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**A BILL**

To amend sections 2743.51, 2743.59, 2743.60, 1  
2743.65, 2743.66, and 2743.71 of the Revised 2  
Code to revise the eligibility standards and 3  
procedure for awarding reparations to crime 4  
victims. 5

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

**Section 1.** That sections 2743.51, 2743.59, 2743.60, 6  
2743.65, 2743.66, and 2743.71 of the Revised Code be amended to 7  
read as follows: 8

**Sec. 2743.51.** As used in sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of 9  
the Revised Code: 10

(A) "Claimant" means both of the following categories of 11  
persons: 12

(1) Any of the following persons who claim an award of 13  
reparations under sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised 14  
Code: 15

(a) A victim who was one of the following at the time of 16  
the criminally injurious conduct: 17

(i) A resident of the United States;	18
(ii) A resident of a foreign country the laws of which permit residents of this state to recover compensation as victims of offenses committed in that country.	19 20 21
(b) A dependent of a deceased victim who is described in division (A) (1) (a) of this section;	22 23
(c) A third person, other than a collateral source, who legally assumes or voluntarily pays the obligations of a victim, or of a dependent of a victim, who is described in division (A) (1) (a) of this section, which obligations are incurred as a result of the criminally injurious conduct that is the subject of the claim and may include, but are not limited to, medical or burial expenses;	24 25 26 27 28 29 30
(d) A person who is authorized to act on behalf of any person who is described in division (A) (1) (a), (b), or (c) of this section;	31 32 33
(e) The estate of a deceased victim who is described in division (A) (1) (a) of this section.	34 35
(2) Any of the following persons who claim an award of reparations under sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code:	36 37 38
(a) A victim who had a permanent place of residence within this state at the time of the criminally injurious conduct and who, at the time of the criminally injurious conduct, complied with any one of the following:	39 40 41 42
(i) Had a permanent place of employment in this state;	43
(ii) Was a member of the regular armed forces of the United States or of the United States coast guard or was a full-	44 45

time member of the Ohio organized militia or of the United	46
States army reserve, naval reserve, or air force reserve;	47
(iii) Was retired and receiving social security or any	48
other retirement income;	49
(iv) Was sixty years of age or older;	50
(v) Was temporarily in another state for the purpose of	51
receiving medical treatment;	52
(vi) Was temporarily in another state for the purpose of	53
performing employment-related duties required by an employer	54
located within this state as an express condition of employment	55
or employee benefits;	56
(vii) Was temporarily in another state for the purpose of	57
receiving occupational, vocational, or other job-related	58
training or instruction required by an employer located within	59
this state as an express condition of employment or employee	60
benefits;	61
(viii) Was a full-time student at an academic institution,	62
college, or university located in another state;	63
(ix) Had not departed the geographical boundaries of this	64
state for a period exceeding thirty days or with the intention	65
of becoming a citizen of another state or establishing a	66
permanent place of residence in another state.	67
(b) A dependent of a deceased victim who is described in	68
division (A) (2) (a) of this section;	69
(c) A third person, other than a collateral source, who	70
legally assumes or voluntarily pays the obligations of a victim,	71
or of a dependent of a victim, who is described in division (A)	72
(2) (a) of this section, which obligations are incurred as a	73

result of the criminally injurious conduct that is the subject 74  
of the claim and may include, but are not limited to, medical or 75  
burial expenses; 76

(d) A person who is authorized to act on behalf of any 77  
person who is described in division (A) (2) (a), (b), or (c) of 78  
this section; 79

(e) The estate of a deceased victim who is described in 80  
division (A) (2) (a) of this section. 81

(B) "Collateral source" means a source of benefits or 82  
advantages for economic loss otherwise reparable that the victim 83  
or claimant has received, or that is readily available to the 84  
victim or claimant, from any of the following sources: 85

(1) The offender; 86

(2) The government of the United States or any of its 87  
agencies, a state or any of its political subdivisions, or an 88  
instrumentality of two or more states, unless the law providing 89  
for the benefits or advantages makes them excess or secondary to 90  
benefits under sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code; 91

(3) Social security, medicare, and medicaid; 92

(4) State-required, temporary, nonoccupational disability 93  
insurance; 94

(5) Workers' compensation; 95

(6) Wage continuation programs of any employer; 96

(7) Proceeds of a contract of insurance payable to the 97  
victim for loss that the victim sustained because of the 98  
criminally injurious conduct; 99

