 95  
pursuant to those previously enacted laws, adopted rules, or 96  
adopted policies for a period of two years after ~~the effective~~ 97  
~~date of this section~~ September 14, 2000. 98

(2) Subject to division (H)(3) of this section, after the 99  
two-year period described in division (H)(1) of this section has 100

concluded, all state agencies that use or permit the use of  
electronic records or electronic signatures before ~~the effective~~  
~~date of this section~~ September 14, 2000, shall only use or permit  
the use of electronic records or electronic signatures consistent  
with rules adopted by the department of administrative services  
pursuant to division (A) of section 1306.21 of the Revised Code.

(3) After the two-year period described in division (H)(1) of  
this section has concluded, the department of administrative  
services may permit a state agency to use electronic records or  
electronic signatures that do not comply with division (H)(2) of  
this section, if the state agency files a written request with the  
department.

(I) For the purposes of this section, "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,  
but does not include the general assembly, any legislative agency,  
the supreme court, the other courts of record in this state, ~~or~~  
any judicial agency, or any state university identified in section  
3345.011 of the Revised Code, or the northeast Ohio medical  
university.

(J) A state university identified in section 3345.011 of the  
Revised Code, and the northeast Ohio medical university, that uses  
or permits the use of electronic records or electronic signatures  
on the effective date of this amendment, shall, within six months  
after the effective date of this amendment, adopt rules in  
accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code to provide for  
the use or permission to use electronic records or electronic  
signatures. A state university identified in section 3345.011 of  
the Revised Code, and the northeast Ohio medical university, if  
not using or permitting the use of electronic records or  
electronic signatures on the effective date of this amendment,  
shall adopt rules in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised

Code when it elects to begin using or permitting the use of 133  
electronic records or electronic signatures. 134

Sec. 2305.112. A civil action brought pursuant to division 135  
(A) of section 2307.60 of the Revised Code when the person filing 136  
the action is injured in person or property by a violation of 137  
division (B), (D), or (E) of section 2913.49 of the Revised Code 138  
shall be commenced within five years from the date on which the 139  
identity of the offender was discovered or reasonably should have 140  
been discovered. 141

Sec. 2307.611. A person who brings a civil action pursuant to 142  
division (A) of section 2307.60 of the Revised Code to recover 143  
damages from any person who caused injury to person or property by 144  
a violation of division (B), (D), or (E) of section 2913.49 of the 145  
Revised Code may recover damages up to five thousand dollars for 146  
each violation or three times the amount of actual damages, 147  
whichever is greater, and reasonable attorney's fees. 148

Sec. 2913.01. As used in this chapter, unless the context 149  
requires that a term be given a different meaning: 150

(A) "Deception" means knowingly deceiving another or causing 151  
another to be deceived by any false or misleading representation, 152  
by withholding information, by preventing another from acquiring 153  
information, or by any other conduct, act, or omission that 154  
creates, confirms, or perpetuates a false impression in another, 155  
including a false impression as to law, value, state of mind, or 156  
other objective or subjective fact. 157

(B) "Defraud" means to knowingly obtain, by deception, some 158  
benefit for oneself or another, or to knowingly cause, by 159  
deception, some detriment to another. 160

(C) "Deprive" means to do any of the following: 161

(1) Withhold property of another permanently, or for a period 162  
that appropriates a substantial portion of its value or use, or 163  
with purpose to restore it only upon payment of a reward or other 164  
consideration; 165

(2) Dispose of property so as to make it unlikely that the 166  
owner will recover it; 167

(3) Accept, use, or appropriate money, property, or services, 168  
with purpose not to give proper consideration in return for the 169  
money, property, or services, and without reasonable justification 170  
or excuse for not giving proper consideration. 171

(D) "Owner" means, unless the context requires a different 172  
meaning, any person, other than the actor, who is the owner of, 173  
who has possession or control of, or who has any license or 174  
interest in property or services, even though the ownership, 175  
possession, control, license, or interest is unlawful. 176

(E) "Services" include labor, personal services, professional 177  
services, rental services, public utility services including 178  
wireless service as defined in division (F)(1) of section 128.01 179  
of the Revised Code, common carrier services, and food, drink, 180  
transportation, entertainment, and cable television services and, 181  
for purposes of section 2913.04 of the Revised Code, include cable 182  
services as defined in that section. 183

(F) "Writing" means any computer software, document, letter, 184  
memorandum, note, paper, plate, data, film, or other thing having 185  
in or upon it any written, typewritten, or printed matter, and any 186  
token, stamp, seal, credit card, badge, trademark, label, or other 187  
symbol of value, right, privilege, license, or identification. 188

(G) "Forge" means to fabricate or create, in whole or in part 189  
and by any means, any spurious writing, or to make, execute, 190  
alter, complete, reproduce, or otherwise purport to authenticate 191  
any writing, when the writing in fact is not authenticated by that 192

conduct.	193
(H) "Utter" means to issue, publish, transfer, use, put or	194
send into circulation, deliver, or display.	195
(I) "Coin machine" means any mechanical or electronic device	196
designed to do both of the following:	197
(1) Receive a coin, bill, or token made for that purpose;	198
(2) In return for the insertion or deposit of a coin, bill,	199
or token, automatically dispense property, provide a service, or	200
grant a license.	201
(J) "Slug" means an object that, by virtue of its size,	202
shape, composition, or other quality, is capable of being inserted	203
or deposited in a coin machine as an improper substitute for a	204
genuine coin, bill, or token made for that purpose.	205
(K) "Theft offense" means any of the following:	206
(1) A violation of section 2911.01, 2911.02, 2911.11,	207
2911.12, 2911.13, 2911.31, 2911.32, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04,	208
2913.041, 2913.05, 2913.06, 2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.32,	209
2913.33, 2913.34, 2913.40, 2913.42, 2913.43, 2913.44, 2913.45,	210
2913.47, 2913.48, former section 2913.47 or 2913.48, or section	211
2913.51, 2915.05, or 2921.41 of the Revised Code;	212
(2) A violation of an existing or former municipal ordinance	213
or law of this or any other state, or of the United States,	214
substantially equivalent to any section listed in division (K)(1)	215
of this section or a violation of section 2913.41, 2913.81, or	216
2915.06 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996;	217
(3) An offense under an existing or former municipal	218
ordinance or law of this or any other state, or of the United	219
States, involving robbery, burglary, breaking and entering, theft,	220
embezzlement, wrongful conversion, forgery, counterfeiting,	221
deceit, or fraud;	222



(4) A conspiracy or attempt to commit, or complicity in	223
committing, any offense under division (K)(1), (2), or (3) of this	224
section.	225
(L) "Computer services" includes, but is not limited to, the	226
use of a computer system, computer network, computer program, data	227
that is prepared for computer use, or data that is contained	228
within a computer system or computer network.	229
(M) "Computer" means an electronic device that performs	230
logical, arithmetic, and memory functions by the manipulation of	231
electronic or magnetic impulses. "Computer" includes, but is not	232
limited to, all input, output, processing, storage, computer	233
program, or communication facilities that are connected, or	234
related, in a computer system or network to an electronic device	235
of that nature.	236
(N) "Computer system" means a computer and related devices,	237
whether connected or unconnected, including, but not limited to,	238
data input, output, and storage devices, data communications	239
links, and computer programs and data that make the system capable	240
of performing specified special purpose data processing tasks.	241
(O) "Computer network" means a set of related and remotely	242
connected computers and communication facilities that includes	243
more than one computer system that has the capability to transmit	244
among the connected computers and communication facilities through	245
the use of computer facilities.	246
(P) "Computer program" means an ordered set of data	247
representing coded instructions or statements that, when executed	248
by a computer, cause the computer to process data.	249
(Q) "Computer software" means computer programs, procedures,	250
and other documentation associated with the operation of a	251
computer system.	252
(R) "Data" means a representation of information, knowledge,	253

facts, concepts, or instructions that are being or have been 254  
prepared in a formalized manner and that are intended for use in a 255  
computer, computer system, or computer network. For purposes of 256  
section 2913.47 of the Revised Code, "data" has the additional 257  
meaning set forth in division (A) of that section. 258

(S) "Cable television service" means any services provided by 259  
or through the facilities of any cable television system or other 260  
similar closed circuit coaxial cable communications system, or any 261  
microwave or similar transmission service used in connection with 262  
any cable television system or other similar closed circuit 263  
coaxial cable communications system. 264

(T) "Gain access" means to approach, instruct, communicate 265  
with, store data in, retrieve data from, or otherwise make use of 266  
any resources of a computer, computer system, or computer network, 267  
or any cable service or cable system both as defined in section 268  
2913.04 of the Revised Code. 269

(U) "Credit card" includes, but is not limited to, a card, 270  
code, device, or other means of access to a customer's account for 271  
the purpose of obtaining money, property, labor, or services on 272  
credit, or for initiating an electronic fund transfer at a 273  
point-of-sale terminal, an automated teller machine, or a cash 274  
dispensing machine. It also includes a county procurement card 275  
issued under section 301.29 of the Revised Code. 276

(V) "Electronic fund transfer" has the same meaning as in 92 277  
Stat. 3728, 15 U.S.C.A. 1693a, as amended. 278

(W) "Rented property" means personal property in which the 279  
right of possession and use of the property is for a short and 280  
possibly indeterminate term in return for consideration; the 281  
rentee generally controls the duration of possession of the 282  
property, within any applicable minimum or maximum term; and the 283  
amount of consideration generally is determined by the duration of 284

possession of the property. 285

(X) "Telecommunication" means the origination, emission, 286  
dissemination, transmission, or reception of data, images, 287  
signals, sounds, or other intelligence or equivalence of 288  
intelligence of any nature over any communications system by any 289  
method, including, but not limited to, a fiber optic, electronic, 290  
magnetic, optical, digital, or analog method. 291

(Y) "Telecommunications device" means any instrument, 292  
equipment, machine, or other device that facilitates 293  
telecommunication, including, but not limited to, a computer, 294  
computer network, computer chip, computer circuit, scanner, 295  
telephone, cellular telephone, pager, personal communications 296  
device, transponder, receiver, radio, modem, or device that 297  
enables the use of a modem. 298

(Z) "Telecommunications service" means the providing, 299  
allowing, facilitating, or generating of any form of 300  
telecommunication through the use of a telecommunications device 301  
over a telecommunications system. 302

(AA) "Counterfeit telecommunications device" means a 303  
telecommunications device that, alone or with another 304  
telecommunications device, has been altered, constructed, 305  
manufactured, or programmed to acquire, intercept, receive, or 306  
otherwise facilitate the use of a telecommunications service or 307  
information service without the authority or consent of the 308  
provider of the telecommunications service or information service. 309  
"Counterfeit telecommunications device" includes, but is not 310  
limited to, a clone telephone, clone microchip, tumbler telephone, 311  
or tumbler microchip; a wireless scanning device capable of 312  
acquiring, intercepting, receiving, or otherwise facilitating the 313  
use of telecommunications service or information service without 314  
immediate detection; or a device, equipment, hardware, or software 315  
designed for, or capable of, altering or changing the electronic 316

serial number in a wireless telephone. 317

(BB)(1) "Information service" means, subject to division 318  
(BB)(2) of this section, the offering of a capability for 319  
generating, acquiring, storing, transforming, processing, 320  
retrieving, utilizing, or making available information via 321  
telecommunications, including, but not limited to, electronic 322  
publishing. 323

(2) "Information service" does not include any use of a 324  
capability of a type described in division (BB)(1) of this section 325  
for the management, control, or operation of a telecommunications 326  
system or the management of a telecommunications service. 327

(CC) "Elderly person" means a person who is sixty-five years 328  
of age or older. 329

