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A BILL

То	amend sections 149.43 and 5913.01 and to enact	1
	sections 107.22 and 3701.25 of the Revised Code	2
	to include forensic mental health providers,	3
	mental health evaluation providers, regional	4
	psychiatric hospital employees, emergency	5
	service telecommunicators, and certain Ohio	6
	National Guard members as individuals whose	7
	residential and familial information is exempt	8
	from disclosure under the Public Records Law and	9
	to address matters related to contact tracing.	1(

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

Section 1	That	sections	149.43	and	5913.01	be	amended	and	11
sections 107 22	and ?	3701 25 of	the Re	vised	l Code b	e e	nacted to	0	12

read as follows:	13
Sec. 107.22. If one or more infections of a contagious	14
disease are observed in this state, the governor shall be	15
subject to the following conditions when adopting or issuing an	16
order regarding efforts to trace and monitor contacts of	17
individuals infected with the contagious disease:	18
(A) The order shall not require an individual to comply	19
with the tracing and monitoring efforts.	20
(B) The order shall require the acquisition of oral,	21
written, electronic, or telephonic consent from each individual	22
contacted for participation in the tracing and monitoring	23
efforts before the next step in the process may proceed.	24
(C) The order shall not establish or authorize penalties	25
for an individual's refusal to participate in the tracing and	26
monitoring process, including withholding medical treatment from	27
the individual based on the refusal.	28
(D) The order shall acknowledge all of the following:	29
(1) That participation in the tracing and monitoring	30
<pre>efforts is voluntary;</pre>	31
(2) That any record created during the tracing and	32
monitoring process is not a public record under section 149.43	33
of the Revised Code;	34
(3) That disclosure of protected health information by a	35
covered entity, as defined in section 3798.01 of the Revised	36
Code, during the tracing and monitoring process is subject to	37
section 3798.04 of the Revised Code;	38
(4) That disclosure of protected health information by the	39
director of health, the department of health, a board of health	40

Code, regardless of whether the information is held by the

department of job and family services or, pursuant to section

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federal law;

(w) Proprietary information of or relating to any person	126
that is submitted to or compiled by the Ohio venture capital	127
authority created under section 150.01 of the Revised Code;	128
(x) Financial statements and data any person submits for	129
any purpose to the Ohio housing finance agency or the	130
controlling board in connection with applying for, receiving, or	131
accounting for financial assistance from the agency, and	132
information that identifies any individual who benefits directly	133
or indirectly from financial assistance from the agency;	134
(y) Records listed in section 5101.29 of the Revised Code;	135
(z) Discharges recorded with a county recorder under	136
section 317.24 of the Revised Code, as specified in division (B)	137
(2) of that section;	138
(aa) Usage information including names and addresses of	139
specific residential and commercial customers of a municipally	140
owned or operated public utility;	141
(bb) Records described in division (C) of section 187.04	142
of the Revised Code that are not designated to be made available	143
to the public as provided in that division;	144
(cc) Information and records that are made confidential,	145
privileged, and not subject to disclosure under divisions (B)	146
and (C) of section 2949.221 of the Revised Code;	147
(dd) Personal information, as defined in section 149.45 of	148
the Revised Code;	149
(ee) The confidential name, address, and other personally	150
identifiable information of a program participant in the address	151
confidentiality program established under sections 111.41 to	152
111.47 of the Revised Code, including the contents of any	153

circumstances:

application for absent voter's ballots, absent voter's ballot	154
identification envelope statement of voter, or provisional	155
ballot affirmation completed by a program participant who has a	156
confidential voter registration record, and records or portions	157
of records pertaining to that program that identify the number	158
of program participants that reside within a precinct, ward,	159
township, municipal corporation, county, or any other geographic	160
area smaller than the state. As used in this division,	161
"confidential address" and "program participant" have the	162
meaning defined in section 111.41 of the Revised Code.	163
(ff) Orders for active military service of an individual	164
serving or with previous service in the armed forces of the	165
United States, including a reserve component, or the Ohio	166
organized militia, except that, such order becomes a public	167
record on the day that is fifteen years after the published date	168
or effective date of the call to order;	169
(gg) The name, address, contact information, or other	170
personal information of an individual who is less than eighteen	171
years of age that is included in any record related to a traffic	172
accident involving a school vehicle in which the individual was	173
an occupant at the time of the accident;	174
(hh) Protected health information, as defined in 45 C.F.R.	175
160.103, that is in a claim for payment for a health care	176
product, service, or procedure, as well as any other health	177
claims data in another document that reveals the identity of an	178
individual who is the subject of the data or could be used to	179
reveal that individual's identity;	180
(ii) Any depiction by photograph, film, videotape, or	181
printed or digital image under either of the following	182

(i) The depiction is that of a victim of an offense the	184
release of which would be, to a reasonable person of ordinary	185
sensibilities, an offensive and objectionable intrusion into the	186
victim's expectation of bodily privacy and integrity.	187
(ii) The depiction captures or depicts the victim of a	188
sexually oriented offense, as defined in section 2950.01 of the	189
Revised Code, at the actual occurrence of that offense.	190
(jj) Restricted portions of a body-worn camera or	191
dashboard camera recording;	192
(kk) In the case of a fetal-infant mortality review board	193
acting under sections 3707.70 to 3707.77 of the Revised Code,	194
records, documents, reports, or other information presented to	195
the board or a person abstracting such materials on the board's	196
behalf, statements made by review board members during board	197
meetings, all work products of the board, and data submitted by	198
the board to the department of health or a national infant death	199
review database, other than the report prepared pursuant to	200
section 3707.77 of the Revised Code.	201
(11) Records, documents, reports, or other information	202
presented to the pregnancy-associated mortality review board	203
established under section 3738.01 of the Revised Code,	204
statements made by board members during board meetings, all work	205
products of the board, and data submitted by the board to the	206
department of health, other than the biennial reports prepared	207
under section 3738.08 of the Revised Code;	208
(mm) Telephone numbers for a victim, as defined in section	209
2930.01 of the Revised Code, a witness to a crime, or a party to	210
a motor vehicle accident subject to the requirements of section	211
5502.11 of the Revised Code that are listed on any law	212

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enforcement record or report.