(8) A contract providing prepaid hospital and other health 100

care services, or benefits for disability;	101
(9) That portion of the proceeds of all contracts of	102
insurance payable to the claimant on account of the death of the	103
victim that exceeds fifty thousand dollars;	104
(10) Any compensation recovered or recoverable under the	105
laws of another state, district, territory, or foreign country	106
because the victim was the victim of an offense committed in	107
that state, district, territory, or country.	108
"Collateral source" does not include any money, or the	109
monetary value of any property, that is subject to sections	110
2969.01 to 2969.06 of the Revised Code or that is received as a	111
benefit from the Ohio public safety officers death benefit fund	112
created by section 742.62 of the Revised Code.	113
(C) "Criminally injurious conduct" means one of the	114
following:	115
(1) For the purposes of any person described in division	116
(A)(1) of this section, any conduct that occurs or is attempted	117
in this state; poses a substantial threat of personal injury or	118
death; and is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or death, or	119
would be so punishable but for the fact that the person engaging	120
in the conduct lacked capacity to commit the crime under the	121
laws of this state. Criminally injurious conduct does not	122
include conduct arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or	123
use of a motor vehicle, except when any of the following	124
applies:	125
(a) The person engaging in the conduct intended to cause	126
personal injury or death;	127
(b) The person engaging in the conduct was using the	128
vehicle to flee immediately after committing a felony or an act	129

that would constitute a felony but for the fact that the person 130  
engaging in the conduct lacked the capacity to commit the felony 131  
under the laws of this state; 132

(c) The person engaging in the conduct was using the 133  
vehicle in a manner that constitutes an OVI violation; 134

(d) The conduct occurred on or after July 25, 1990, and 135  
the person engaging in the conduct was using the vehicle in a 136  
manner that constitutes a violation of section 2903.08 of the 137  
Revised Code; 138

(e) The person engaging in the conduct acted in a manner 139  
that caused serious physical harm to a person and that 140  
constituted a violation of section 4549.02 or 4549.021 of the 141  
Revised Code. 142

(2) For the purposes of any person described in division 143  
(A) (2) of this section, any conduct that occurs or is attempted 144  
in another state, district, territory, or foreign country; poses 145  
a substantial threat of personal injury or death; and is 146  
punishable by fine, imprisonment, or death, or would be so 147  
punishable but for the fact that the person engaging in the 148  
conduct lacked capacity to commit the crime under the laws of 149  
the state, district, territory, or foreign country in which the 150  
conduct occurred or was attempted. Criminally injurious conduct 151  
does not include conduct arising out of the ownership, 152  
maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle, except when any of the 153  
following applies: 154

(a) The person engaging in the conduct intended to cause 155  
personal injury or death; 156

(b) The person engaging in the conduct was using the 157  
vehicle to flee immediately after committing a felony or an act 158

that would constitute a felony but for the fact that the person 159  
engaging in the conduct lacked the capacity to commit the felony 160  
under the laws of the state, district, territory, or foreign 161  
country in which the conduct occurred or was attempted; 162

(c) The person engaging in the conduct was using the 163  
vehicle in a manner that constitutes an OVI violation; 164

(d) The conduct occurred on or after July 25, 1990, the 165  
person engaging in the conduct was using the vehicle in a manner 166  
that constitutes a violation of any law of the state, district, 167  
territory, or foreign country in which the conduct occurred, and 168  
that law is substantially similar to a violation of section 169  
2903.08 of the Revised Code; 170

(e) The person engaging in the conduct acted in a manner 171  
that caused serious physical harm to a person and that 172  
constituted a violation of any law of the state, district, 173  
territory, or foreign country in which the conduct occurred, and 174  
that law is substantially similar to section 4549.02 or 4549.021 175  
of the Revised Code. 176

(3) For the purposes of any person described in division 177  
(A) (1) or (2) of this section, terrorism that occurs within or 178  
outside the territorial jurisdiction of the United States. 179

(D) "Dependent" means an individual wholly or partially 180  
dependent upon the victim for care and support, and includes a 181  
child of the victim born after the victim's death. 182

(E) "Economic loss" means economic detriment consisting 183  
only of allowable expense, work loss, funeral expense, 184  
unemployment benefits loss, replacement services loss, cost of 185  
crime scene cleanup, and cost of evidence replacement. If 186  
criminally injurious conduct causes death, economic loss 187

includes a dependent's economic loss and a dependent's replacement services loss. Noneconomic detriment is not economic loss; however, economic loss may be caused by pain and suffering or physical impairment.

(F) (1) ~~"Allowable~~ For a victim described in division (L) (1) of this section, "allowable expense" means reasonable charges incurred for reasonably needed products, services, and accommodations, including those for medical care, rehabilitation, rehabilitative occupational training, and other remedial treatment and care and including replacement costs for hearing aids; dentures, retainers, and other dental appliances; canes, walkers, and other mobility tools; and eyeglasses and other corrective lenses. It does not include that portion of a charge for a room in a hospital, clinic, convalescent home, nursing home, or any other institution engaged in providing nursing care and related services in excess of a reasonable and customary charge for semiprivate accommodations, unless accommodations other than semiprivate accommodations are medically required.