(DD) "Disabled adult" means a person who is eighteen years of 330  
age or older and has some impairment of body or mind that makes 331  
the person unable to work at any substantially remunerative 332  
employment that the person otherwise would be able to perform and 333  
that will, with reasonable probability, continue for a period of 334  
at least twelve months without any present indication of recovery 335  
from the impairment, or who is eighteen years of age or older and 336  
has been certified as permanently and totally disabled by an 337  
agency of this state or the United States that has the function of 338  
so classifying persons. 339

(EE) "Firearm" and "dangerous ordnance" have the same 340  
meanings as in section 2923.11 of the Revised Code. 341

(FF) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 342  
4501.01 of the Revised Code. 343

(GG) "Dangerous drug" has the same meaning as in section 344  
4729.01 of the Revised Code. 345

(HH) "Drug abuse offense" has the same meaning as in section 346

2925.01 of the Revised Code. 347

(II)(1) "Computer hacking" means any of the following: 348

(a) Gaining access or attempting to gain access to all or 349  
part of a computer, computer system, or a computer network without 350  
express or implied authorization with the intent to defraud or 351  
with intent to commit a crime; 352

(b) Misusing computer or network services including, but not 353  
limited to, mail transfer programs, file transfer programs, proxy 354  
servers, and web servers by performing functions not authorized by 355  
the owner of the computer, computer system, or computer network or 356  
other person authorized to give consent. As used in this division, 357  
"misuse of computer and network services" includes, but is not 358  
limited to, the unauthorized use of any of the following: 359

(i) Mail transfer programs to send mail to persons other than 360  
the authorized users of that computer or computer network; 361

(ii) File transfer program proxy services or proxy servers to 362  
access other computers, computer systems, or computer networks; 363

(iii) Web servers to redirect users to other web pages or web 364  
servers. 365

(c)(i) Subject to division (II)(1)(c)(ii) of this section, 366  
using a group of computer programs commonly known as "port 367  
scanners" or "probes" to intentionally access any computer, 368  
computer system, or computer network without the permission of the 369  
owner of the computer, computer system, or computer network or 370  
other person authorized to give consent. The group of computer 371  
programs referred to in this division includes, but is not limited 372  
to, those computer programs that use a computer network to access 373  
a computer, computer system, or another computer network to 374  
determine any of the following: the presence or types of computers 375  
or computer systems on a network; the computer network's 376  
facilities and capabilities; the availability of computer or 377

network services; the presence or versions of computer software 378  
including, but not limited to, operating systems, computer 379  
services, or computer contaminants; the presence of a known 380  
computer software deficiency that can be used to gain unauthorized 381  
access to a computer, computer system, or computer network; or any 382  
other information about a computer, computer system, or computer 383  
network not necessary for the normal and lawful operation of the 384  
computer initiating the access. 385

(ii) The group of computer programs referred to in division 386  
(II)(1)(c)(i) of this section does not include standard computer 387  
software used for the normal operation, administration, 388  
management, and test of a computer, computer system, or computer 389  
network including, but not limited to, domain name services, mail 390  
transfer services, and other operating system services, computer 391  
programs commonly called "ping," "tcpdump," and "traceroute" and 392  
other network monitoring and management computer software, and 393  
computer programs commonly known as "nslookup" and "whois" and 394  
other systems administration computer software. 395

(d) The intentional use of a computer, computer system, or a 396  
computer network in a manner that exceeds any right or permission 397  
granted by the owner of the computer, computer system, or computer 398  
network or other person authorized to give consent. 399

(2) "Computer hacking" does not include the introduction of a 400  
computer contaminant, as defined in section 2909.01 of the Revised 401  
Code, into a computer, computer system, computer program, or 402  
computer network. 403

(JJ) "Police dog or horse" has the same meaning as in section 404  
2921.321 of the Revised Code. 405

(KK) "Anhydrous ammonia" is a compound formed by the 406  
combination of two gaseous elements, nitrogen and hydrogen, in the 407  
manner described in this division. Anhydrous ammonia is one part 408

nitrogen to three parts hydrogen (NH<sub>3</sub>). Anhydrous ammonia by 409  
weight is fourteen parts nitrogen to three parts hydrogen, which 410  
is approximately eighty-two per cent nitrogen to eighteen per cent 411  
hydrogen. 412

(LL) "Assistance dog" has the same meaning as in section 413  
955.011 of the Revised Code. 414

(MM) "Federally licensed firearms dealer" has the same 415  
meaning as in section 5502.63 of the Revised Code. 416

(NN) "Active duty service member" means any member of the 417  
armed forces of the United States performing active duty under 418  
title 10 of the United States Code. 419

**Sec. 2913.02.** (A) No person, with purpose to deprive the 420  
owner of property or services, shall knowingly obtain or exert 421  
control over either the property or services in any of the 422  
following ways: 423

(1) Without the consent of the owner or person authorized to 424  
give consent; 425

(2) Beyond the scope of the express or implied consent of the 426  
owner or person authorized to give consent; 427

(3) By deception; 428

(4) By threat; 429

(5) By intimidation. 430

(B)(1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of theft. 431

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this division or division 432  
(B)(3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), or (9) of this section, a 433  
violation of this section is petty theft, a misdemeanor of the 434  
first degree. If the value of the property or services stolen is 435  
one thousand dollars or more and is less than seven thousand five 436  
hundred dollars or if the property stolen is any of the property 437

listed in section 2913.71 of the Revised Code, a violation of this 438  
section is theft, a felony of the fifth degree. If the value of 439  
the property or services stolen is seven thousand five hundred 440  
dollars or more and is less than one hundred fifty thousand 441  
dollars, a violation of this section is grand theft, a felony of 442  
the fourth degree. If the value of the property or services stolen 443  
is one hundred fifty thousand dollars or more and is less than 444  
seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, a violation of this section 445  
is aggravated theft, a felony of the third degree. If the value of 446  
the property or services is seven hundred fifty thousand dollars 447  
or more and is less than one million five hundred thousand 448  
dollars, a violation of this section is aggravated theft, a felony 449  
of the second degree. If the value of the property or services 450  
stolen is one million five hundred thousand dollars or more, a 451  
violation of this section is aggravated theft of one million five 452  
hundred thousand dollars or more, a felony of the first degree. 453

(3) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(4), (5), 454  
(6), (7), (8), or (9) of this section, if the victim of the 455  
offense is an elderly person ~~or~~, disabled adult, active duty 456  
service member, or spouse of an active duty service member, a 457  
violation of this section is theft from ~~an elderly~~ a person or 458  
~~disabled adult in a protected class~~, and division (B)(3) of this 459  
section applies. Except as otherwise provided in this division, 460  
theft from ~~an elderly~~ a person or disabled adult in a protected 461  
class is a felony of the fifth degree. If the value of the 462  
property or services stolen is one thousand dollars or more and is 463  
less than seven thousand five hundred dollars, theft from ~~an~~ 464  
~~elderly~~ a person or disabled adult in a protected class is a 465  
felony of the fourth degree. If the value of the property or 466  
services stolen is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more and 467  
is less than thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars, theft 468  
from ~~an elderly~~ a person or disabled adult in a protected class is 469  
a felony of the third degree. If the value of the property or 470



services stolen is thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars or 471  
more and is less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars, theft 472  
from ~~an elderly a person or disabled adult~~ in a protected class is 473  
a felony of the second degree. If the value of the property or 474  
services stolen is one hundred fifty thousand dollars or more, 475  
theft from ~~an elderly a person or disabled adult~~ in a protected 476  
class is a felony of the first degree. 477

(4) If the property stolen is a firearm or dangerous 478  
ordnance, a violation of this section is grand theft. Except as 479  
otherwise provided in this division, grand theft when the property 480  
stolen is a firearm or dangerous ordnance is a felony of the third 481  
degree, and there is a presumption in favor of the court imposing 482  
a prison term for the offense. If the firearm or dangerous 483  
ordnance was stolen from a federally licensed firearms dealer, 484  
grand theft when the property stolen is a firearm or dangerous 485  
ordnance is a felony of the first degree. The offender shall serve 486  
a prison term imposed for grand theft when the property stolen is 487  
a firearm or dangerous ordnance consecutively to any other prison 488  
term or mandatory prison term previously or subsequently imposed 489  
upon the offender. 490

(5) If the property stolen is a motor vehicle, a violation of 491  
this section is grand theft of a motor vehicle, a felony of the 492  
fourth degree. 493

(6) If the property stolen is any dangerous drug, a violation 494  
of this section is theft of drugs, a felony of the fourth degree, 495  
or, if the offender previously has been convicted of a felony drug 496  
abuse offense, a felony of the third degree. 497

(7) If the property stolen is a police dog or horse or an 498  
assistance dog and the offender knows or should know that the 499  
property stolen is a police dog or horse or an assistance dog, a 500  
violation of this section is theft of a police dog or horse or an 501  
assistance dog, a felony of the third degree. 502

(8) If the property stolen is anhydrous ammonia, a violation 503  
of this section is theft of anhydrous ammonia, a felony of the 504  
third degree. 505

(9) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section 506  
with respect to property with a value of seven thousand five 507  
hundred dollars or more and division (B)(3) of this section with 508  
respect to property with a value of one thousand dollars or more, 509  
if the property stolen is a special purpose article as defined in 510  
section 4737.04 of the Revised Code or is a bulk merchandise 511  
container as defined in section 4737.012 of the Revised Code, a 512  
violation of this section is theft of a special purpose article or 513  
articles or theft of a bulk merchandise container or containers, a 514  
felony of the fifth degree. 515

(10) In addition to the penalties described in division 516  
(B)(2) of this section, if the offender committed the violation by 517  
causing a motor vehicle to leave the premises of an establishment 518  
at which gasoline is offered for retail sale without the offender 519  
making full payment for gasoline that was dispensed into the fuel 520  
tank of the motor vehicle or into another container, the court may 521  
do one of the following: 522

(a) Unless division (B)(10)(b) of this section applies, 523  
suspend for not more than six months the offender's driver's 524  
license, probationary driver's license, commercial driver's 525  
license, temporary instruction permit, or nonresident operating 526  
privilege; 527

(b) If the offender's driver's license, probationary driver's 528  
license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction 529  
permit, or nonresident operating privilege has previously been 530  
suspended pursuant to division (B)(10)(a) of this section, impose 531  
a class seven suspension of the offender's license, permit, or 532  
privilege from the range specified in division (A)(7) of section 533  
4510.02 of the Revised Code, provided that the suspension shall be 534

for at least six months. 535

(c) The court, in lieu of suspending the offender's driver's 536  
or commercial driver's license, probationary driver's license, 537  
temporary instruction permit, or nonresident operating privilege 538  
pursuant to division (B)(10)(a) or (b) of this section, instead 539  
may require the offender to perform community service for a number 540  
of hours determined by the court. 541

(11) In addition to the penalties described in division 542  
(B)(2) of this section, if the offender committed the violation by 543  
stealing rented property or rental services, the court may order 544  
that the offender make restitution pursuant to section 2929.18 or 545  
2929.28 of the Revised Code. Restitution may include, but is not 546  
limited to, the cost of repairing or replacing the stolen 547  
property, or the cost of repairing the stolen property and any 548  
loss of revenue resulting from deprivation of the property due to 549  
theft of rental services that is less than or equal to the actual 550  
value of the property at the time it was rented. Evidence of 551  
intent to commit theft of rented property or rental services shall 552  
be determined pursuant to the provisions of section 2913.72 of the 553  
Revised Code. 554

(C) The sentencing court that suspends an offender's license, 555  
permit, or nonresident operating privilege under division (B)(10) 556  
of this section may grant the offender limited driving privileges 557  
during the period of the suspension in accordance with Chapter 558  
4510. of the Revised Code. 559

**Sec. 2913.43.** (A) No person, by deception, shall cause 560  
another to execute any writing that disposes of or encumbers 561  
property, or by which a pecuniary obligation is incurred. 562

(B)(1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of securing 563  
writings by deception. 564