A record that is not a public record under division (A)(1) 214 of this section and that, under law, is permanently retained 215 becomes a public record on the day that is seventy-five years 216 after the day on which the record was created, except for any 217 record protected by the attorney-client privilege, a trial 218 preparation record as defined in this section, a statement 219 prohibiting the release of identifying information signed under 220 section 3107.083 of the Revised Code, a denial of release form 221 filed pursuant to section 3107.46 of the Revised Code, or any 222 223 record that is exempt from release or disclosure under section 149.433 of the Revised Code. If the record is a birth 224 certificate and a biological parent's name redaction request 225 form has been accepted under section 3107.391 of the Revised 226 Code, the name of that parent shall be redacted from the birth 227 certificate before it is released under this paragraph. If any 228 other section of the Revised Code establishes a time period for 229 disclosure of a record that conflicts with the time period 230 specified in this section, the time period in the other section 231 prevails. 232

- (2) "Confidential law enforcement investigatory record" means any record that pertains to a law enforcement matter of a criminal, quasi-criminal, civil, or administrative nature, but only to the extent that the release of the record would create a high probability of disclosure of any of the following:
- (a) The identity of a suspect who has not been charged with the offense to which the record pertains, or of an information source or witness to whom confidentiality has been reasonably promised;
 - (b) Information provided by an information source or

witness to whom confidentiality has been reasonably promised,	243
which information would reasonably tend to disclose the source's	244
or witness's identity;	245
(c) Specific confidential investigatory techniques or	246
procedures or specific investigatory work product;	247
(d) Information that would endanger the life or physical	248
safety of law enforcement personnel, a crime victim, a witness,	249
or a confidential information source.	250
(3) "Medical record" means any document or combination of	251
documents, except births, deaths, and the fact of admission to	252
or discharge from a hospital, that pertains to the medical	253
history, diagnosis, prognosis, or medical condition of a patient	254
and that is generated and maintained in the process of medical	255
treatment.	256
(4) "Trial preparation record" means any record that	257
contains information that is specifically compiled in reasonable	258
anticipation of, or in defense of, a civil or criminal action or	259
proceeding, including the independent thought processes and	260
personal trial preparation of an attorney.	261
(5) "Intellectual property record" means a record, other	262
than a financial or administrative record, that is produced or	263
collected by or for faculty or staff of a state institution of	264
higher learning in the conduct of or as a result of study or	265
research on an educational, commercial, scientific, artistic,	266
technical, or scholarly issue, regardless of whether the study	267
or research was sponsored by the institution alone or in	268
conjunction with a governmental body or private concern, and	269
that has not been publicly released, published, or patented.	270
(6) "Donor profile record" means all records about donors	271

or potential donors to a public institution of higher education	272
except the names and reported addresses of the actual donors and	273
the date, amount, and conditions of the actual donation.	274
(7) "Designated public service worker" means a peace	275
officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting	276
attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee,	277
county or multicounty corrections officer, community-based	278
correctional facility employee, <u>designated Ohio national guard</u>	279
member, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, medical	280
director or member of a cooperating physician advisory board of	281
an emergency medical service organization, state board of	282
pharmacy employee, investigator of the bureau of criminal	283
identification and investigation, forensic mental health	284
provider, mental health evaluation provider, regional	285
psychiatric hospital employee, emergency service	286
telecommunicator, judge, magistrate, or federal law enforcement	287
officer.	288
(8) "Designated public service worker residential and	289
familial information" means any information that discloses any	290
of the following about a designated public service worker:	291
(a) The address of the actual personal residence of a	292
designated public service worker, except for the following	293
information:	294
(i) The address of the actual personal residence of a	295
prosecuting attorney or judge; and	296
(ii) The state or political subdivision in which a	297
designated public service worker resides.	298
(b) Information compiled from referral to or participation	299
in an employee assistance program;	300

(c) The social security number, the residential telephone	301
number, any bank account, debit card, charge card, or credit	302
card number, or the emergency telephone number of, or any	303
medical information pertaining to, a designated public service	304
worker;	305
(d) The name of any beneficiary of employment benefits,	306
including, but not limited to, life insurance benefits, provided	307
to a designated public service worker by the designated public	308
service worker's employer;	309
(e) The identity and amount of any charitable or	310
employment benefit deduction made by the designated public	311
service worker's employer from the designated public service	312
worker's compensation, unless the amount of the deduction is	313
required by state or federal law;	314
(f) The name, the residential address, the name of the	315
employer, the address of the employer, the social security	316
number, the residential telephone number, any bank account,	317
debit card, charge card, or credit card number, or the emergency	318
telephone number of the spouse, a former spouse, or any child of	319
a designated public service worker;	320
(g) A photograph of a peace officer who holds a position	321
or has an assignment that may include undercover or plain	322
clothes positions or assignments as determined by the peace	323
officer's appointing authority.	324
(9) As used in divisions (A)(7) and (15) to (17) of this	325
section:	326
"Peace officer" has the meaning defined in section 109.71	327
of the Revised Code and also includes the superintendent and	328
troopers of the state highway patrol; it does not include the	329