(2) ~~An immediate family member of~~ For a victim of ~~criminally injurious conduct that consists of a homicide, a sexual assault, domestic violence, or a severe and permanent incapacitating injury resulting in paraplegia or a similar life-altering condition, who requires~~ described in division (L) (2) of this section, "allowable expense" means reasonable charges incurred for psychiatric care or counseling reasonably needed as a result of the criminally injurious conduct, may be reimbursed for that care or counseling as an allowable expense through the victim's application. The cumulative allowable ~~No other type of expense for care or counseling of that nature shall not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars for each immediate family~~



~~member of a victim of that type and seven thousand five hundred-~~ 219  
~~dollars in the aggregate is compensable under section 2743.51 to~~ 220  
~~2743.72 of the Revised Code for all immediate family members of-~~ 221  
a victim of that type. 222

(3) For a victim described in division (L)(3) of this 223  
section, "allowable expense" means work loss and reasonable 224  
charges incurred for psychiatric care or counseling reasonably 225  
needed as a result of the criminally injurious conduct. No other 226  
type of expense is compensable under sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 227  
of the Revised Code for a victim of that type. 228

(4) A family member of a victim who died as a proximate 229  
result of criminally injurious conduct may be reimbursed as an 230  
allowable expense through the victim's application for wages 231  
lost and travel expenses incurred in order to attend criminal 232  
justice proceedings arising from the criminally injurious 233  
conduct. The cumulative allowable expense for wages lost and 234  
travel expenses incurred by a family member to attend criminal 235  
justice proceedings shall not exceed five hundred dollars for 236  
each family member of the victim and two thousand dollars in the 237  
aggregate for all family members of the victim. 238

~~(4)(a) "Allowable~~ (5) For a victim described in division 239  
(L)(1) of this section, "allowable expense" includes reasonable 240  
both of the following: 241

(a) Reasonable expenses and fees necessary to obtain a 242  
guardian's bond pursuant to section 2109.04 of the Revised Code 243  
when the bond is required to pay an award to a fiduciary on 244  
behalf of a minor or other incompetent. 245

~~(b) "Allowable expense" includes attorney's~~ Attorney's 246  
fees not exceeding one thousand dollars, at a rate not exceeding 247

one hundred dollars per hour, incurred to successfully obtain a 248  
restraining order, custody order, or other order to physically 249  
separate a victim from an offender. Attorney's fees for the 250  
services described in this division may include an amount for 251  
reasonable travel time incurred to attend court hearings, not 252  
exceeding three hours' round-trip for each court hearing, 253  
assessed at a rate not exceeding thirty dollars per hour. 254

(G) "Work loss" means loss of income from work that the 255  
injured person would have performed if the person had not been 256  
injured and expenses reasonably incurred by the person to obtain 257  
services in lieu of those the person would have performed for 258  
income, reduced by any income from substitute work actually 259  
performed by the person, or by income the person would have 260  
earned in available appropriate substitute work that the person 261  
was capable of performing but unreasonably failed to undertake. 262

(H) "Replacement services loss" means expenses reasonably 263  
incurred in obtaining ordinary and necessary services in lieu of 264  
those the injured person would have performed, not for income, 265  
but for the benefit of the person's self or family, if the 266  
person had not been injured. 267

(I) "Dependent's economic loss" means loss after a 268  
victim's death of contributions of things of economic value to 269  
the victim's dependents, not including services they would have 270  
received from the victim if the victim had not suffered the 271  
fatal injury, less expenses of the dependents avoided by reason 272  
of the victim's death. If a minor child of a victim is adopted 273  
after the victim's death, the minor child continues after the 274  
adoption to incur a dependent's economic loss as a result of the 275  
victim's death. If the surviving spouse of a victim remarries, 276  
the surviving spouse continues after the remarriage to incur a 277

dependent's economic loss as a result of the victim's death.	278
(J) "Dependent's replacement services loss" means loss	279
reasonably incurred by dependents after a victim's death in	280
obtaining ordinary and necessary services in lieu of those the	281
victim would have performed for their benefit if the victim had	282
not suffered the fatal injury, less expenses of the dependents	283
avoided by reason of the victim's death and not subtracted in	284
calculating the dependent's economic loss. If a minor child of a	285
victim is adopted after the victim's death, the minor child	286
continues after the adoption to incur a dependent's replacement	287
services loss as a result of the victim's death. If the	288
surviving spouse of a victim remarries, the surviving spouse	289
continues after the remarriage to incur a dependent's	290
replacement services loss as a result of the victim's death.	291
(K) "Noneconomic detriment" means pain, suffering,	292
inconvenience, physical impairment, or other nonpecuniary	293
damage.	294
(L) "Victim" means <u>a one of the following:</u>	295
<u>(1) A person who suffers personal injury or death as a</u>	296
<u>result of any of the following:</u>	297
<del>(1)</del> <u>(a) Criminally injurious conduct;</u>	298
<del>(2)</del> <u>(b) The good faith effort of any person to prevent</u>	299
<u>criminally injurious conduct;</u>	300
<del>(3)</del> <u>(c) The good faith effort of any person to apprehend a</u>	301
<u>person suspected of engaging in criminally injurious conduct.</u>	302
<u>(2) A person who is an immediate family member of a victim</u>	303
<u>of criminally injurious conduct that consists of a homicide, a</u>	304
<u>sexual assault, domestic violence, or a severe and permanently</u>	305

incapacitating injury resulting in paraplegia or a similar life- 306  
altering condition, who requires psychiatric care or counseling 307  
as a result of the criminally injurious conduct; 308