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this division or division 565  
(B)(3) of this section, securing writings by deception is a 566  
misdemeanor of the first degree. If the value of the property or 567  
the obligation involved is one thousand dollars or more and less 568  
than seven thousand five hundred dollars, securing writings by 569  
deception is a felony of the fifth degree. If the value of the 570  
property or the obligation involved is seven thousand five hundred 571  
dollars or more and is less than one hundred fifty thousand 572  
dollars, securing writings by deception is a felony of the fourth 573  
degree. If the value of the property or the obligation involved is 574  
one hundred fifty thousand dollars or more, securing writings by 575  
deception is a felony of the third degree. 576

(3) If the victim of the offense is an elderly person ~~or~~ 577  
disabled adult, active duty service member, or spouse of an active 578  
duty service member, division (B)(3) of this section applies. 579  
Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(3) of this section, 580  
securing writings by deception is a felony of the fifth degree. If 581  
the value of the property or obligation involved is one thousand 582  
dollars or more and is less than seven thousand five hundred 583  
dollars, securing writings by deception is a felony of the fourth 584  
degree. If the value of the property or obligation involved is 585  
seven thousand five hundred dollars or more and is less than 586  
thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars, securing writings by 587  
deception is a felony of the third degree. If the value of the 588  
property or obligation involved is thirty-seven thousand five 589  
hundred dollars or more, securing writings by deception is a 590  
felony of the second degree. 591

**Sec. 2913.49.** (A) As used in this section, "personal 592  
identifying information" includes, but is not limited to, the 593  
following: the name, address, telephone number, driver's license, 594  
driver's license number, commercial driver's license, commercial 595  
driver's license number, state identification card, state 596

identification card number, social security card, social security 597  
number, birth certificate, place of employment, employee 598  
identification number, mother's maiden name, demand deposit 599  
account number, savings account number, money market account 600  
number, mutual fund account number, other financial account 601  
number, personal identification number, password, or credit card 602  
number of a living or dead individual. 603

(B) No person, without the express or implied consent of the 604  
other person, shall use, obtain, or possess any personal 605  
identifying information of another person with intent to do either 606  
of the following: 607

(1) Hold the person out to be the other person; 608

(2) Represent the other person's personal identifying 609  
information as the person's own personal identifying information. 610

(C) No person shall create, obtain, possess, or use the 611  
personal identifying information of any person with the intent to 612  
aid or abet another person in violating division (B) of this 613  
section. 614

(D) No person, with intent to defraud, shall permit another 615  
person to use the person's own personal identifying information. 616

(E) No person who is permitted to use another person's 617  
personal identifying information as described in division (D) of 618  
this section shall use, obtain, or possess the other person's 619  
personal identifying information with intent to defraud any person 620  
by doing any act identified in division (B)(1) or (2) of this 621  
section. 622

(F)(1) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under 623  
division (B) of this section that the person using the personal 624  
identifying information is acting in accordance with a legally 625  
recognized guardianship or conservatorship or as a trustee or 626  
fiduciary. 627

(2) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under division 628  
(B), (C), (D), or (E) of this section that either of the following 629  
applies: 630

(a) The person or entity using, obtaining, possessing, or 631  
creating the personal identifying information or permitting it to 632  
be used is a law enforcement agency, authorized fraud personnel, 633  
or a representative of or attorney for a law enforcement agency or 634  
authorized fraud personnel and is using, obtaining, possessing, or 635  
creating the personal identifying information or permitting it to 636  
be used, with prior consent given as specified in this division, 637  
in a bona fide investigation, an information security evaluation, 638  
a pretext calling evaluation, or a similar matter. The prior 639  
consent required under this division shall be given by the person 640  
whose personal identifying information is being used, obtained, 641  
possessed, or created or is being permitted to be used or, if the 642  
person whose personal identifying information is being used, 643  
obtained, possessed, or created or is being permitted to be used 644  
is deceased, by that deceased person's executor, or a member of 645  
that deceased person's family, or that deceased person's attorney. 646  
The prior consent required under this division may be given orally 647  
or in writing by the person whose personal identifying information 648  
is being used, obtained, possessed, or created or is being 649  
permitted to be used or that person's executor, or family member, 650  
or attorney. 651

(b) The personal identifying information was obtained, 652  
possessed, used, created, or permitted to be used for a lawful 653  
purpose, provided that division (F)(2)(b) of this section does not 654  
apply if the person or entity using, obtaining, possessing, or 655  
creating the personal identifying information or permitting it to 656  
be used is a law enforcement agency, authorized fraud personnel, 657  
or a representative of or attorney for a law enforcement agency or 658  
authorized fraud personnel that is using, obtaining, possessing, 659

or creating the personal identifying information or permitting it 660  
to be used in an investigation, an information security 661  
evaluation, a pretext calling evaluation, or similar matter. 662

(G) It is not a defense to a charge under this section that 663  
the person whose personal identifying information was obtained, 664  
possessed, used, created, or permitted to be used was deceased at 665  
the time of the offense. 666

(H)(1) If an offender commits a violation of division (B), 667  
(D), or (E) of this section and the violation occurs as part of a 668  
course of conduct involving other violations of division (B), (D), 669  
or (E) of this section or violations of, attempts to violate, 670  
conspiracies to violate, or complicity in violations of division 671  
(C) of this section or section 2913.02, 2913.04, 2913.11, 2913.21, 672  
2913.31, 2913.42, 2913.43, or 2921.13 of the Revised Code, the 673  
court, in determining the degree of the offense pursuant to 674  
division (I) of this section, may aggregate all credit, property, 675  
or services obtained or sought to be obtained by the offender and 676  
all debts or other legal obligations avoided or sought to be 677  
avoided by the offender in the violations involved in that course 678  
of conduct. The course of conduct may involve one victim or more 679  
than one victim. 680

(2) If an offender commits a violation of division (C) of 681  
this section and the violation occurs as part of a course of 682  
conduct involving other violations of division (C) of this section 683  
or violations of, attempts to violate, conspiracies to violate, or 684  
complicity in violations of division (B), (D), or (E) of this 685  
section or section 2913.02, 2913.04, 2913.11, 2913.21, 2913.31, 686  
2913.42, 2913.43, or 2921.13 of the Revised Code, the court, in 687  
determining the degree of the offense pursuant to division (I) of 688  
this section, may aggregate all credit, property, or services 689  
obtained or sought to be obtained by the person aided or abetted 690  
and all debts or other legal obligations avoided or sought to be 691

avoided by the person aided or abetted in the violations involved 692  
in that course of conduct. The course of conduct may involve one 693  
victim or more than one victim. 694

(I)(1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of identity 695  
fraud. 696

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this division or division 697  
(I)(3) of this section, identity fraud is a felony of the fifth 698  
degree. If the value of the credit, property, services, debt, or 699  
other legal obligation involved in the violation or course of 700  
conduct is one thousand dollars or more and is less than seven 701  
thousand five hundred dollars, except as otherwise provided in 702  
division (I)(3) of this section, identity fraud is a felony of the 703  
fourth degree. If the value of the credit, property, services, 704  
debt, or other legal obligation involved in the violation or 705  
course of conduct is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more 706  
and is less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars, except as 707  
otherwise provided in division (I)(3) of this section, identity 708  
fraud is a felony of the third degree. If the value of the credit, 709  
property, services, debt, or other legal obligation involved in 710  
the violation or course of conduct is one hundred fifty thousand 711  
dollars or more, except as otherwise provided in division (I)(3) 712  
of this section, identity fraud is a felony of the second degree. 713

(3) If the victim of the offense is an elderly person ~~or~~, 714  
disabled adult, active duty service member, or spouse of an active 715  
duty service member, a violation of this section is identity fraud 716  
against ~~an elderly~~ a person or disabled adult in a protected 717  
class. Except as otherwise provided in this division, identity 718  
fraud against ~~an elderly~~ a person or disabled adult in a protected 719  
class is a felony of the ~~fifth~~ fourth degree. If the value of the 720  
credit, property, services, debt, or other legal obligation 721  
involved in the violation or course of conduct is one thousand 722  
dollars or more and is less than seven thousand five hundred 723



dollars, identity fraud against ~~an elderly~~ a person ~~or disabled~~ 724  
~~adult~~ in a protected class is a felony of the third degree. If the 725  
value of the credit, property, services, debt, or other legal 726  
obligation involved in the violation or course of conduct is seven 727  
thousand five hundred dollars or more and is less than one hundred 728  
fifty thousand dollars, identity fraud against ~~an elderly~~ a person 729  
~~or disabled~~ adult in a protected class is a felony of the second 730  
degree. If the value of the credit, property, services, debt, or 731  
other legal obligation involved in the violation or course of 732  
conduct is one hundred fifty thousand dollars or more, identity 733  
fraud against ~~an elderly~~ a person ~~or disabled~~ adult in a protected 734  
class is a felony of the first degree. 735

(J) In addition to the penalties described in division (I) of 736  
this section, anyone injured in person or property by a violation 737  
of division (B), (D), or (E) of this section who is the owner of 738  
the identifying information involved in that violation has a civil 739  
action against the offender pursuant to section 2307.60 of the 740  
Revised Code. That person may also bring a civil action to enjoin 741  
or restrain future acts that would constitute a violation of 742  
division (B), (D), or (E) of this section. 743

**Sec. 2913.61.** (A) When a person is charged with a theft 744  
offense, or with a violation of division (A)(1) of section 1716.14 745  
of the Revised Code involving a victim who is an elderly person or 746  
disabled adult that involves property or services valued at one 747  
thousand dollars or more, property or services valued at one 748  
thousand dollars or more and less than seven thousand five hundred 749  
dollars, property or services valued at one thousand five hundred 750  
dollars or more and less than seven thousand five hundred dollars, 751  
property or services valued at seven thousand five hundred dollars 752  
or more and less than thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars, 753  
property or services valued at seven thousand five hundred dollars 754  
or more and less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars, property 755

or services valued at thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars 756  
or more and less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars, property 757  
or services valued at thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars 758  
or more, property or services valued at one hundred fifty thousand 759  
dollars or more, property or services valued at one hundred fifty 760  
thousand dollars or more and less than seven hundred fifty 761  
thousand dollars, property or services valued at seven hundred 762  
fifty thousand dollars or more and less than one million five 763  
hundred thousand dollars, or property or services valued at one 764  
million five hundred thousand dollars or more, the jury or court 765  
trying the accused shall determine the value of the property or 766  
services as of the time of the offense and, if a guilty verdict is 767  
returned, shall return the finding of value as part of the 768  
verdict. In any case in which the jury or court determines that 769  
the value of the property or services at the time of the offense 770  
was one thousand dollars or more, it is unnecessary to find and 771  
return the exact value, and it is sufficient if the finding and 772  
return is to the effect that the value of the property or services 773  
involved was one thousand dollars or more, was one thousand 774  
dollars or more and less than seven thousand five hundred dollars, 775  
was one thousand five hundred dollars or more and less than seven 776  
thousand five hundred dollars, was seven thousand five hundred 777  
dollars or more and less than thirty-seven thousand five hundred 778  
dollars, ~~was seven thousand five hundred dollars or more and less~~ 779  
~~than thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars,~~ was seven 780  
thousand five hundred dollars or more and less than one hundred 781  
fifty thousand dollars, was thirty-seven thousand five hundred 782  
dollars or more and less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars, 783  
was thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars or more ~~and less~~ 784  
~~than one hundred fifty thousand dollars,~~ was one hundred fifty 785  
thousand dollars or more, was one hundred fifty thousand dollars 786  
or more and less than seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, was 787  
seven hundred fifty thousand dollars or more and less than one 788

million five hundred thousand dollars, or was one million five 789  
hundred thousand dollars or more, whichever is relevant regarding 790  
the offense. 791