sheriff of a county or a supervisory employee who, in the	330
absence of the sheriff, is authorized to stand in for, exercise	331
the authority of, and perform the duties of the sheriff.	332
"Correctional employee" means any employee of the	333
department of rehabilitation and correction who in the course of	334
performing the employee's job duties has or has had contact with	335
inmates and persons under supervision.	336
"County or multicounty corrections officer" means any	337
corrections officer employed by any county or multicounty	338
correctional facility.	339
"Designated Ohio national guard member" means a member of	340
the Ohio national guard who is participating in duties related	341
to remotely piloted aircraft, including but not limited to,	342
pilots, sensor operators, and mission intelligence personnel,	343
duties related to special forces operations, or duties related	344
to cybersecurity, and is designated by the adjutant general as a	345
designated public service worker for those purposes.	346
"Youth services employee" means any employee of the	347
department of youth services who in the course of performing the	348
employee's job duties has or has had contact with children	349
committed to the custody of the department of youth services.	350
"Firefighter" means any regular, paid or volunteer, member	351
of a lawfully constituted fire department of a municipal	352
corporation, township, fire district, or village.	353
"EMT" means EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, and paramedics that	354
provide emergency medical services for a public emergency	355
medical service organization. "Emergency medical service	356
organization," "EMT-basic," "EMT-I," and "paramedic" have the	357
meanings defined in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.	358

"Investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and	359
investigation" has the meaning defined in section 2903.11 of the	360
Revised Code.	361
"Forensic mental health provider" means any employee of a	362
community mental health service provider or local alcohol, drug	363
addiction, and mental health services board who, in the course	364
of the employee's duties, has contact with persons committed to	365
a local alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services	366
board by a court order pursuant to section 2945.38, 2945.39,	367
2945.40, or 2945.402 of the Revised Code.	368
"Mental health evaluation provider" means an individual	369
who, under Chapter 5122. of the Revised Code, examines a	370
respondent who is alleged to be a mentally ill person subject to	371
court order, as defined in section 5122.01 of the Revised Code,	372
and reports to the probate court the respondent's mental	373
condition.	374
"Regional psychiatric hospital employee" means any	375
employee of the department of mental health and addiction	376
services who, in the course of performing the employee's duties,	377
has contact with patients committed to the department of mental	378
health and addiction services by a court order pursuant to	379
section 2945.38, 2945.39, 2945.40, or 2945.402 of the Revised	380
Code.	381
"Emergency service telecommunicator" has the meaning	382
defined in section 4742.01 of the Revised Code.	383
"Federal law enforcement officer" has the meaning defined	384
in section 9.88 of the Revised Code.	385
(10) "Information pertaining to the recreational	386
activities of a person under the age of eighteen" means	387

information that is kept in the ordinary course of business by a	388
public office, that pertains to the recreational activities of a	389
person under the age of eighteen years, and that discloses any	390
of the following:	391
(a) The address or telephone number of a person under the	392
age of eighteen or the address or telephone number of that	393
person's parent, guardian, custodian, or emergency contact	394
person;	395
(b) The social security number, birth date, or	396
photographic image of a person under the age of eighteen;	397
(c) Any medical record, history, or information pertaining	398
to a person under the age of eighteen;	399
(d) Any additional information sought or required about a	400
person under the age of eighteen for the purpose of allowing	401
that person to participate in any recreational activity	402
conducted or sponsored by a public office or to use or obtain	403
admission privileges to any recreational facility owned or	404
operated by a public office.	405
(11) "Community control sanction" has the meaning defined	406
in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.	407
(12) "Post-release control sanction" has the meaning	408
defined in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code.	409
(13) "Redaction" means obscuring or deleting any	410
information that is exempt from the duty to permit public	411
inspection or copying from an item that otherwise meets the	412
definition of a "record" in section 149.011 of the Revised Code.	413
(14) "Designee," "elected official," and "future official"	414
have the meanings defined in section 109 43 of the Revised Code	415

(15) "Body-worn camera" means a visual and audio recording	416
device worn on the person of a peace officer while the peace	417
officer is engaged in the performance of the peace officer's	418
duties.	419
(16) "Dashboard camera" means a visual and audio recording	420
device mounted on a peace officer's vehicle or vessel that is	421
used while the peace officer is engaged in the performance of	422
the peace officer's duties.	423
(17) "Restricted portions of a body-worn camera or	424
dashboard camera recording" means any visual or audio portion of	425
a body-worn camera or dashboard camera recording that shows,	426
communicates, or discloses any of the following:	427
(a) The image or identity of a child or information that	428
could lead to the identification of a child who is a primary	429
subject of the recording when the law enforcement agency knows	430
or has reason to know the person is a child based on the law	431
enforcement agency's records or the content of the recording;	432
(b) The death of a person or a deceased person's body,	433
unless the death was caused by a peace officer or, subject to	434
division (H)(1) of this section, the consent of the decedent's	435
executor or administrator has been obtained;	436
(c) The death of a peace officer, firefighter, paramedic,	437
or other first responder, occurring while the decedent was	438
engaged in the performance of official duties, unless, subject	439
to division (H)(1) of this section, the consent of the	440
decedent's executor or administrator has been obtained;	441
(d) Grievous bodily harm, unless the injury was effected	442
by a peace officer or, subject to division (H)(1) of this	443
section, the consent of the injured person or the injured	444