(3) A person who suffers trauma so severe that it impedes 309  
or prohibits a person from participating in normal daily 310  
activities and who is either of the following: 311

(a) A family member of a victim of criminally injurious 312  
conduct that consists of a homicide, or a family member of a 313  
victim who, as a result of criminally injurious conduct, has 314  
sustained a severe and permanently incapacitating injury 315  
resulting in paraplegia or a similar life-altering condition, 316  
and who can demonstrate either of the following by a 317  
preponderance of the evidence: 318

(i) The person witnessed the criminally injurious conduct. 319

(ii) The person arrived at the crime scene in its 320  
immediate aftermath. 321

(b) An immediate family member who is a caretaker of a 322  
dependent victim of criminally injurious conduct that consists 323  
of a sexual assault. 324

(M) "Contributory misconduct" means any conduct of the 325  
claimant or of the victim through whom the claimant claims an 326  
award of reparations that is unlawful or intentionally tortious 327  
and that, without regard to the conduct's proximity in time or 328  
space to the criminally injurious conduct, has a causal 329  
relationship to the criminally injurious conduct that is the 330  
basis of the claim. 331

(N) (1) "Funeral expense" means any reasonable charges that 332  
are not in excess of seven thousand five hundred dollars per 333  
funeral and that are incurred for expenses directly related to a 334

victim's funeral, cremation, or burial and any wages lost or 335  
travel expenses incurred by a family member of a victim in order 336  
to attend the victim's funeral, cremation, or burial. 337

(2) An award for funeral expenses shall be applied first 338  
to expenses directly related to the victim's funeral, cremation, 339  
or burial. An award for wages lost or travel expenses incurred 340  
by a family member of the victim shall not exceed five hundred 341  
dollars for each family member and shall not exceed in the 342  
aggregate the difference between seven thousand five hundred 343  
dollars and expenses that are reimbursed by the program and that 344  
are directly related to the victim's funeral, cremation, or 345  
burial. 346

(O) "Unemployment benefits loss" means a loss of 347  
unemployment benefits pursuant to Chapter 4141. of the Revised 348  
Code when the loss arises solely from the inability of a victim 349  
to meet the able to work, available for suitable work, or the 350  
actively seeking suitable work requirements of division (A) (4) 351  
(a) of section 4141.29 of the Revised Code. 352

(P) "OVI violation" means any of the following: 353

(1) A violation of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code, of 354  
any municipal ordinance prohibiting the operation of a vehicle 355  
while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or a 356  
combination of them, or of any municipal ordinance prohibiting 357  
the operation of a vehicle with a prohibited concentration of 358  
alcohol, a controlled substance, or a metabolite of a controlled 359  
substance in the whole blood, blood serum or plasma, breath, or 360  
urine; 361

(2) A violation of division (A) (1) of section 2903.06 of 362  
the Revised Code; 363

(3) A violation of division (A) (2), (3), or (4) of section 364  
2903.06 of the Revised Code or of a municipal ordinance 365  
substantially similar to any of those divisions, if the offender 366  
was under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or a 367  
combination of them, at the time of the commission of the 368  
offense; 369

(4) For purposes of any person described in division (A) 370  
(2) of this section, a violation of any law of the state, 371  
district, territory, or foreign country in which the criminally 372  
injurious conduct occurred, if that law is substantially similar 373  
to a violation described in division (P) (1) or (2) of this 374  
section or if that law is substantially similar to a violation 375  
described in division (P) (3) of this section and the offender 376  
was under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or a 377  
combination of them, at the time of the commission of the 378  
offense. 379

(Q) "Pendency of the claim" for an original reparations 380  
application or supplemental reparations application means the 381  
period of time from the date the criminally injurious conduct 382  
upon which the application is based occurred until the date a 383  
final decision, order, or judgment concerning that original 384  
reparations application or supplemental reparations application 385  
is issued. 386

(R) "Terrorism" means any activity to which all of the 387  
following apply: 388

(1) The activity involves a violent act or an act that is 389  
dangerous to human life. 390

(2) The act described in division (R) (1) of this section 391  
is committed within the territorial jurisdiction of the United 392

States and is a violation of the criminal laws of the United 393  
States, this state, or any other state or the act described in 394  
division (R)(1) of this section is committed outside the 395  
territorial jurisdiction of the United States and would be a 396  
violation of the criminal laws of the United States, this state, 397  
or any other state if committed within the territorial 398  
jurisdiction of the United States. 399