(B) If more than one item of property or services is involved 792  
in a theft offense or in a violation of division (A)(1) of section 793  
1716.14 of the Revised Code involving a victim who is an elderly 794  
person or disabled adult, the value of the property or services 795  
involved for the purpose of determining the value as required by 796  
division (A) of this section is the aggregate value of all 797  
property or services involved in the offense. 798

(C)(1) When a series of offenses under section 2913.02 of the 799  
Revised Code, or a series of violations of, attempts to commit a 800  
violation of, conspiracies to violate, or complicity in violations 801  
of division (A)(1) of section 1716.14, section 2913.02, 2913.03, 802  
or 2913.04, division (B)(1) or (2) of section 2913.21, or section 803  
2913.31 or 2913.43 of the Revised Code involving a victim who is 804  
an elderly person or disabled adult, is committed by the offender 805  
in the offender's same employment, capacity, or relationship to 806  
another, all of those offenses shall be tried as a single offense. 807  
When a series of offenses under section 2913.02 of the Revised 808  
Code, or a series of violations of, attempts to commit a violation 809  
of, conspiracies to violate, or complicity in violations of 810  
section 2913.02 or 2913.43 of the Revised Code involving a victim 811  
who is an active duty service member or spouse of an active duty 812  
service member is committed by the offender in the offender's same 813  
employment, capacity, or relationship to another, all of those 814  
offenses shall be tried as a single offense. The value of the 815  
property or services involved in the series of offenses for the 816  
purpose of determining the value as required by division (A) of 817  
this section is the aggregate value of all property and services 818  
involved in all offenses in the series. 819

(2) If an offender commits a series of offenses under section 820

2913.02 of the Revised Code that involves a common course of 821  
conduct to defraud multiple victims, all of the offenses may be 822  
tried as a single offense. If an offender is being tried for the 823  
commission of a series of violations of, attempts to commit a 824  
violation of, conspiracies to violate, or complicity in violations 825  
of division (A)(1) of section 1716.14, section 2913.02, 2913.03, 826  
or 2913.04, division (B)(1) or (2) of section 2913.21, or section 827  
2913.31 or 2913.43 of the Revised Code, whether committed against 828  
one victim or more than one victim, involving a victim who is an 829  
elderly person or disabled adult, pursuant to a scheme or course 830  
of conduct, all of those offenses may be tried as a single 831  
offense. If an offender is being tried for the commission of a 832  
series of violations of, attempts to commit a violation of, 833  
conspiracies to violate, or complicity in violations of section 834  
2913.02 or 2913.43 of the Revised Code, whether committed against 835  
one victim or more than one victim, involving a victim who is an 836  
active duty service member or spouse of an active duty service 837  
member pursuant to a scheme or course of conduct, all of those 838  
offenses may be tried as a single offense. If the offenses are 839  
tried as a single offense, the value of the property or services 840  
involved for the purpose of determining the value as required by 841  
division (A) of this section is the aggregate value of all 842  
property and services involved in all of the offenses in the 843  
course of conduct. 844

(3) When a series of two or more offenses under section 845  
2913.40, 2913.48, or 2921.41 of the Revised Code is committed by 846  
the offender in the offender's same employment, capacity, or 847  
relationship to another, all of those offenses may be tried as a 848  
single offense. If the offenses are tried as a single offense, the 849  
value of the property or services involved for the purpose of 850  
determining the value as required by division (A) of this section 851  
is the aggregate value of all property and services involved in 852  
all of the offenses in the series of two or more offenses. 853

(4) In prosecuting a single offense under division (C)(1), 854  
(2), or (3) of this section, it is not necessary to separately 855  
allege and prove each offense in the series. Rather, it is 856  
sufficient to allege and prove that the offender, within a given 857  
span of time, committed one or more theft offenses or violations 858  
of section 2913.40, 2913.48, or 2921.41 of the Revised Code in the 859  
offender's same employment, capacity, or relationship to another 860  
as described in division (C)(1) or (3) of this section, or 861  
committed one or more theft offenses that involve a common course 862  
of conduct to defraud multiple victims or a scheme or course of 863  
conduct as described in division (C)(2) of this section. While it 864  
is not necessary to separately allege and prove each offense in 865  
the series in order to prosecute a single offense under division 866  
(C)(1), (2), or (3) of this section, it remains necessary in 867  
prosecuting them as a single offense to prove the aggregate value 868  
of the property or services in order to meet the requisite 869  
statutory offense level sought by the prosecution. 870

(D) The following criteria shall be used in determining the 871  
value of property or services involved in a theft offense: 872

(1) The value of an heirloom, memento, collector's item, 873  
antique, museum piece, manuscript, document, record, or other 874  
thing that has intrinsic worth to its owner and that either is 875  
irreplaceable or is replaceable only on the expenditure of 876  
substantial time, effort, or money, is the amount that would 877  
compensate the owner for its loss. 878

(2) The value of personal effects and household goods, and of 879  
materials, supplies, equipment, and fixtures used in the 880  
profession, business, trade, occupation, or avocation of its 881  
owner, which property is not covered under division (D)(1) of this 882  
section and which retains substantial utility for its purpose 883  
regardless of its age or condition, is the cost of replacing the 884  
property with new property of like kind and quality. 885

(3) The value of any real or personal property that is not covered under division (D)(1) or (2) of this section, and the value of services, is the fair market value of the property or services. As used in this section, "fair market value" is the money consideration that a buyer would give and a seller would accept for property or services, assuming that the buyer is willing to buy and the seller is willing to sell, that both are fully informed as to all facts material to the transaction, and that neither is under any compulsion to act.

(E) Without limitation on the evidence that may be used to establish the value of property or services involved in a theft offense:

(1) When the property involved is personal property held for sale at wholesale or retail, the price at which the property was held for sale is prima-facie evidence of its value.

(2) When the property involved is a security or commodity traded on an exchange, the closing price or, if there is no closing price, the asked price, given in the latest market quotation prior to the offense is prima-facie evidence of the value of the security or commodity.

(3) When the property involved is livestock, poultry, or raw agricultural products for which a local market price is available, the latest local market price prior to the offense is prima-facie evidence of the value of the livestock, poultry, or products.

(4) When the property involved is a negotiable instrument, the face value is prima-facie evidence of the value of the instrument.

(5) When the property involved is a warehouse receipt, bill of lading, pawn ticket, claim check, or other instrument entitling the holder or bearer to receive property, the face value or, if there is no face value, the value of the property covered by the

instrument less any payment necessary to receive the property is 917  
prima-facie evidence of the value of the instrument. 918

(6) When the property involved is a ticket of admission, 919  
ticket for transportation, coupon, token, or other instrument 920  
entitling the holder or bearer to receive property or services, 921  
the face value or, if there is no face value, the value of the 922  
property or services that may be received by the instrument is 923  
prima-facie evidence of the value of the instrument. 924

(7) When the services involved are gas, electricity, water, 925  
telephone, transportation, shipping, or other services for which 926  
the rate is established by law, the duly established rate is 927  
prima-facie evidence of the value of the services. 928

(8) When the services involved are services for which the 929  
rate is not established by law, and the offender has been notified 930  
prior to the offense of the rate for the services, either in 931  
writing, orally, or by posting in a manner reasonably calculated 932  
to come to the attention of potential offenders, the rate 933  
contained in the notice is prima-facie evidence of the value of 934  
the services. 935

Sec. 3333.164. (A) As used in this section, "state 936  
institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in 937  
section 3345.011 of the Revised Code. 938

(B) Not later than December 31, 2014, the chancellor of the 939  
Ohio board of regents shall do all of the following with regard to 940  
the awarding of college credit for military training, experience, 941  
and coursework: 942

(1) Develop a set of standards and procedures for state 943  
institutions of higher education to utilize in the granting of 944  
college credit for military training, experience, and coursework; 945

(2) Create a military articulation and transfer assurance 946

guide for college credit that is earned through military training, 947  
experience, and coursework. The chancellor shall use the current 948  
articulation and transfer policy adopted pursuant to section 949  
3333.16 of the Revised Code as a model in developing this guide. 950

(3) Create a web site that contains information related to 951  
the awarding of college credit for military training, experience, 952  
and coursework. The web site shall include both of the following: 953

(a) Standardized resources that address frequently asked 954  
questions regarding the awarding of such credit and related 955  
issues; 956

(b) A statewide database that shows how specified military 957  
training, experience, and coursework translates to college credit. 958

(4) Develop a statewide training program that prepares 959  
faculty and staff of state institutions of higher education to 960  
evaluate various military training, experience, and coursework and 961  
to award appropriate equivalent credit. The training program shall 962  
incorporate the best practices of awarding credit for military 963  
experiences, including both the recommendations of the American 964  
council on education and the standards developed by the council 965  
for adult and experiential learning. 966

(C) Beginning on July 1, 2015, state institutions of higher 967  
education shall ensure that appropriate equivalent credit is 968  
awarded for military training, experience, and coursework that 969  
meet the standards developed by the chancellor pursuant to this 970  
section. 971

**Sec. 3333.28.** (A) The chancellor of the Ohio board of regents 972  
shall establish the nurse education assistance program, the 973  
purpose of which shall be to make loans to students enrolled in 974  
prelicensure nurse education programs at institutions approved by 975  
the board of nursing under section 4723.06 of the Revised Code and 976



postlicensure nurse education programs approved by the chancellor 977  
under section 3333.04 of the Revised Code or offered by an 978  
institution holding a certificate of authorization issued under 979  
Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code. The board of nursing shall 980  
assist the chancellor in administering the program. 981

(B) There is hereby created in the state treasury the nurse 982  
education assistance fund, which shall consist of all money 983  
transferred to it pursuant to section 4743.05 of the Revised Code. 984  
The fund shall be used by the chancellor for loans made under 985  
division (A) of this section and for expenses of administering the 986  
loan program. 987

(C) Between July 1, 2005, and January 1, 2012, the chancellor 988  
shall distribute money in the nurse education assistance fund in 989  
the following manner: 990

(1)(a) Fifty per cent of available funds shall be awarded as 991  
loans to registered nurses enrolled in postlicensure nurse 992  
education programs described in division (A) of this section. To 993  
be eligible for a loan, the applicant shall provide the chancellor 994  
with a letter of intent to practice as a faculty member at a 995  
prelicensure or postlicensure program for nursing in this state 996  
upon completion of the applicant's academic program. 997

(b) If the borrower of a loan under division (C)(1)(a) of 998  
this section secures employment as a faculty member of an approved 999  
nursing education program in this state within six months 1000  
following graduation from an approved nurse education program, the 1001  
chancellor may forgive the principal and interest of the student's 1002  
loans received under division (C)(1)(a) of this section at a rate 1003  
of twenty-five per cent per year, for a maximum of four years, for 1004  
each year in which the borrower is so employed. A deferment of the 1005  
service obligation, and other conditions regarding the forgiveness 1006  
of loans may be granted as provided by the rules adopted under 1007  
division (D)(7) of this section. 1008

(c) Loans awarded under division (C)(1)(a) of this section shall be awarded on the basis of the student's expected family contribution, with preference given to those applicants with the lowest expected family contribution. However, the chancellor may consider other factors the chancellor determines relevant in ranking the applications.

(d) Each loan awarded to a student under division (C)(1)(a) of this section shall be not less than five thousand dollars per year.

(2) Twenty-five per cent of available funds shall be awarded to students enrolled in prelicensure nurse education programs for registered nurses, as defined in section 4723.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) Twenty-five per cent of available funds shall be awarded to students enrolled in nurse education programs as determined by the chancellor, with preference given to programs aimed at increasing enrollment in an area of need.

After January 1, 2012, the chancellor shall determine the manner in which to distribute loans under this section.