person's guardian has been obtained;	445
(e) An act of severe violence against a person that	446
results in serious physical harm to the person, unless the act	447
and injury was effected by a peace officer or, subject to	448
division (H)(1) of this section, the consent of the injured	449
person or the injured person's guardian has been obtained;	450
(f) Grievous bodily harm to a peace officer, firefighter,	451
paramedic, or other first responder, occurring while the injured	452
person was engaged in the performance of official duties,	453
unless, subject to division (H)(1) of this section, the consent	454
of the injured person or the injured person's guardian has been	455
obtained;	456
(g) An act of severe violence resulting in serious	457
physical harm against a peace officer, firefighter, paramedic,	458
or other first responder, occurring while the injured person was	459
engaged in the performance of official duties, unless, subject	460
to division (H)(1) of this section, the consent of the injured	461
person or the injured person's guardian has been obtained;	462
(h) A person's nude body, unless, subject to division (H)	463
(1) of this section, the person's consent has been obtained;	464
(i) Protected health information, the identity of a person	465
in a health care facility who is not the subject of a law	466
enforcement encounter, or any other information in a health care	467
facility that could identify a person who is not the subject of	468
a law enforcement encounter;	469
(j) Information that could identify the alleged victim of	470
a sex offense, menacing by stalking, or domestic violence;	471
(k) Information, that does not constitute a confidential	472
law enforcement investigatory record, that could identify a	473

person who provides sensitive or confidential information to a	474
law enforcement agency when the disclosure of the person's	475
identity or the information provided could reasonably be	476
expected to threaten or endanger the safety or property of the	477
person or another person;	478
(1) Personal information of a person who is not arrested,	479
cited, charged, or issued a written warning by a peace officer;	480
(m) Proprietary police contingency plans or tactics that	481
are intended to prevent crime and maintain public order and	482
safety;	483
(n) A personal conversation unrelated to work between	484
peace officers or between a peace officer and an employee of a	485
law enforcement agency;	486
(o) A conversation between a peace officer and a member of	487
the public that does not concern law enforcement activities;	488
(p) The interior of a residence, unless the interior of a	489
residence is the location of an adversarial encounter with, or a	490
use of force by, a peace officer;	491
(q) Any portion of the interior of a private business that	492
is not open to the public, unless an adversarial encounter with,	493
or a use of force by, a peace officer occurs in that location.	494
As used in division (A)(17) of this section:	495
"Grievous bodily harm" has the same meaning as in section	496
5924.120 of the Revised Code.	497
"Health care facility" has the same meaning as in section	498
1337.11 of the Revised Code.	499
"Protected health information" has the same meaning as in	500

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45 C.F.R. 160.103.	501
"Law enforcement agency" has the same meaning as in	502
section 2925.61 of the Revised Code.	503
"Personal information" means any government-issued	504
identification number, date of birth, address, financial	505
information, or criminal justice information from the law	506
enforcement automated data system or similar databases.	507
"Sex offense" has the same meaning as in section 2907.10	508
of the Revised Code.	509
"Firefighter," "paramedic," and "first responder" have the	510
same meanings as in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.	511
(B)(1) Upon request and subject to division (B)(8) of this	512
section, all public records responsive to the request shall be	513
promptly prepared and made available for inspection to any	514
person at all reasonable times during regular business hours.	515
Subject to division (B)(8) of this section, upon request by any	516
person, a public office or person responsible for public records	517
shall make copies of the requested public record available to	518
the requester at cost and within a reasonable period of time. If	519
a public record contains information that is exempt from the	520
duty to permit public inspection or to copy the public record,	521
the public office or the person responsible for the public	522
record shall make available all of the information within the	523
public record that is not exempt. When making that public record	524
available for public inspection or copying that public record,	525
the public office or the person responsible for the public	526
record shall notify the requester of any redaction or make the	527

redaction plainly visible. A redaction shall be deemed a denial

of a request to inspect or copy the redacted information, except

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if federal or state law authorizes or requires a public office 530 to make the redaction. 531

- (2) To facilitate broader access to public records, a 532 public office or the person responsible for public records shall 533 organize and maintain public records in a manner that they can 534 be made available for inspection or copying in accordance with 535 division (B) of this section. A public office also shall have 536 available a copy of its current records retention schedule at a 537 location readily available to the public. If a requester makes 538 an ambiguous or overly broad request or has difficulty in making 539 a request for copies or inspection of public records under this 540 section such that the public office or the person responsible 541 for the requested public record cannot reasonably identify what 542 public records are being requested, the public office or the 543 person responsible for the requested public record may deny the 544 request but shall provide the requester with an opportunity to 545 revise the request by informing the requester of the manner in 546 which records are maintained by the public office and accessed 547 in the ordinary course of the public office's or person's 548 duties. 549
- (3) If a request is ultimately denied, in part or in whole, the public office or the person responsible for the requested public record shall provide the requester with an explanation, including legal authority, setting forth why the request was denied. If the initial request was provided in writing, the explanation also shall be provided to the requester in writing. The explanation shall not preclude the public office or the person responsible for the requested public record from relying upon additional reasons or legal authority in defending an action commenced under division (C) of this section.