(3) The activity appears to be intended to do any of the 400  
following: 401

(a) Intimidate or coerce a civilian population; 402

(b) Influence the policy of any government by intimidation 403  
or coercion; 404

(c) Affect the conduct of any government by assassination 405  
or kidnapping. 406

(4) The activity occurs primarily outside the territorial 407  
jurisdiction of the United States or transcends the national 408  
boundaries of the United States in terms of the means by which 409  
the activity is accomplished, the person or persons that the 410  
activity appears intended to intimidate or coerce, or the area 411  
or locale in which the perpetrator or perpetrators of the 412  
activity operate or seek asylum. 413

(S) "Transcends the national boundaries of the United 414  
States" means occurring outside the territorial jurisdiction of 415  
the United States in addition to occurring within the 416  
territorial jurisdiction of the United States. 417

(T) "Cost of crime scene cleanup" means any of the 418  
following: 419

(1) The replacement cost for items of clothing removed 420

from a victim in order to make an assessment of possible 421  
physical harm or to treat physical harm; 422

(2) Reasonable and necessary costs of cleaning the scene 423  
and repairing, for the purpose of personal security, property 424  
damaged at the scene where the criminally injurious conduct 425  
occurred, not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars in the 426  
aggregate per claim. 427

(U) "Cost of evidence replacement" means costs for 428  
replacement of property confiscated for evidentiary purposes 429  
related to the criminally injurious conduct, not to exceed seven 430  
hundred fifty dollars in the aggregate per claim. 431

(V) "Provider" means any person who provides a victim or 432  
claimant with a product, service, or accommodations that are an 433  
allowable expense or a funeral expense. 434

(W) "Immediate family member" means an individual who 435  
resided in the same permanent household as a victim at the time 436  
of the criminally injurious conduct and who is related to the 437  
victim by affinity or consanguinity. 438

(X) "Family member" means an individual who is related to 439  
a victim by affinity or consanguinity. 440

**Sec. 2743.59.** (A) The attorney general shall fully 441  
investigate a claim for an award of reparations, regardless of 442  
whether any person is prosecuted for or convicted of committing 443  
the criminally injurious conduct alleged in the application. 444  
After completing the investigation, the attorney general shall 445  
make a written finding of fact and decision concerning an award 446  
of reparations. 447

(B) (1) The attorney general may require the claimant to 448  
supplement the application for an award of reparations with any 449



further information or documentary materials, including any 450  
medical report readily available, that may lead to any relevant 451  
facts in the determination of whether, and the extent to which, 452  
a claimant qualifies for an award of reparations. The attorney 453  
general may depose any witness, including the claimant, pursuant 454  
to Civil Rules 28, 30, and 45. 455

(2) (a) For the purpose of determining whether, and the 456  
extent to which, a claimant qualifies for an award of 457  
reparations, the attorney general may issue subpoenas and 458  
subpoenas duces tecum to compel any person or entity, including 459  
any collateral source, that provided, will provide, or would 460  
have provided to the victim any income, benefit, advantage, 461  
product, service, or accommodation, including any medical care 462  
or other income, benefit, advantage, product, service, or 463  
accommodation that might qualify as an allowable expense or a 464  
funeral expense, to produce materials to the attorney general 465  
that are relevant to the income, benefit, advantage, product, 466  
service, or accommodation that was, will be, or would have been 467  
so provided and to the attorney general's determination. 468

(b) If the attorney general issues a subpoena or subpoena 469  
duces tecum under division (B) (2) (a) of this section and if the 470  
materials that the attorney general requires to be produced are 471  
located outside this state, the attorney general may designate 472  
one or more representatives, including officials of the state in 473  
which the materials are located, to inspect the materials on the 474  
attorney general's behalf, and the attorney general may respond 475  
to similar requests from officials of other states. The person 476  
or entity subpoenaed may make the materials available to the 477  
attorney general at a convenient location within the state. 478

(c) At any time before the return day specified in the 479

subpoena or subpoena duces tecum issued under division (B) (2) (a) 480  
of this section or within twenty days after the subpoena or 481  
subpoena duces tecum has been served, whichever period is 482  
shorter, the person or entity subpoenaed may file with a judge 483  
of the court of claims a petition to extend the return day or to 484  
modify or quash the subpoena or subpoena duces tecum. The 485  
petition shall state good cause. 486

(d) A person or entity who is subpoenaed under division 487  
(B) (2) (a) of this section shall comply with the terms of the 488  
subpoena or subpoena duces tecum unless otherwise provided by an 489  
order of a judge of the court of claims entered prior to the day 490  
for return contained in the subpoena or as extended by the 491  
court. If a person or entity fails without lawful excuse to obey 492  
a subpoena or subpoena duces tecum issued under division (B) (2) 493  
(a) of this section or to produce relevant materials, the 494  
attorney general may apply to a judge of the court of claims for 495  
and obtain an order adjudging the person or entity in contempt 496  
of court. 497