(D) Subject to the requirements specified in division (C) of this section, the chancellor shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing:

(1) Eligibility criteria for receipt of a loan;

(2) Loan application procedures;

(3) The amounts in which loans may be made and the total amount that may be loaned to an individual;

(4) The total amount of loans that can be made each year;

(5) The percentage of the money in the fund that must remain in the fund at all times as a fund balance;

(6) Interest and principal repayment schedules;

(7) Conditions under which a portion of principal and 1039  
interest obligations incurred by an individual under the program 1040  
will be forgiven; 1041

(8) Conditions under which all or a portion of the principal 1042  
and interest obligations incurred by an individual who is deployed 1043  
on active duty outside of the state or who is the spouse of a 1044  
person deployed on active duty outside of the state may be 1045  
deferred or forgiven. 1046

(9) Ways that the program may be used to encourage 1047  
individuals who are members of minority groups to enter the 1048  
nursing profession; 1049

~~(9)~~(10) Any other matters incidental to the operation of the 1050  
program. 1051

(E) The obligation to repay a portion of the principal and 1052  
interest on a loan made under this section shall be forgiven if 1053  
the recipient of the loan meets the criteria for forgiveness 1054  
established by division (C)(1)(b) of this section, in the case of 1055  
loans awarded under division (C)(1)(a) of this section, or by the 1056  
chancellor under the rule adopted under division (D)(7) of this 1057  
section, in the case of other loans awarded under this section. 1058

(F) The obligation to repay all or a portion of the principal 1059  
and interest on a loan made under this section may be deferred or 1060  
forgiven if the recipient of the loan meets the criteria for 1061  
deferment or forgiveness established by the chancellor under the 1062  
rule adopted under division (D)(8) of this section. 1063

(G) The receipt of a loan under this section shall not affect 1064  
a student's eligibility for assistance, or the amount of that 1065  
assistance, granted under section 3333.12, 3333.122, 3333.22, 1066  
3333.26, 5910.03, 5910.032, or 5919.34 of the Revised Code, but 1067  
the rules of the chancellor may provide for taking assistance 1068  
received under those sections into consideration when determining 1069

a student's eligibility for a loan under this section. 1070

(H) As used in this section, "active duty" means active duty 1071  
pursuant to an executive order of the president of the United 1072  
States, an act of the congress of the United States, or section 1073  
5919.29 or 5923.21 of the Revised Code. 1074

Sec. 3345.42. As used in sections 3345.421, 3345.422, 1075  
3345.423, and 3345.424 of the Revised Code: 1076

"Service member" means a person who is serving in the armed 1077  
forces of the United States. 1078

"Veteran" means any person who has completed service in the 1079  
armed forces, including the national guard of any state or a 1080  
reserve component of the armed forces, and who has been discharged 1081  
under honorable conditions from the armed forces or who has been 1082  
transferred to the reserve with evidence of satisfactory service. 1083

Sec. 3345.421. Not later than December 31, 2014, the board of 1084  
trustees of each state institution of higher education, as defined 1085  
in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, shall do all of the 1086  
following: 1087

(A) Designate at least one person employed by the institution 1088  
to serve as the contact person for veterans and service member 1089  
affairs. Such a person shall assist and advise veterans and 1090  
service members on issues related to earning college credit for 1091  
military training, experience, and coursework. 1092

(B) Adopt a policy regarding the support and assistance the 1093  
institution will provide to veterans and service members. 1094

(C) Allow for the establishment of a student-led group on 1095  
campus for student service members and veterans and encourage 1096  
other service member- and veteran-friendly organizations. 1097

(D) Integrate existing career services to create and 1098

encourage meaningful collaborative relationships between student 1099  
service members and veterans and alumni of the institution, that 1100  
links student service members and veterans with prospective 1101  
employers, and that provides student service members and veterans 1102  
with social opportunities; and, if the institution has career 1103  
services programs, encourage the responsible office to seek and 1104  
promote partnership opportunities for internships and employment 1105  
of student service members and veterans with state, local, 1106  
national, and international employers. 1107

(E) Survey student service members and veterans to identify 1108  
their needs and challenges and make the survey available to 1109  
faculty and staff at the state institution of higher education. 1110  
And periodically conduct follow-up surveys, at a frequency 1111  
determined by the board, to gauge the institution's progress 1112  
toward meeting identified needs and challenges. 1113

The chancellor of the Ohio board of regents shall provide 1114  
guidance to state institutions of higher education in their 1115  
compliance with this section, including the recommendation of 1116  
standardized policies on support and assistance to veterans and 1117  
service members. 1118

The person or persons designated under division (A) of this 1119  
section shall not be a person currently designated by the 1120  
institution as a veterans administration certifying official. 1121

**Sec. 3345.422.** Not later than December 31, 2014, and 1122  
continuing thereafter, each state institution of higher education, 1123  
as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, shall provide 1124  
a student who is either a veteran or a service member with 1125  
priority for course registration. 1126

**Sec. 3345.423.** Not later than December 31, 2014, the board of 1127  
trustees or managing authority of each state institution of higher 1128

education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, 1129  
shall establish an appeals procedure for students who are veterans 1130  
or service members for resolving disputes regarding the awarding 1131  
of college credit for military experience. 1132

**Sec. 3345.424.** On or after December 31, 2014, no state 1133  
institution of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of 1134  
the Revised Code, shall charge a student who is a veteran or a 1135  
service member any fee for the evaluation of, transcription of, or 1136  
application for college credit for military experience. 1137

**Sec. 4729.12.** An identification card issued by the state 1138  
board of pharmacy under section 4729.08 of the Revised Code 1139  
entitles the individual to whom it is issued to practice as a 1140  
pharmacist or as a pharmacy intern in this state until the next 1141  
annual renewal date. 1142

Identification cards shall be renewed annually on the 1143  
fifteenth day of September, according to the standard renewal 1144  
procedure of Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code. 1145

Each pharmacist and pharmacy intern shall carry the 1146  
identification card or renewal identification card while engaged 1147  
in the practice of pharmacy. The license shall be conspicuously 1148  
exposed at the principal place where the pharmacist or pharmacy 1149  
intern practices pharmacy. 1150

A pharmacist or pharmacy intern who desires to continue in 1151  
the practice of pharmacy shall file with the board an application 1152  
in such form and containing such data as the board may require for 1153  
renewal of an identification card. An application filed under this 1154  
section may not be withdrawn without the approval of the board. If 1155  
the board finds that the applicant's card has not been revoked or 1156  
placed under suspension and that the applicant has paid the 1157  
renewal fee, has continued pharmacy education in accordance with 1158

the rules of the board, and is entitled to continue in the 1159  
practice of pharmacy, the board shall issue a renewal 1160  
identification card to the applicant. 1161

When an identification card has lapsed for more than sixty 1162  
days but application is made within three years after the 1163  
expiration of the card, the applicant shall be issued a renewal 1164  
identification card without further examination if the applicant 1165  
meets the requirements of this section and pays the fee designated 1166  
under division ~~(F)~~(A)(5) of section 4729.15 of the Revised Code. 1167

**Sec. 4729.13.** A pharmacist who fails to make application to 1168  
the state board of pharmacy for a renewal identification card 1169  
within a period of three years from the expiration of the 1170  
identification card must pass an examination for registration; 1171  
except that a pharmacist whose registration has expired, but who 1172  
has continually practiced pharmacy in another state under a 1173  
license issued by the authority of that state, may obtain a 1174  
renewal identification card upon payment to the executive director 1175  
of the board the fee designated under division ~~(F)~~(A)(6) of 1176  
section 4729.15 of the Revised Code. 1177

**Sec. 4729.15.** The (A) Except as provided in division (B) of 1178  
this section, the state board of pharmacy shall charge the 1179  
following fees: 1180

~~(A)~~(1) For applying for a license to practice as a 1181  
pharmacist, an amount adequate to cover all rentals, compensation 1182  
for proctors, and other expenses of the board related to 1183  
examination except the expenses of procuring and grading the 1184  
examination, which fee shall not be returned if the applicant 1185  
fails to pass the examination; 1186

~~(B)~~(2) For the examination of an applicant for licensure as a 1187  
pharmacist, an amount adequate to cover any expenses to the board 1188

of procuring and grading the examination or any part thereof, 1189  
which fee shall not be returned if the applicant fails to pass the 1190  
examination; 1191

~~(C)~~(3) For issuing a license and an identification card to an 1192  
individual who passes the examination described in section 4729.07 1193  
of the Revised Code, an amount that is adequate to cover the 1194  
expense; 1195

~~(D)~~(4) For a pharmacist applying for renewal of an 1196  
identification card within sixty days after the expiration date, 1197  
ninety-seven dollars and fifty cents, which fee shall not be 1198  
returned if the applicant fails to qualify for renewal; 1199

~~(E)~~(5) For a pharmacist applying for renewal of an 1200  
identification card that has lapsed for more than sixty days, but 1201  
for less than three years, one hundred thirty-five dollars, which 1202  
fee shall not be returned if the applicant fails to qualify for 1203  
renewal; 1204

~~(F)~~(6) For a pharmacist applying for renewal of an 1205  
identification card that has lapsed for more than three years, 1206  
three hundred thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents, which fee 1207  
shall not be returned if the applicant fails to qualify for 1208  
renewal; 1209

~~(G)~~(7) For a pharmacist applying for a license and 1210  
identification card, on presentation of a pharmacist license 1211  
granted by another state, three hundred thirty-seven dollars and 1212  
fifty cents, which fee shall not be returned if the applicant 1213  
fails to qualify for licensure. 1214

~~(H)~~(8) For a license and identification card to practice as a 1215  
pharmacy intern, twenty-two dollars and fifty cents, which fee 1216  
shall not be returned if the applicant fails to qualify for 1217  
licensure; 1218

~~(I)~~(9) For the renewal of a pharmacy intern identification 1219



card, twenty-two dollars and fifty cents, which fee shall not be 1220  
returned if the applicant fails to qualify for renewal; 1221

~~(J)~~(10) For issuing a replacement license to a pharmacist, 1222  
twenty-two dollars and fifty cents; 1223

~~(K)~~(11) For issuing a replacement license to a pharmacy 1224  
intern, seven dollars and fifty cents; 1225

~~(L)~~(12) For issuing a replacement identification card to a 1226  
pharmacist, thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents, or pharmacy 1227  
intern, seven dollars and fifty cents; 1228

~~(M)~~(13) For certifying licensure and grades for reciprocal 1229  
licensure, ten dollars; 1230

~~(N)~~(14) For making copies of any application, affidavit, or 1231  
other document filed in the state board of pharmacy office, an 1232  
amount fixed by the board that is adequate to cover the expense, 1233  
except that for copies required by federal or state agencies or 1234  
law enforcement officers for official purposes, no charge need be 1235  
made; 1236

~~(O)~~(15) For certifying and affixing the seal of the board, an 1237  
amount fixed by the board that is adequate to cover the expense, 1238  
except that for certifying and affixing the seal of the board to a 1239  
document required by federal or state agencies or law enforcement 1240  
officers for official purposes, no charge need be made; 1241

~~(P)~~(16) For each copy of a book or pamphlet that includes 1242  
laws administered by the state board of pharmacy, rules adopted by 1243  
the board, and chapters of the Revised Code with which the board 1244  
is required to comply, an amount fixed by the board that is 1245  
adequate to cover the expense of publishing and furnishing the 1246  
book or pamphlet. 1247

(B)(1) Subject to division (B)(2) of this section, the fees 1248  
described in divisions (A)(1) to (13) of this section do not apply 1249

to an individual who is on active duty in the armed forces of the 1250  
United States or to an individual who served in the armed forces 1251  
of the United States and presents a valid copy of the individual's 1252  
DD-214 form or an equivalent document issued by the United States 1253  
department of defense indicating that the individual is an 1254  
honorably discharged veteran. 1255

(2) The state board of pharmacy may establish limits with 1256  
respect to the individuals for whom fees are not applicable under 1257  
division (B)(1) of this section. 1258

**Sec. 4731.36.** (A) Sections 4731.01 to 4731.47 of the Revised 1259  
Code shall not prohibit service in case of emergency, domestic 1260  
administration of family remedies, or provision of assistance to 1261  
another individual who is self-administering drugs. 1262