- (4) Unless specifically required or authorized by state or 560 federal law or in accordance with division (B) of this section, 561 no public office or person responsible for public records may 562 limit or condition the availability of public records by 563 requiring disclosure of the requester's identity or the intended 564 use of the requested public record. Any requirement that the 565 requester disclose the requester's identity or the intended use 566 of the requested public record constitutes a denial of the 567 568 request.
- (5) A public office or person responsible for public 569 records may ask a requester to make the request in writing, may 570 ask for the requester's identity, and may inquire about the 571 intended use of the information requested, but may do so only 572 after disclosing to the requester that a written request is not 573 mandatory, that the requester may decline to reveal the 574 requester's identity or the intended use, and when a written 575 request or disclosure of the identity or intended use would 576 benefit the requester by enhancing the ability of the public 577 office or person responsible for public records to identify, 578 locate, or deliver the public records sought by the requester. 579
- (6) If any person requests a copy of a public record in 580 accordance with division (B) of this section, the public office 581 or person responsible for the public record may require that 582 person to pay in advance the cost involved in providing the copy 583 of the public record in accordance with the choice made by the 584 person requesting the copy under this division. The public 585 office or the person responsible for the public record shall 586 permit that person to choose to have the public record 587 duplicated upon paper, upon the same medium upon which the 588 public office or person responsible for the public record keeps 589 it, or upon any other medium upon which the public office or 590

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person responsible for the public record determines that it	591
reasonably can be duplicated as an integral part of the normal	592
operations of the public office or person responsible for the	593
public record. When the person requesting the copy makes a	594
choice under this division, the public office or person	595
responsible for the public record shall provide a copy of it in	596
accordance with the choice made by that person. Nothing in this	597
section requires a public office or person responsible for the	598
public record to allow the person requesting a copy of the	599
public record to make the copies of the public record.	600

- (7) (a) Upon a request made in accordance with division (B) 601 of this section and subject to division (B)(6) of this section, 602 a public office or person responsible for public records shall 603 transmit a copy of a public record to any person by United 604 States mail or by any other means of delivery or transmission 605 within a reasonable period of time after receiving the request 606 for the copy. The public office or person responsible for the 607 public record may require the person making the request to pay 608 in advance the cost of postage if the copy is transmitted by 609 United States mail or the cost of delivery if the copy is 610 transmitted other than by United States mail, and to pay in 611 advance the costs incurred for other supplies used in the 612 mailing, delivery, or transmission. 613
- (b) Any public office may adopt a policy and procedures that it will follow in transmitting, within a reasonable period of time after receiving a request, copies of public records by United States mail or by any other means of delivery or transmission pursuant to division (B)(7) of this section. A public office that adopts a policy and procedures under division (B)(7) of this section shall comply with them in performing its duties under that division.

(c) In any policy and procedures adopted under division	622
(B)(7) of this section:	623
(i) A public office may limit the number of records	624
requested by a person that the office will physically deliver by	625
United States mail or by another delivery service to ten per	626
month, unless the person certifies to the office in writing that	627
the person does not intend to use or forward the requested	628
records, or the information contained in them, for commercial	629
purposes;	630
(ii) A public office that chooses to provide some or all	631
of its public records on a web site that is fully accessible to	632
and searchable by members of the public at all times, other than	633
during acts of God outside the public office's control or	634
maintenance, and that charges no fee to search, access,	635
download, or otherwise receive records provided on the web site,	636
may limit to ten per month the number of records requested by a	637
person that the office will deliver in a digital format, unless	638
the requested records are not provided on the web site and	639
unless the person certifies to the office in writing that the	640
person does not intend to use or forward the requested records,	641
or the information contained in them, for commercial purposes.	642
(iii) For purposes of division (B)(7) of this section,	643
"commercial" shall be narrowly construed and does not include	644
reporting or gathering news, reporting or gathering information	645
to assist citizen oversight or understanding of the operation or	646
activities of government, or nonprofit educational research.	647
(8) A public office or person responsible for public	648
records is not required to permit a person who is incarcerated	649
pursuant to a criminal conviction or a juvenile adjudication to	650
inspect or to obtain a copy of any public record concerning a	651

criminal investigation or prosecution or concerning what would	652
be a criminal investigation or prosecution if the subject of the	653
investigation or prosecution were an adult, unless the request	654
to inspect or to obtain a copy of the record is for the purpose	655
of acquiring information that is subject to release as a public	656
record under this section and the judge who imposed the sentence	657
or made the adjudication with respect to the person, or the	658
judge's successor in office, finds that the information sought	659
in the public record is necessary to support what appears to be	660
a justiciable claim of the person.	661

- (9) (a) Upon written request made and signed by a journalist, a public office, or person responsible for public records, having custody of the records of the agency employing a specified designated public service worker shall disclose to the journalist the address of the actual personal residence of the designated public service worker and, if the designated public service worker's spouse, former spouse, or child is employed by a public office, the name and address of the employer of the designated public service worker's spouse, former spouse, or child. The request shall include the journalist's name and title and the name and address of the journalist's employer and shall state that disclosure of the information sought would be in the public interest.
- (b) Division (B)(9)(a) of this section also applies to journalist requests for:
- (i) Customer information maintained by a municipally owned 677 or operated public utility, other than social security numbers 678 and any private financial information such as credit reports, 679 payment methods, credit card numbers, and bank account 680 information;

of the Revised Code;

(ii) Information about minors involved in a school vehicle	682
accident as provided in division (A)(1)(gg) of this section,	683
other than personal information as defined in section 149.45 of	684
the Revised Code.	685
(c) As used in division (B)(9) of this section,	686
"journalist" means a person engaged in, connected with, or	687
employed by any news medium, including a newspaper, magazine,	688
press association, news agency, or wire service, a radio or	689
television station, or a similar medium, for the purpose of	690
gathering, processing, transmitting, compiling, editing, or	691
disseminating information for the general public.	692
(10) Upon a request made by a victim, victim's attorney,	693
or victim's representative, as that term is used in section	694
2930.02 of the Revised Code, a public office or person	695
responsible for public records shall transmit a copy of a	696
depiction of the victim as described in division (A)(1)(gg) of	697
this section to the victim, victim's attorney, or victim's	698
representative.	699
(C)(1) If a person allegedly is aggrieved by the failure	700
of a public office or the person responsible for public records	701
to promptly prepare a public record and to make it available to	702
the person for inspection in accordance with division (B) of	703
this section or by any other failure of a public office or the	704
person responsible for public records to comply with an	705
obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section, the	706
person allegedly aggrieved may do only one of the following, and	707
not both:	708
(a) File a complaint with the clerk of the court of claims	709
or the clerk of the court of common pleas under section 2743.75	710