(C) ~~The~~ If the attorney general decides to make an award 498  
of reparations, the finding of fact and decision that is issued 499  
by the attorney general pursuant to division (A) of this section 500  
shall contain all of the following: 501

(1) Whether the criminally injurious conduct that is the 502  
basis for the application did occur, the date on which the 503  
conduct occurred, and the exact nature of the conduct; 504

(2) Whether the criminally injurious conduct was reported 505  
to a law enforcement officer or agency, and the date on which 506  
the conduct was reported, ~~the name of the person who reported~~ 507  
~~the conduct, and the reasons why the conduct was not reported to~~ 508  
~~a law enforcement officer or agency;~~ 509

(3) ~~The exact nature~~ A description of the injuries that 510  
the victim sustained as a result of the criminally injurious 511  
conduct; 512

(4) A specific list of the economic loss that was 513  
sustained as a result of the criminally injurious conduct by the 514  
victim, the claimant, or a dependent; 515

(5) A specific list of any benefits or advantages that the 516  
victim, the claimant, or a dependent has received or is entitled 517  
to receive from any collateral source for economic loss that 518  
resulted from the conduct and whether a collateral source would 519  
have reimbursed the claimant for a particular expense if a 520  
timely claim had been made, and the extent to which the expenses 521  
likely would have been reimbursed by the collateral source; 522

(6) A description of any evidence in support of a 523  
reduction of the award total on the basis of contributory 524  
misconduct or failure to cooperate by the claimant or by the 525  
victim through whom the claimant claims an award of reparations, 526  
~~whether the victim has been convicted of a felony or has a~~ 527  
~~record of felony arrests under the laws of this state, another~~ 528  
~~state, or the United States, whether disqualifying conditions~~ 529  
~~exist under division (E) of section 2743.60 of the Revised Code,~~ 530  
~~and whether there is evidence that the victim engaged in an~~ 531  
~~ongoing course of criminal conduct within five years or less of~~ 532  
~~the criminally injurious conduct that is the subject of the~~ 533  
~~claim;~~ 534

(7) ~~Whether the victim of the criminally injurious conduct~~ 535  
~~was a minor;~~ 536

~~(8) If the victim of the criminally injurious conduct was~~ 537  
~~a minor, whether a complaint, indictment, or information was~~ 538

~~filed against the alleged offender and, if such a filing occurred, its date;~~ 539  
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~~(9) Any information that is relevant to the claim for an award of reparations;~~ 541  
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(8) A statement as to whether payments made pursuant to the award are to be made to the claimant, to a provider, or jointly to the claimant and provider, and the amount of the payments. 543  
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~~(D) The~~ If the attorney general decides to deny an award to the claimant, the finding of fact and decision that is issued by the attorney general pursuant to division (A) of this section shall contain ~~all~~ both of the following: 547  
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~~(1) A statement as to whether a claimant is eligible for an award of reparations, whether payments made pursuant to the award are to be made to the claimant, to a provider, or jointly to the claimant and a provider, and the amount of the payments to the claimant or provider;~~ 551  
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~~(2) A statement as to whether any of the payments made pursuant to the award should be paid in a lump sum or in installments;~~ 556  
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~~(3) If the attorney general decides that an award not be made to the claimant, the~~ The reasons for that decision; 559  
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(2) A description of any disqualifying conditions that exist under section 2743.60 of the Revised Code. 561  
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(E) The attorney general shall make a written finding of fact and decision in accordance with sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code within one hundred twenty days after receiving the claim application. The attorney general may extend 563  
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the one-hundred-twenty-day time limit and shall record in 567  
writing specific reasons to justify the extension. The attorney 568  
general shall notify the claimant of the extension and of the 569  
reasons for the extension. The attorney general shall serve a 570  
copy of its written finding of fact and decision upon the 571  
claimant. 572

**Sec. 2743.60.** (A) The attorney general or the court of 573  
claims shall not make or order an award of reparations to a 574  
claimant if the criminally injurious conduct upon which the 575  
claimant bases a claim never was reported to a law enforcement 576  
officer or agency. 577

(B) (1) The attorney general or the court of claims shall 578  
not make or order an award of reparations to a claimant if any 579  
of the following apply: 580

(a) The claimant is the offender or an accomplice of the 581  
offender who committed the criminally injurious conduct, or the 582  
award would unjustly benefit the offender or accomplice. 583

(b) Except as provided in division (B) (2) of this section, 584  
both of the following apply: 585

(i) The victim was a passenger in a motor vehicle and knew 586  
or reasonably should have known that the driver was under the 587  
influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or both. 588

(ii) The claimant is seeking compensation for injuries 589  
proximately caused by the driver described in division (B) (1) (b) 590  
(i) of this section being under the influence of alcohol, a drug 591  
of abuse, or both. 592