Sections 4731.01 to 4731.47 of the Revised Code shall not 1263  
apply to any of the following: 1264

(1) A commissioned medical officer of the armed forces of the 1265  
United States ~~armed forces, as defined in section 5903.11 of the~~ 1266  
~~Revised Code,~~ or an employee of the veterans administration of the 1267  
United States or the United States public health service in the 1268  
discharge of the officer's or employee's professional duties; 1269

(2) A dentist authorized under Chapter 4715. of the Revised 1270  
Code to practice dentistry when engaged exclusively in the 1271  
practice of dentistry or when administering anesthetics in the 1272  
practice of dentistry; 1273

(3) A physician or surgeon in another state or territory who 1274  
is a legal practitioner of medicine or surgery therein when 1275  
providing consultation to an individual holding a certificate to 1276  
practice issued under this chapter who is responsible for the 1277  
examination, diagnosis, and treatment of the patient who is the 1278  
subject of the consultation, if one of the following applies: 1279

(a) The physician or surgeon does not provide consultation in 1280  
this state on a regular or frequent basis. 1281

(b) The physician or surgeon provides the consultation 1282  
without compensation of any kind, direct or indirect, for the 1283  
consultation. 1284

(c) The consultation is part of the curriculum of a medical 1285  
school or osteopathic medical school of this state or a program 1286  
described in division (A)(2) of section 4731.291 of the Revised 1287  
Code. 1288

(4) A physician or surgeon in another state or territory who 1289  
is a legal practitioner of medicine or surgery therein and 1290  
provided services to a patient in that state or territory, when 1291  
providing, not later than one year after the last date services 1292  
were provided in another state or territory, follow-up services in 1293  
person or through the use of any communication, including oral, 1294  
written, or electronic communication, in this state to the patient 1295  
for the same condition; 1296

(5) A physician or surgeon residing on the border of a 1297  
contiguous state and authorized under the laws thereof to practice 1298  
medicine and surgery therein, whose practice extends within the 1299  
limits of this state. Such practitioner shall not either in person 1300  
or through the use of any communication, including oral, written, 1301  
or electronic communication, open an office or appoint a place to 1302  
see patients or receive calls within the limits of this state. 1303

(6) A board, committee, or corporation engaged in the conduct 1304  
described in division (A) of section 2305.251 of the Revised Code 1305  
when acting within the scope of the functions of the board, 1306  
committee, or corporation; 1307

(7) The conduct of an independent review organization 1308  
accredited by the superintendent of insurance under section 1309  
3922.13 of the Revised Code for the purpose of external reviews 1310

conducted under Chapter 3922. of the Revised Code. 1311

As used in division (A)(1) of this section, "armed forces of 1312  
the United States" means the army, air force, navy, marine corps, 1313  
coast guard, and any other military service branch that is 1314  
designated by congress as a part of the armed forces of the United 1315  
States. 1316

(B)(1) Subject to division (B)(2) of this section, this 1317  
chapter does not apply to a person who holds a current, 1318  
unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery or 1319  
osteopathic medicine and surgery in another state when the person, 1320  
pursuant to a written agreement with an athletic team located in 1321  
the state in which the person holds the license, provides medical 1322  
services to any of the following while the team is traveling to or 1323  
from or participating in a sporting event in this state: 1324

(a) A member of the athletic team; 1325

(b) A member of the athletic team's coaching, communications, 1326  
equipment, or sports medicine staff; 1327

(c) A member of a band or cheerleading squad accompanying the 1328  
athletic team; 1329

(d) The athletic team's mascot. 1330

(2) In providing medical services pursuant to division (B)(1) 1331  
of this section, the person shall not provide medical services at 1332  
a health care facility, including a hospital, an ambulatory 1333  
surgical facility, or any other facility in which medical care, 1334  
diagnosis, or treatment is provided on an inpatient or outpatient 1335  
basis. 1336

(C) Sections 4731.51 to 4731.61 of the Revised Code do not 1337  
apply to any graduate of a podiatric school or college while 1338  
performing those acts that may be prescribed by or incidental to 1339  
participation in an accredited podiatric internship, residency, or 1340

fellowship program situated in this state approved by the state 1341  
medical board. 1342

(D) This chapter does not apply to an oriental medicine 1343  
practitioner or acupuncturist who complies with Chapter 4762. of 1344  
the Revised Code. 1345

(E) This chapter does not prohibit the administration of 1346  
drugs by any of the following: 1347

(1) An individual who is licensed or otherwise specifically 1348  
authorized by the Revised Code to administer drugs; 1349

(2) An individual who is not licensed or otherwise 1350  
specifically authorized by the Revised Code to administer drugs, 1351  
but is acting pursuant to the rules for delegation of medical 1352  
tasks adopted under section 4731.053 of the Revised Code; 1353

(3) An individual specifically authorized to administer drugs 1354  
pursuant to a rule adopted under the Revised Code that is in 1355  
effect on April 10, 2001, as long as the rule remains in effect, 1356  
specifically authorizing an individual to administer drugs. 1357

(F) The exemptions described in divisions (A)(3), (4), and 1358  
(5) of this section do not apply to a physician or surgeon whose 1359  
certificate to practice issued under this chapter is under 1360  
suspension or has been revoked or permanently revoked by action of 1361  
the state medical board. 1362

**Sec. 4743.04.** (A) The renewal of a license or other 1363  
authorization to practice a trade or profession issued under Title 1364  
XLVII of the Revised Code is subject to the provisions of section 1365  
5903.10 of the Revised Code relating to service in the armed 1366  
~~forces of the United States or a reserve component of the armed~~ 1367  
~~forces of the United States, including the Ohio national guard or~~ 1368  
~~the national guard of any other state.~~ 1369

(B) Continuing education requirements applicable to the 1370

licensees under Title XLVII of the Revised Code are subject to the 1371  
provisions of section 5903.12 of the Revised Code relating to 1372  
active duty military service. 1373

(C) A department, agency, or office of this state or of any 1374  
political subdivision of this state that issues a license or 1375  
certificate to practice a trade or profession may, pursuant to 1376  
rules adopted by the department, agency, or office, issue a 1377  
temporary license or certificate to practice the trade or 1378  
profession to a person whose spouse is on active military duty in 1379  
this state. 1380

(D) The issuance of a license or other authorization to 1381  
practice a trade or profession issued under Title XLVII of the 1382  
Revised Code is subject to the provisions of section 5903.03 of 1383  
the Revised Code relating to service in the armed forces ~~of the~~ 1384  
~~United States or a reserve component of the armed forces of the~~ 1385  
~~United States, including the Ohio national guard or the national~~ 1386  
~~guard of any other state.~~ 1387

**Sec. 5902.02.** The duties of the director of veterans services 1388  
shall include the following: 1389

(A) Furnishing the veterans service commissions of all 1390  
counties of the state copies of the state laws, rules, and 1391  
legislation relating to the operation of the commissions and their 1392  
offices; 1393

(B) Upon application, assisting the general public in 1394  
obtaining records of vital statistics pertaining to veterans or 1395  
their dependents; 1396

(C) Adopting rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised 1397  
Code pertaining to minimum qualifications for hiring, certifying, 1398  
and accrediting county veterans service officers, pertaining to 1399  
their required duties, and pertaining to revocation of the 1400

certification of county veterans service officers; 1401

(D) Adopting rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised 1402  
Code for the education, training, certification, and duties of 1403  
veterans service commissioners and for the revocation of the 1404  
certification of a veterans service commissioner; 1405

(E) Developing and monitoring programs and agreements 1406  
enhancing employment and training for veterans in single or 1407  
multiple county areas; 1408

(F) Developing and monitoring programs and agreements to 1409  
enable county veterans service commissions to address 1410  
homelessness, indigency, and other veteran-related issues 1411  
individually or jointly; 1412

(G) Developing and monitoring programs and agreements to 1413  
enable state agencies, individually or jointly, that provide 1414  
services to veterans, including the veterans' homes operated under 1415  
Chapter 5907. of the Revised Code and the director of job and 1416  
family services, to address homelessness, indigency, employment, 1417  
and other veteran-related issues; 1418

(H) Establishing and providing statistical reporting formats 1419  
and procedures for county veterans service commissions; 1420

(I) Publishing electronically a listing of county veterans 1421  
service offices and county veterans service commissioners. The 1422  
listing shall include the expiration dates of commission members' 1423  
terms of office and the organizations they represent; the names, 1424  
addresses, and telephone numbers of county veterans service 1425  
offices; and the addresses and telephone numbers of the Ohio 1426  
offices and headquarters of state and national veterans service 1427  
organizations. 1428

(J) Establishing a veterans advisory committee to advise and 1429  
assist the department of veterans services in its duties. Members 1430  
shall include a member of the national guard association of the 1431

United States who is a resident of this state, a member of the 1432  
military officers association of America who is a resident of this 1433  
state, a state representative of congressionally chartered 1434  
veterans organizations referred to in section 5901.02 of the 1435  
Revised Code, a representative of any other congressionally 1436  
chartered state veterans organization that has at least one 1437  
veterans service commissioner in the state, three representatives 1438  
of the Ohio state association of county veterans service 1439  
commissioners, who shall have a combined vote of one, three 1440  
representatives of the state association of county veterans 1441  
service officers, who shall have a combined vote of one, one 1442  
representative of the county commissioners association of Ohio, 1443  
who shall be a county commissioner not from the same county as any 1444  
of the other county representatives, a representative of the 1445  
advisory committee on women veterans, a representative of a labor 1446  
organization, and a representative of the office of the attorney 1447  
general. The department of veterans services shall submit to the 1448  
advisory committee proposed rules for the committee's operation. 1449  
The committee may review and revise these proposed rules prior to 1450  
submitting them to the joint committee on agency rule review. 1451

(K) Adopting, with the advice and assistance of the veterans 1452  
advisory committee, policy and procedural guidelines that the 1453  
veterans service commissions shall adhere to in the development 1454  
and implementation of rules, policies, procedures, and guidelines 1455  
for the administration of Chapter 5901. of the Revised Code. The 1456  
department of veterans services shall adopt no guidelines or rules 1457  
regulating the purposes, scope, duration, or amounts of financial 1458  
assistance provided to applicants pursuant to sections 5901.01 to 1459  
5901.15 of the Revised Code. The director of veterans services may 1460  
obtain opinions from the office of the attorney general regarding 1461  
rules, policies, procedures, and guidelines of the veterans 1462  
service commissions and may enforce compliance with Chapter 5901. 1463  
of the Revised Code. 1464



(L) Receiving copies of form DD214 filed in accordance with 1465  
the director's guidelines adopted under division (L) of this 1466  
section from members of veterans service commissions appointed 1467  
under section 5901.02 and from county veterans service officers 1468  
employed under section 5901.07 of the Revised Code; 1469

(M) Developing and maintaining and improving a resource, such 1470  
as a telephone answering point or a web site, by means of which 1471  
veterans and their dependents, through a single portal, can access 1472  
multiple sources of information and interaction with regard to the 1473  
rights of, and the benefits available to, veterans and their 1474  
dependents. The director of veterans services may enter into 1475  
agreements with state and federal agencies, with agencies of 1476  
political subdivisions, with state and local instrumentalities, 1477  
and with private entities as necessary to make the resource as 1478  
complete as is possible. 1479

(N) Planning, organizing, advertising, and conducting 1480  
outreach efforts, such as conferences and fairs, at which veterans 1481  
and their dependents may meet, learn about the organization and 1482  
operation of the department of veterans services and of veterans 1483  
service commissions, and obtain information about the rights of, 1484  
and the benefits and services available to, veterans and their 1485  
dependents; 1486

(O) Advertising, in print, on radio and television, and 1487  
otherwise, the rights of, and the benefits and services available 1488  
to, veterans and their dependents; 1489