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(b) Commence a mandamus action to obtain a judgment that	712
orders the public office or the person responsible for the	713
public record to comply with division (B) of this section, that	714
awards court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to the person	715
that instituted the mandamus action, and, if applicable, that	716
includes an order fixing statutory damages under division (C)(2)	717
of this section. The mandamus action may be commenced in the	718
court of common pleas of the county in which division (B) of	719
this section allegedly was not complied with, in the supreme	720
court pursuant to its original jurisdiction under Section 2 of	721
Article IV, Ohio Constitution, or in the court of appeals for	722
the appellate district in which division (B) of this section	723
allegedly was not complied with pursuant to its original	724
jurisdiction under Section 3 of Article IV, Ohio Constitution.	725

(2) If a requester transmits a written request by hand 726 delivery, electronic submission, or certified mail to inspect or 727 receive copies of any public record in a manner that fairly 728 describes the public record or class of public records to the 729 public office or person responsible for the requested public 730 records, except as otherwise provided in this section, the 731 requester shall be entitled to recover the amount of statutory 732 damages set forth in this division if a court determines that 733 the public office or the person responsible for public records 734 failed to comply with an obligation in accordance with division 735 (B) of this section. 736

The amount of statutory damages shall be fixed at one 737 hundred dollars for each business day during which the public 738 office or person responsible for the requested public records 739 failed to comply with an obligation in accordance with division 740 (B) of this section, beginning with the day on which the 741 requester files a mandamus action to recover statutory damages, 742

up to a maximum of one thousand dollars. The award of statutory	74
damages shall not be construed as a penalty, but as compensation	74
for injury arising from lost use of the requested information.	74
The existence of this injury shall be conclusively presumed. The	74
award of statutory damages shall be in addition to all other	74
remedies authorized by this section.	74

The court may reduce an award of statutory damages or not award statutory damages if the court determines both of the following:

- (a) That, based on the ordinary application of statutory
 law and case law as it existed at the time of the conduct or
 threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible
 for the requested public records that allegedly constitutes a
 failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division
 (B) of this section and that was the basis of the mandamus
 action, a well-informed public office or person responsible for
 the requested public records reasonably would believe that the
 conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person
 responsible for the requested public records did not constitute
 a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with
 division (B) of this section;
- (b) That a well-informed public office or person responsible for the requested public records reasonably would believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records would serve the public policy that underlies the authority that is asserted as permitting that conduct or threatened conduct.
- (3) In a mandamus action filed under division (C)(1) of this section, the following apply:

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(a)(i) If the court orders the public office or the person	772
responsible for the public record to comply with division (B) of	773
this section, the court shall determine and award to the relator	774
all court costs, which shall be construed as remedial and not	775
punitive.	776
(ii) If the court makes a determination described in	777
division (C)(3)(b)(iii) of this section, the court shall	778
determine and award to the relator all court costs, which shall	779
be construed as remedial and not punitive.	780
(b) If the court renders a judgment that orders the public	781
office or the person responsible for the public record to comply	782
with division (B) of this section or if the court determines any	783
of the following, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees	784
to the relator, subject to division (C)(4) of this section:	785
(i) The public office or the person responsible for the	786
public records failed to respond affirmatively or negatively to	787
the public records request in accordance with the time allowed	788
under division (B) of this section.	789
(ii) The public office or the person responsible for the	790
public records promised to permit the relator to inspect or	791
receive copies of the public records requested within a	792
specified period of time but failed to fulfill that promise	793
within that specified period of time.	794
(iii) The public office or the person responsible for the	795
public records acted in bad faith when the office or person	796
voluntarily made the public records available to the relator for	797
the first time after the relator commenced the mandamus action,	798
but before the court issued any order concluding whether or not	799

the public office or person was required to comply with division

- (B) of this section. No discovery may be conducted on the issue 801 of the alleged bad faith of the public office or person 802 responsible for the public records. This division shall not be 803 construed as creating a presumption that the public office or 804 the person responsible for the public records acted in bad faith 805 when the office or person voluntarily made the public records 806 available to the relator for the first time after the relator 807 commenced the mandamus action, but before the court issued any 808 order described in this division. 809
- (c) The court shall not award attorney's fees to the relator if the court determines both of the following:
- (i) That, based on the ordinary application of statutory 812 law and case law as it existed at the time of the conduct or 813 threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible 814 for the requested public records that allegedly constitutes a 815 failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division 816 (B) of this section and that was the basis of the mandamus 817 action, a well-informed public office or person responsible for 818 the requested public records reasonably would believe that the 819 conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person 820 responsible for the requested public records did not constitute 821 822 a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section; 823
- (ii) That a well-informed public office or person 824 responsible for the requested public records reasonably would 825 believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public 826 office or person responsible for the requested public records 827 would serve the public policy that underlies the authority that 828 is asserted as permitting that conduct or threatened conduct. 829
 - (4) All of the following apply to any award of reasonable 830