(c) Both of the following apply: 593

(i) The victim was under the influence of alcohol, a drug 594

of abuse, or both and was a passenger in a motor vehicle and, if 595  
sober, should have reasonably known that the driver was under 596  
the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or both. 597

(ii) The claimant is seeking compensation for injuries 598  
proximately caused by the driver described in division (B) (1) (b) 599  
(i) of this section being under the influence of alcohol, a drug 600  
of abuse, or both. 601

(2) Division (B) (1) (b) of this section does not apply if 602  
on the date of the occurrence of the criminally injurious 603  
conduct, the victim was under sixteen years of age or was at 604  
least sixteen years of age but less than eighteen years of age 605  
and was riding with a parent, guardian, or care-provider. 606

(C) The attorney general or the court of claims, upon a 607  
finding that the claimant or victim has not fully cooperated 608  
with appropriate law enforcement agencies, may deny a claim or 609  
reconsider and reduce an award of reparations. 610

(D) The attorney general or the court of claims shall 611  
reduce an award of reparations or deny a claim for an award of 612  
reparations that is otherwise payable to a claimant to the 613  
extent that the economic loss upon which the claim is based is 614  
recouped from other persons, including collateral sources. If an 615  
award is reduced or a claim is denied because of the expected 616  
recoupment of all or part of the economic loss of the claimant 617  
from a collateral source, the amount of the award or the denial 618  
of the claim shall be conditioned upon the claimant's economic 619  
loss being recouped by the collateral source. If the award or 620  
denial is conditioned upon the recoupment of the claimant's 621  
economic loss from a collateral source and it is determined that 622  
the claimant did not unreasonably fail to present a timely claim 623  
to the collateral source and will not receive all or part of the 624

expected recoupment, the claim may be reopened and an award may 625  
be made in an amount equal to the amount of expected recoupment 626  
that it is determined the claimant will not receive from the 627  
collateral source. 628

If the claimant recoups all or part of the economic loss 629  
upon which the claim is based from any other person or entity, 630  
including a collateral source, the attorney general may recover 631  
pursuant to section 2743.72 of the Revised Code the part of the 632  
award that represents the economic loss for which the claimant 633  
received the recoupment from the other person or entity. 634

(E) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) (2) of 635  
this section, the attorney general or the court of claims shall 636  
not make an award to a claimant if any of the following applies: 637

(a) The victim was convicted of a felony within ~~ten~~five 638  
years prior to the criminally injurious conduct that gave rise 639  
to the claim or is convicted of a felony during the pendency of 640  
the claim. 641

(b) The claimant was convicted of a felony within ~~ten~~five 642  
years prior to the criminally injurious conduct that gave rise 643  
to the claim or is convicted of a felony during the pendency of 644  
the claim unless the claimant is applying as the parent or 645  
guardian of a minor victim. 646

(c) It is proved by a preponderance of the evidence that 647  
the victim or the claimant, other than a claimant applying as 648  
the parent or guardian of a minor victim, engaged, within ~~ten~~five 649  
years prior to the criminally injurious conduct that gave 650  
rise to the claim or during the pendency of the claim, in an 651  
offense of violence, a violation of section 2925.03 of the 652  
Revised Code, or any substantially similar offense that also 653

would constitute a felony under the laws of this state, another 654  
state, or the United States. 655

(d) The claimant, other than one applying as the parent or 656  
guardian of a minor victim, was convicted of a violation of 657  
section 2919.22 or 2919.25 of the Revised Code, or of any state 658  
law or municipal ordinance substantially similar to either 659  
section, within ~~ten~~ five years prior to the criminally injurious 660  
conduct that gave rise to the claim or during the pendency of 661  
the claim. 662

~~(e) It is proved by a preponderance of the evidence that~~ 663  
~~the victim at the time of the criminally injurious conduct that~~ 664  
~~gave rise to the claim engaged in conduct that was a felony~~ 665  
~~violation of section 2925.11 of the Revised Code or engaged in~~ 666  
~~any substantially similar conduct that would constitute a felony~~ 667  
~~under the laws of this state, another state, or the United~~ 668  
~~States.~~ 669

(2) The attorney general or the court of claims may make 670  
an award to a minor dependent of a deceased victim for 671  
dependent's economic loss or for counseling pursuant to division 672  
(F) (2) of section 2743.51 of the Revised Code if the minor 673  
dependent is not ineligible under division (E) (1) of this 674  
section due to the minor dependent's criminal history and if the 675  
victim was not killed while engaging in illegal conduct that 676  
contributed to the criminally injurious conduct that gave rise 677  
to the claim. ~~For purposes of this section, the use of illegal~~ 678  
~~drugs by the deceased victim shall not be deemed to have~~ 679  
~~contributed to the criminally injurious conduct that gave rise~~ 680  
~~to the claim.~~ 681