(P) Developing and advocating improved benefits and services 1490  
for, and improved delivery of benefits and services to, veterans 1491  
and their dependents; 1492

(Q) Searching for, identifying, and reviewing statutory and 1493  
administrative policies that relate to veterans and their 1494  
dependents and reporting to the general assembly statutory and 1495

administrative policies that should be consolidated in whole or in 1496  
part within the organization of the department of veterans 1497  
services to unify funding, delivery, and accounting of statutory 1498  
and administrative policy expressions that relate particularly to 1499  
veterans and their dependents; 1500

(R) Encouraging veterans service commissions to innovate and 1501  
otherwise to improve efficiency in delivering benefits and 1502  
services to veterans and their dependents and to report successful 1503  
innovations and efficiencies to the director of veterans services; 1504

(S) Publishing and encouraging adoption of successful 1505  
innovations and efficiencies veterans service commissions have 1506  
achieved in delivering benefits and services to veterans and their 1507  
dependents; 1508

(T) Establishing advisory committees, in addition to the 1509  
veterans advisory committee established under division (K) of this 1510  
section, on veterans issues; 1511

(U) Developing and maintaining a relationship with the United 1512  
States department of veterans affairs, seeking optimal federal 1513  
benefits and services for Ohio veterans and their dependents, and 1514  
encouraging veterans service commissions to maximize the federal 1515  
benefits and services to which veterans and their dependents are 1516  
entitled; 1517

(V) Developing and maintaining relationships with the several 1518  
veterans organizations, encouraging the organizations in their 1519  
efforts at assisting veterans and their dependents, and advocating 1520  
for adequate state subsidization of the organizations; 1521

(W) Requiring the several veterans organizations that receive 1522  
funding from the state annually, not later than the thirtieth day 1523  
of July, to report to the director of veterans services and 1524  
prescribing the form and content of the report; 1525

(X) Reviewing the reports submitted to the director under 1526

division (W) of this section within thirty days of receipt and 1527  
informing the veterans organization of any deficiencies that exist 1528  
in the organization's report and that funding will not be released 1529  
until the deficiencies have been corrected and a satisfactory 1530  
report submitted; 1531

(Y) Advising the director of budget and management when a 1532  
report submitted to the director under division (W) of this 1533  
section has been reviewed and determined to be satisfactory; 1534

(Z) Furnishing copies of all reports that the director of 1535  
veterans services has determined have been submitted 1536  
satisfactorily under division (W) of this section to the 1537  
chairperson of the finance committees of the general assembly; 1538

(AA) Investigating complaints against county veterans 1539  
services commissioners and county veterans service officers if the 1540  
director reasonably believes the investigation to be appropriate 1541  
and necessary; 1542

(BB) Developing and maintaining a web site that is accessible 1543  
by veterans and their dependents and provides a link to the web 1544  
site of each state agency that issues a license, certificate, or 1545  
other authorization permitting an individual to engage in an 1546  
occupation or occupational activity; 1547

(CC) Encouraging state agencies to conduct outreach efforts 1548  
through which veterans and their dependents can learn about 1549  
available job and education benefits; 1550

(DD) Informing state agencies about changes in statutes and 1551  
rules that affect veterans and their dependents; 1552

(EE) Assisting licensing agencies in adopting rules under 1553  
section 5903.03 of the Revised Code; 1554

(FF) Taking any other actions required by this chapter. 1555

**Sec. 5903.01. As used in this chapter:** 1556

"Armed forces" means the armed forces of the United States, 1557  
including the army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard, or 1558  
any reserve components of those forces; the national guard of any 1559  
state; the commissioned corps of the United States public health 1560  
service; the merchant marine service during wartime; such other 1561  
service as may be designated by congress; or the Ohio organized 1562  
militia when engaged in full-time national guard duty for a period 1563  
of more than thirty days. 1564

"License" means a license, certificate, permit, or other 1565  
authorization issued or conferred by a licensing agency under 1566  
which a licensee may engage in a profession, occupation, or 1567  
occupational activity. 1568

"Licensee" means a person to whom all of the following apply: 1569

(A) The person has been issued a license by a licensing 1570  
agency. 1571

(B) The person has been a member of the armed forces. 1572

(C) The person has served on active duty, whether inside or 1573  
outside the United States, for a period in excess of thirty-one 1574  
days. 1575

"Licensing agency" means any state department, division, 1576  
board, commission, agency, or other state governmental unit 1577  
authorized by the Revised Code to issue a license. 1578

"Service member" means any person who is serving in the armed 1579  
forces. 1580

"Merchant marine" includes the United States army transport 1581  
service and the United States naval transport service. 1582

"Veteran" means any person who has completed service in the 1583  
armed forces, including the national guard of any state, or a 1584  
reserve component of the armed forces, who has been discharged 1585  
under honorable conditions from the armed forces or who has been 1586

transferred to the reserve with evidence of satisfactory service. 1587

**Sec. 5903.03.** (A) As used in this section+ 1588

~~(1) "License" and "licensing agency" have the meanings~~ 1589  
~~defined in section 5903.12 of the Revised Code.~~ 1590

~~(2) "Military, "military program of training" means a~~ 1591  
~~training program of the armed forces of the United States or a~~ 1592  
~~reserve component of the armed forces of the United States,~~ 1593  
~~including the Ohio national guard or the national guard of any~~ 1594  
~~other state.~~ 1595

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the 1596  
contrary, a licensing agency shall consider an applicant for a 1597  
license: 1598

(1) To have met the educational requirement for that license 1599  
if the applicant has completed a military program of training and 1600  
has been awarded a military primary specialty at a level that is 1601  
substantially equivalent to or exceeds the educational requirement 1602  
for that license; and 1603

(2) To have met the experience requirement for that license 1604  
if the applicant has served in that military primary specialty 1605  
under honorable conditions for a period of time that is 1606  
substantially equivalent to or exceeds the experience requirement 1607  
for that license. 1608

(C) Each licensing agency, not later than June 30, 2014, 1609  
shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code regarding 1610  
which military programs of training, military primary specialties, 1611  
and lengths of service are substantially equivalent to or exceed 1612  
the educational and experience requirements for each license that 1613  
agency issues. 1614

**Sec. 5903.04.** Each licensing agency shall adopt rules under 1615

Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to establish and implement all of 1616  
the following: 1617

(A) A process to obtain from each applicant documentation and 1618  
additional information necessary to determine if the applicant is 1619  
a service member or veteran, or the spouse or surviving spouse of 1620  
a service member or veteran; 1621

(B) A process to record, track, and monitor applications that 1622  
have been received from a service member, veteran, or the spouse 1623  
or surviving spouse of a service member or veteran; and 1624

(C) A process to prioritize and expedite certification or 1625  
licensing for each applicant who is a service member, veteran, or 1626  
the spouse or a surviving spouse of a service member or veteran. 1627

In establishing these processes, the licensing agency shall 1628  
include any special accommodations that may be appropriate for 1629  
applicants facing imminent deployment. 1630

**Sec. 5903.05.** A licensing agency shall apply for approval to 1631  
the state approving agency at the Ohio department of veterans 1632  
services as required under 38 U.S.C. 3672(a) to enable an eligible 1633  
person or veteran to receive education benefits through the United 1634  
States department of veterans affairs. 1635

**Sec. 5903.10.** (A) A holder of an expired license or 1636  
certificate from this state or any political subdivision or agency 1637  
of the state to practice a trade or profession shall be granted a 1638  
renewal of the license or certificate by the issuing board or 1639  
authority at the usual cost without penalty and without 1640  
re-examination if not otherwise disqualified because of mental or 1641  
physical disability and if either of the following applies: 1642

(1) The license or certificate was not renewed because of the 1643  
holder's service in the armed forces of the United States or a 1644

~~reserve component of the armed forces of the United States,~~ 1645  
~~including the Ohio national guard or the national guard of any~~ 1646  
~~other state.~~ 1647

(2) The license or certificate was not renewed because the 1648  
holder's spouse served in the armed forces of the United States or 1649  
a reserve component of the armed forces ~~of the United States,~~ 1650  
~~including the Ohio national guard or the national guard of any~~ 1651  
~~other state,~~ and the service resulted in the holder's absence from 1652  
this state. 1653

(B) A renewal shall not be granted under division (A) of this 1654  
section unless the holder or the holder's spouse, whichever is 1655  
applicable, has presented satisfactory evidence of the service 1656  
member's discharge under honorable conditions or release under 1657  
honorable conditions from active duty or national guard duty 1658  
within six months after the discharge or release. 1659

**Sec. 5903.11.** (A) Any federally funded employment and 1660  
training program administered by any state agency including, but 1661  
not limited to, the "Workforce Investment Act of 1998," 112 Stat. 1662  
936, codified in scattered sections of 29 U.S.C., as amended, 1663  
shall include a veteran priority system to provide maximum 1664  
employment and training opportunities to veterans and eligible 1665  
persons within each targeted group as established by federal law 1666  
and state and federal policy in the service area. Disabled 1667  
veterans, veterans of the Vietnam era, other veterans, and 1668  
eligible persons shall receive preference over nonveterans within 1669  
each targeted group in the provision of employment and training 1670  
services available through these programs as required by this 1671  
section. 1672

(B) Each state agency shall refer qualified applicants to job 1673  
openings and training opportunities in programs described in 1674  
division (A) of this section in the following order of priority: 1675

- (1) Special disabled veterans; 1676
- (2) Veterans of the Vietnam era; 1677
- (3) Disabled veterans; 1678
- (4) All other veterans; 1679
- (5) Other eligible persons; 1680
- (6) Nonveterans. 1681

(C) Each state agency providing employment and training 1682  
services to veterans and eligible persons under programs described 1683  
in division (A) of this section shall submit an annual written 1684  
report to the speaker of the house of representatives and the 1685  
president of the senate on the services that it provides to 1686  
veterans and eligible persons. Each such agency shall report 1687  
separately on all entitlement programs, employment or training 1688  
programs, and any other programs that it provides to each class of 1689  
persons described in divisions (B)(1) to (6) of this section. Each 1690  
such agency shall also report on action taken to ensure compliance 1691  
with statutory requirements. Compliance and reporting procedures 1692  
shall be in accordance with the reporting procedures then in 1693  
effect for all employment and training programs described in 1694  
division (A) of this section, with the addition of veterans as a 1695  
separate reporting module. 1696

(D) All state agencies that administer federally funded 1697  
employment and training programs described in division (A) of this 1698  
section for veterans and eligible persons shall do all of the 1699  
following: 1700

(1) Ensure that veterans are treated with courtesy and 1701  
respect at all state governmental facilities; 1702

(2) Give priority in referral to jobs to qualified veterans 1703  
and other eligible persons; 1704

(3) Give priority in referral to and enrollment in training 1705



programs to qualified veterans and other eligible persons; 1706

(4) Give preferential treatment to special disabled veterans 1707  
in the provision of all needed state services; 1708

(5) Provide information and effective referral assistance to 1709  
veterans and other eligible persons regarding needed benefits and 1710  
services that may be obtained through other agencies. 1711

(E) As used in this section: 1712

(1) "Special disabled veteran" means a veteran who is 1713  
entitled to, or who but for the receipt of military pay would be 1714  
entitled to, compensation under any law administered by the 1715  
department of veterans affairs for a disability rated at thirty 1716  
per cent or more or a person who was discharged or released from 1717  
active duty because of a service-connected disability. 1718

(2) "Veteran of the Vietnam era" means an eligible veteran 1719  
who served on active duty for a period of more than one hundred 1720  
eighty days, any part of which occurred from August 5, 1964, 1721  
through May 7, 1975, and was discharged or released therefrom with 1722  
other than a dishonorable discharge or a person who was discharged 1723  
or released from active duty for a service-connected disability if 1724  
any part of the active duty was performed from August 5, 1964, 1725  
through May 7, 1975. 1726