attorney's fees awarded under division (C)(3)(b) of this	831
section:	832
(a) The fees shall be construed as remedial and not	833
punitive.	834
(b) The fees awarded shall not exceed the total of the	835
reasonable attorney's fees incurred before the public record was	836
made available to the relator and the fees described in division	837
(C)(4)(c) of this section.	838
(c) Reasonable attorney's fees shall include reasonable	839
fees incurred to produce proof of the reasonableness and amount	840
of the fees and to otherwise litigate entitlement to the fees.	841
(d) The court may reduce the amount of fees awarded if the	842
court determines that, given the factual circumstances involved	843
with the specific public records request, an alternative means	844
should have been pursued to more effectively and efficiently	845
resolve the dispute that was subject to the mandamus action	846
filed under division (C)(1) of this section.	847
(5) If the court does not issue a writ of mandamus under	848
division (C) of this section and the court determines at that	849
time that the bringing of the mandamus action was frivolous	850
conduct as defined in division (A) of section 2323.51 of the	851
Revised Code, the court may award to the public office all court	852
costs, expenses, and reasonable attorney's fees, as determined	853
by the court.	854
(D) Chapter 1347. of the Revised Code does not limit the	855
provisions of this section.	856
(E)(1) To ensure that all employees of public offices are	857
appropriately educated about a public office's obligations under	858
division (B) of this section, all elected officials or their	859

appropriate designees shall attend training approved by the	860
attorney general as provided in section 109.43 of the Revised	861
Code. A future official may satisfy the requirements of this	862
division by attending the training before taking office,	863
provided that the future official may not send a designee in the	864
future official's place.	865

(2) All public offices shall adopt a public records policy 866 in compliance with this section for responding to public records 867 requests. In adopting a public records policy under this 868 division, a public office may obtain guidance from the model 869 public records policy developed and provided to the public 870 office by the attorney general under section 109.43 of the 871 Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the 872 policy may not limit the number of public records that the 873 public office will make available to a single person, may not 874 limit the number of public records that it will make available 875 during a fixed period of time, and may not establish a fixed 876 period of time before it will respond to a request for 877 inspection or copying of public records, unless that period is 878 less than eight hours. 879

The public office shall distribute the public records 880 policy adopted by the public office under this division to the 881 employee of the public office who is the records custodian or 882 records manager or otherwise has custody of the records of that 883 office. The public office shall require that employee to 884 acknowledge receipt of the copy of the public records policy. 885 The public office shall create a poster that describes its 886 public records policy and shall post the poster in a conspicuous 887 place in the public office and in all locations where the public 888 office has branch offices. The public office may post its public 889 records policy on the internet web site of the public office if 890

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the public office maintains an internet web site. A public

office that has established a manual or handbook of its general

policies and procedures for all employees of the public office

shall include the public records policy of the public office in

the manual or handbook.

- (F)(1) The bureau of motor vehicles may adopt rules 896 pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to reasonably limit 897 the number of bulk commercial special extraction requests made 898 by a person for the same records or for updated records during a 899 900 calendar year. The rules may include provisions for charges to be made for bulk commercial special extraction requests for the 901 actual cost of the bureau, plus special extraction costs, plus 902 ten per cent. The bureau may charge for expenses for redacting 903 information, the release of which is prohibited by law. 904
 - (2) As used in division (F)(1) of this section:
- (a) "Actual cost" means the cost of depleted supplies,

 records storage media costs, actual mailing and alternative

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 delivery costs, or other transmitting costs, and any direct

 equipment operating and maintenance costs, including actual

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 costs paid to private contractors for copying services.

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- (b) "Bulk commercial special extraction request" means a request for copies of a record for information in a format other than the format already available, or information that cannot be extracted without examination of all items in a records series, class of records, or database by a person who intends to use or forward the copies for surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for commercial purposes. "Bulk commercial special extraction request" does not include a request by a person who gives assurance to the bureau that the person making the request does not intend to use or forward the requested copies for

surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for commercial	921
purposes.	922
(c) "Commercial" means profit-seeking production, buying,	923
or selling of any good, service, or other product.	924
(d) "Special extraction costs" means the cost of the time	925
spent by the lowest paid employee competent to perform the task,	926
the actual amount paid to outside private contractors employed	927
by the bureau, or the actual cost incurred to create computer	928
programs to make the special extraction. "Special extraction	929
costs" include any charges paid to a public agency for computer	930
or records services.	931
(3) For purposes of divisions (F)(1) and (2) of this	932
section, "surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for	933
commercial purposes" shall be narrowly construed and does not	934
include reporting or gathering news, reporting or gathering	935
information to assist citizen oversight or understanding of the	936
operation or activities of government, or nonprofit educational	937
research.	938
(G) A request by a defendant, counsel of a defendant, or	939
any agent of a defendant in a criminal action that public	940
records related to that action be made available under this	941
section shall be considered a demand for discovery pursuant to	942
the Criminal Rules, except to the extent that the Criminal Rules	943
plainly indicate a contrary intent. The defendant, counsel of	944
the defendant, or agent of the defendant making a request under	945
this division shall serve a copy of the request on the	946
prosecuting attorney, director of law, or other chief legal	947
officer responsible for prosecuting the action.	948
(H)(1) Any portion of a body-worn camera or dashboard	949

camera recording described in divisions (A)(17)(b) to (h) of	950
this section may be released by consent of the subject of the	951
recording or a representative of that person, as specified in	952
those divisions, only if either of the following applies:	953
(a) The recording will not be used in connection with any	954
probable or pending criminal proceedings;	955
(b) The recording has been used in connection with a	956
criminal proceeding that was dismissed or for which a judgment	957
has been entered pursuant to Rule 32 of the Rules of Criminal	958
Procedure, and will not be used again in connection with any	959
probable or pending criminal proceedings.	960
(2) If a public office denies a request to release a	961
restricted portion of a body-worn camera or dashboard camera	962
recording, as defined in division (A)(17) of this section, any	963
person may file a mandamus action pursuant to this section or a	964
complaint with the clerk of the court of claims pursuant to	965
section 2743.75 of the Revised Code, requesting the court to	966
order the release of all or portions of the recording. If the	967
court considering the request determines that the filing	968
articulates by clear and convincing evidence that the public	969
interest in the recording substantially outweighs privacy	970
interests and other interests asserted to deny release, the	971
court shall order the public office to release the recording.	972
Sec. 3701.25. (A) As used in this section:	973
(1) "Board of health" means the board of health of a city	974
or general health district or the authority having the duties of	975
a board of health under section 3709.05 of the Revised Code.	976
(2) "Department" or "division" have the same meanings as	977
in section 121.01 of the Revised Code.	978

(B) If a department, division, board of health, or a	979
person or government entity under contract with any of the	980
foregoing, including a health care facility, engages in efforts	981
to trace and monitor the contacts of individuals infected with a	982
contagious disease, all of the following apply:	983
(1) No individual shall be required to comply with tracing	984
and monitoring efforts.	985
(2) Each individual contacted for participation in tracing	986
and monitoring efforts must provide oral, written, electronic,	987
or telephonic consent before the next step in the process may	988
proceed.	989
(3) No penalty shall be imposed on an individual for	990
refusing to participate in the tracing and monitoring process,	991
including withholding medical treatment from the individual	992
<pre>based on the refusal.</pre>	993
(4) Any record created during the tracing and monitoring	994
process is not a public record under section 149.43 of the	995
Revised Code. The department, division, board of health, or	996
person or government entity under contract with any of the	997
foregoing is subject to section 3701.17 of the Revised Code with	998
respect to the disclosure of protected health information	999
collected during the tracing and monitoring process.	1000
Sec. 5913.01. (A) The adjutant general is the commander	1001
and administrative head of the Ohio organized militia. The	1002
adjutant general shall:	1003
(1) Be provided offices and shall keep them open during	1004
usual business hours;	1005
(2) Have and maintain custody of all military records,	1006
correspondence, and other documents of the Ohio organized	1007

militia;	1008
(3) Superintend the preparation of all returns and reports	1009
required by the United States from the state on military	1010
matters;	1011
(4) Keep a roster of all officers of the Ohio organized	1012
militia, including retired officers;	1013
(5) Whenever necessary, cause the military provisions of	1014
the Revised Code and the orders, regulations, pamphlets,	1015
circulars, and memorandums of the adjutant general's department	1016
to be printed and distributed to the organizations of the Ohio	1017
organized militia;	1018
(6) Prepare and issue all necessary Ohio organized militia	1019
forms and attest to all commissions issued to officers of the	1020
Ohio organized militia;	1021
(7) Have a seal, and all copies of orders, records, and	1022
papers in the adjutant general's office certified and	1023
authenticated with that seal shall be competent evidence in like	1024
manner as if the originals were produced. All orders issued from	1025
the adjutant general's office shall bear a duplicate of the	1026
seal.	1027
(8) Keep and preserve the arms, ordnance, equipment, and	1028
all other military property belonging to the state or issued to	1029
the state by the federal government and issue any regulations	1030
necessary to keep, preserve, and repair the property as	1031
conditions demand;	1032
(9) Issue adjutant general's property to the units of the	1033
Ohio organized militia as the necessity of the service or	1034
organizational or allowance tables requires;	1035

as the governor requires of the transaction of the adjutant	1037
general's department, setting forth the strength and condition	1038
of the Ohio organized militia and other matters that the	1039
adjutant general chooses;	1040
(11) Designate members of the Ohio national guard, who are	1041
participating in duties related to remotely piloted aircraft,	1042
including but not limited to, pilots, sensor operators, and	1043
mission intelligence personnel, duties related to special forces	1044
operations, or duties related to cybersecurity, as designated	1045
public service workers under section 149.43 of the Revised Code;	1046
(12) Command the joint force headquarters of the Ohio	1047
national guard.	1048
(B) The adjutant general shall issue and distribute all	1049
orders issued in the name of the governor as the commander in	1050
chief of the Ohio organized militia and perform the duties that	1051
the governor directs and other duties prescribed by law.	1052
(C) The adjutant general may enter into cooperative	1053
agreements, contractual arrangements, or agreements for the	1054
acceptance of grants with the United States or any agency or	1055
department of the United States, other states, any department or	1056
political subdivision of this state, or any person or body	1057
politic, to accomplish the purposes of the adjutant general's	1058
department. The adjutant general shall cooperate with, and not	1059
infringe upon, the rights of other state departments, divisions,	1060
boards, commissions, and agencies, political subdivisions, and	1061
other public officials and public and private agencies when the	1062
interests of the adjutant general's department and those other	1063
entities overlap.	1064

(10) Submit an annual report to the governor at such time

The funds made available by the United States for the	1065
exclusive use of the department shall be expended only by the	1066
department and only for the purposes for which the federal funds	1067
were appropriated. In accepting federal funds, the department	1068
agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the grant or	1069
cooperative agreement and further agrees to expend the federal	1070
funds in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United	1071
States.	1072
Section 2. That existing sections 149.43 and 5913.01 of	1073
the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	1074