(3) "Disabled veteran" means a veteran who is entitled to, or 1727  
who but for the receipt of military retirement pay would be 1728  
entitled to compensation, under any law administered by the 1729  
department of veterans affairs and who is not a special disabled 1730  
veteran. 1731

(4) "Eligible veteran" means a person who served on active 1732  
duty for more than one hundred eighty days and was discharged or 1733  
released from active duty with other than a dishonorable discharge 1734  
or a person who was discharged or released from active duty 1735  
because of a service-connected disability. 1736

(5) "Other eligible person" means one of the following:	1737
(a) The spouse of any person who died of a service-connected disability;	1738 1739
(b) The spouse of any member of the armed forces serving on active duty who at the time of the spouse's application for assistance under any program described in division (A) of this section is listed pursuant to the "Act of September 6, 1966," 80 Stat. 629, 37 U.S.C.A. 556, and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, as having been in one or more of the following categories for a total of ninety or more days:	1740 1741 1742 1743 1744 1745 1746
(i) Missing in action;	1747
(ii) Captured in line of duty by a hostile force;	1748
(iii) Forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power.	1749 1750
(c) The spouse of any person who has a total disability permanent in nature resulting from a service-connected disability or the spouse of a veteran who died while such a disability was in existence.	1751 1752 1753 1754
(6) "Veteran" means <del>either of the following:</del>	1755
<del>(a) Any person</del> <u>a veteran as defined in section 5903.01 of the Revised Code</u> who was a member of the armed forces of the United States for a period of one hundred eighty days or more <del>or</del> <u>i</u> a person who was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability;	1756 1757 1758 1759 1760
<del>(b) A</del> <u>or a</u> person who served as a member of the United States merchant marine and to whom either of the following applies:	1761 1762
<del>(i)</del> <u>(a)</u> The person has an honorable report of separation from active duty military service, form DD214 or DD215- <del>i</del> <u>or</u>	1763 1764
<del>(ii)</del> <u>(b)</u> The person served in the United States merchant marine between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, and died	1765 1766

on active duty while serving in a war zone during that period of 1767  
service. 1768

~~(7) "Armed forces of the United States" means the army, air 1769  
force, navy, marine corps, coast guard, and any other military 1770  
service branch that is designated by congress as a part of the 1771  
armed forces of the United States. 1772~~

~~(8)~~ "Employment program" means a program which provides 1773  
referral of individuals to employer job openings in the federal, 1774  
state, or private sector. 1775

~~(9)~~(8) "Training program" means any program that upgrades the 1776  
employability of qualified applicants. 1777

~~(10)~~(9) "Entitlement program" means any program that enlists 1778  
specific criteria in determining eligibility, including but not 1779  
limited to the existence in special segments of the general 1780  
population of specific financial needs. 1781

~~(11)~~(10) "Targeted group" means a group of persons designated 1782  
by federal law or regulations or by state law to receive special 1783  
assistance under an employment and training program described in 1784  
division (A) of this section. 1785

~~(12) "United States merchant marine" includes the United 1786  
States army transport service and the United States naval 1787  
transport service. 1788~~

**Sec. 5903.12.** (A) As used in this section: 1789

~~(1)~~ "Continuing education" means continuing education 1790  
required of a licensee by law and includes, but is not limited to, 1791  
the continuing education required of licensees under sections 1792  
3737.881, 3781.10, 4701.11, 4715.141, 4715.25, 4717.09, 4723.24, 1793  
4725.16, 4725.51, 4730.14, 4730.49, 4731.281, 4734.25, 4735.141, 1794  
4736.11, 4741.16, 4741.19, 4751.07, 4755.63, 4757.33, 4759.06, 1795  
4761.06, and 4763.07 of the Revised Code. 1796

~~(2) "License" means a license, certificate, permit, or other authorization issued or conferred by a licensing agency under which a licensee may engage in a profession, occupation, or occupational activity.~~

~~(3) "Licensee" means a person to whom all of the following apply:~~

~~(a) The person has been issued a license by a licensing agency.~~

~~(b) The person has been a member of the armed forces of the United States, the Ohio national guard, the Ohio military reserve, the Ohio naval militia, the national guard of any other state, or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States.~~

~~(c) The person has served on active duty, whether inside or outside the United States, for a period in excess of thirty one days.~~

~~(4) "Licensing agency" means any state department, division, board, commission, agency, or other state governmental unit authorized by the Revised Code to issue a license.~~

~~(5) "Reporting period" means the period of time during which a licensee must complete the number of hours of continuing education required of the licensee by law.~~

(B) A licensee may submit an application to a licensing agency, stating that the licensee requires an extension of the current reporting period because the licensee has served on active duty ~~as described in division (A)(3)(c) of this section~~ during the current or a prior reporting period. The licensee shall submit proper documentation certifying the active duty service and the length of that active duty service. Upon receiving the application and proper documentation, the licensing agency shall extend the current reporting period by an amount of time equal to the total number of months that the licensee spent on active duty during the

current reporting period. For purposes of this division, any 1828  
portion of a month served on active duty shall be considered one 1829  
full month. 1830

~~Sec. 5903.121. A "licensing agency," as defined in section 1831~~  
~~5903.12 of the Revised Code, shall consider relevant education, 1832~~  
~~training, or service completed by a licensee as a member of the 1833~~  
~~armed forces of the United States or reserve components thereof, 1834~~  
~~the Ohio national guard, the Ohio military reserve, the Ohio naval 1835~~  
~~militia, or the national guard of any other state in determining 1836~~  
~~whether a licensee has fulfilled required continuing education. 1837~~

Sec. 5903.15. (A) As used in this section "employer" means 1838  
any person who has one or more employees. "Employer" includes an 1839  
agent of an employer but does not include the state or any agency 1840  
of the state, and any municipal corporation, county, township, 1841  
school district, or other political subdivision or any agency or 1842  
instrumentality thereof. 1843

(B) An employer may adopt a policy to provide a preference 1844  
for employment decisions, including hiring, promotion, or 1845  
retention during a reduction in force, to a service member, 1846  
veteran, or the spouse or a surviving spouse of a service member 1847  
or veteran. 1848

(C) A preference provided under division (B) of this section 1849  
is not a violation of any state or local equal employment 1850  
opportunity law. The unlawful discriminatory practices as defined 1851  
in section 4112.02 of the Revised Code do not make it unlawful for 1852  
an employer implementing a policy under this section to obtain 1853  
information about an applicant's military status for the purpose 1854  
of determining if the applicant is eligible for the preference 1855  
provided under this policy. 1856

(D) If an employer elects to adopt a policy described in 1857

division (B) of this section, the employer may notify the Ohio 1858  
department of job and family services. The department of job and 1859  
family services shall maintain a registry of employers that have a 1860  
voluntary veterans' preference employment policy as described in 1861  
this section, which shall be available to the public on the web 1862  
site maintained by the department. The department of veterans 1863  
services shall make available on the department's web site a link 1864  
to the registry. 1865

**Sec. 5907.01.** (A) As used in this chapter: 1866

(1) "Armed forces of the United States" ~~has the same meaning~~ 1867  
~~as in section 5903.11 of the Revised Code~~ means the army, air 1868  
force, navy, marine corps, coast guard, and any other military 1869  
service branch that is designated by congress as a part of the 1870  
armed forces of the United States. 1871

(2) "Domiciliary" means a separate area within the Ohio 1872  
veterans' home providing domiciliary care. 1873

(3) "Domiciliary care" means providing shelter, food, and 1874  
necessary medical care on an ambulatory self-care basis to 1875  
eligible veterans who do not need the nursing services provided in 1876  
nursing homes. 1877

(4) "Nursing home" has the same meaning as in section 3721.01 1878  
of the Revised Code. 1879

(5) "Veteran" has the same meaning as in section 5901.01 of 1880  
the Revised Code. 1881

(B) There are hereby established the Ohio veterans' homes 1882  
within the department of veterans services. The department shall 1883  
maintain and operate state veterans' homes as administered under 1884  
the state veterans' home programs defined in Title 38 of the 1885  
United States Code. 1886

**Sec. 5907.04.** ~~Subject~~ As used in this section, "armed forces 1887  
of the United States" means the army, air force, navy, marine 1888  
corps, coast guard, and any other military service branch that is 1889  
designated by congress as a part of the armed forces of the United 1890  
States. 1891

Subject to the following paragraph, all veterans, who served 1892  
during a period of conflict as determined by the United States 1893  
department of veterans affairs or any person who is awarded either 1894  
the armed forces expeditionary medal established by presidential 1895  
executive order 10977 dated December 4, 1961, or the Vietnam 1896  
service medal established by presidential executive order 11231 1897  
dated July 8, 1965, who have been honorably discharged or 1898  
separated under honorable conditions therefrom, or any discharged 1899  
members of the Polish and Czechoslovakian armed forces who served 1900  
in armed conflict with an enemy of the United States in World War 1901  
II who have been citizens of the United States for at least ten 1902  
years, provided that the above-mentioned persons have been 1903  
citizens of this state for one year or more at the date of making 1904  
application for admission, are disabled by disease, wounds, or 1905  
otherwise, and are by reason of such disability incapable of 1906  
earning their living, and all members of the Ohio national guard 1907  
or naval militia who have lost an arm or leg, or their sight, or 1908  
become permanently disabled from any cause, while in the line and 1909  
discharge of duty, and are not able to support themselves, may be 1910  
admitted to a veterans' home under such rules as the director of 1911  
veterans services adopts. 1912

A veteran who served in the armed forces of the United States 1913  
~~as defined in division (E)(7) of section 5903.11 of the Revised~~ 1914  
~~Code~~ is eligible for admission to a veterans' home under the 1915  
preceding paragraph only if the person has the characteristics 1916  
defined in division (B)(1) of section 5901.01 of the Revised Code. 1917

Veterans' homes may reserve a bed during the temporary  
absence of a resident or patient from the home, including a  
nursing home within it, under conditions prescribed by the  
director, to include hospitalization for an acute condition,  
visits with relatives and friends, and participation in  
therapeutic programs outside the home. A home shall not reserve a  
bed for more than thirty days, except that absences for more than  
thirty days due to hospitalization may be authorized.

**Section 2.** That existing sections 1306.20, 2913.01, 2913.02,  
2913.43, 2913.49, 2913.61, 3333.28, 4729.12, 4729.13, 4729.15,  
4731.36, 4743.04, 5902.02, 5903.03, 5903.10, 5903.11, 5903.12,  
5903.121, 5907.01, and 5907.04 of the Revised Code are hereby  
repealed.

**Section 3.** The Director of Veterans Services shall implement  
divisions (BB) to (EE) of section 5902.02 of the Revised Code not  
later than December 31, 2014.

**Section 4.** A licensing agency that is required to adopt rules  
under section 5903.04 of the Revised Code shall adopt initial  
rules not later than December 31, 2014.

**Section 5.** State agencies that are required to apply for  
approval to the State Approving Agency at the Ohio Department of  
Veterans Services under section 5903.05 of the Revised Code shall  
do so initially not later than December 31, 2014.

**Section 6.** The Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents shall  
prepare a report describing the progress made by state  
institutions of higher education toward implementation of this act  
by the Chancellor and by state institutions of higher education.  
The report shall include recommendations and ideas on how to



integrate service members and veterans into the campus environment 1946  
and how to promote academic achievement among service members and 1947  
veterans in order to better prepare service members and the 1948  
veterans to enter the workforce. The Chancellor, within six months 1949  
after the effective date of this section, shall deliver the report 1950  
to the General Assembly under division (B) of section 101.68 of 1951  
the Revised Code. 1952

**Section 7.** Section 4731.36 of the Revised Code is presented 1953  
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Sub. 1954  
H.B. 251 and Sub. S.B. 141 of the 129th General Assembly. The 1955  
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of 1956  
section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 1957  
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds 1958  
that the composite is the resulting version of the section in 1959  
effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in 1960  
this act. 1961