(F) In determining whether to make an award of reparations 682  
pursuant to this section, the attorney general or the court of 683



claims shall consider whether there was contributory misconduct 684  
by the victim or the claimant. The attorney general or the court 685  
of claims shall reduce an award of reparations or deny a claim 686  
for an award of reparations to the extent it is determined to be 687  
reasonable because of the contributory misconduct of the 688  
claimant or the victim. 689

When the attorney general decides whether a claim should 690  
be denied because of an allegation of contributory misconduct, 691  
the burden of proof on the issue of that alleged contributory 692  
misconduct shall be upon the claimant, if either of the 693  
following apply: 694

(1) The victim was convicted of a felony more than ~~ten~~ 695  
five years prior to the criminally injurious conduct that is the 696  
subject of the claim or has a record of felony arrests under the 697  
laws of this state, another state, or the United States. 698

(2) There is good cause to believe that the victim engaged 699  
in an ongoing course of criminal conduct within ~~five~~ three years 700  
or less of the criminally injurious conduct that is the subject 701  
of the claim. 702

(G) The attorney general or the court of claims shall not 703  
make an award of reparations to a claimant if the criminally 704  
injurious conduct that caused the injury or death that is the 705  
subject of the claim occurred to a victim who was an adult and 706  
while the victim, after being convicted of or pleading guilty to 707  
an offense, was serving a sentence of imprisonment in any 708  
detention facility, as defined in section 2921.01 of the Revised 709  
Code. 710

(H) If a claimant unreasonably fails to present a claim 711  
timely to a source of benefits or advantages that would have 712

been a collateral source and that would have reimbursed the 713  
claimant for all or a portion of a particular expense, the 714  
attorney general or the court of claims may reduce an award of 715  
reparations or deny a claim for an award of reparations to the 716  
extent that it is reasonable to do so. 717

(I) Reparations payable to a victim described in division 718  
(L) (1) of section 2743.51 of the Revised Code and to all other 719  
claimants sustaining economic loss because of injury to or the 720  
death of that victim shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars in 721  
the aggregate. Reparations payable to a victim described in 722  
division (L) (2) of section 2743.51 of the Revised Code shall not 723  
exceed five thousand dollars. Reparations payable to a victim 724  
described in division (L) (3) of section 2743.51 of the Revised 725  
Code shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars. If the attorney 726  
general or the court of claims reduces an award under division 727  
(F) of this section, the maximum aggregate amount of reparations 728  
payable under this division shall be reduced proportionately to 729  
the reduction under division (F) of this section. 730

(J) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit 731  
an award to a claimant whose claim is based on the claimant's 732  
being a victim of a violation of section 2905.32 of the Revised 733  
Code if the claimant was less than eighteen years of age when 734  
the criminally injurious conduct occurred. 735

**Sec. 2743.65.** (A) The attorney general shall determine, 736  
and the state shall pay, in accordance with this section 737  
attorney's fees, commensurate with services rendered, to the 738  
attorney representing a claimant under sections 2743.51 to 739  
2743.72 of the Revised Code. The attorney shall submit on an 740  
application form an itemized fee bill at the rate of sixty 741  
dollars per hour upon receipt of the final decision on the 742

claim. Attorney's fees paid pursuant to this section are subject 743  
to the following maximum amounts: 744

(1) A maximum of seven hundred twenty dollars for claims 745  
resolved without the filing of an appeal to the court of claims; 746

(2) A maximum of one thousand twenty dollars for claims in 747  
which an appeal to the court of claims is filed plus, at the 748  
request of an attorney whose main office is not in Franklin 749  
county, Delaware county, Licking county, Fairfield county, 750  
Pickaway county, Madison county, or Union county, an amount for 751  
the attorney's travel time to attend the oral hearing before the 752  
court of claims at the rate of thirty dollars per hour; 753

(3) A maximum of one thousand three hundred twenty dollars 754  
for claims in which an appeal to the court of claims is filed 755  
plus, at the request of an attorney whose main office is not in 756  
Franklin county, Delaware county, Licking county, Fairfield 757  
county, Pickaway county, Madison county, or Union county, an 758  
amount for the attorney's travel time to attend the oral hearing 759  
before the court at the rate of thirty dollars per hour; 760

(4) A maximum of seven hundred twenty dollars for a 761  
supplemental reparations application; 762

(5) A maximum of two hundred dollars if the claim is 763  
denied on the basis of a claimant's or victim's conviction of a 764  
felony offense prior to the filing of the claim. If the claimant 765  
or victim is convicted of a felony offense during the pendency 766  
of the claim, the two hundred dollars maximum does not apply. If 767  
the attorney had knowledge of the claimant's or victim's felony 768  
conviction prior to the filing of the application for the claim, 769  
the attorney general may determine that the filing of the claim 770  
was frivolous and may deny attorney's fees. 771

(B) The attorney general may determine that an attorney be 772  
reimbursed for fees incurred in the creation of a guardianship 773  
if the guardianship is required in order for an individual to 774  
receive an award of reparations, and those fees shall be 775  
reimbursed at a rate of sixty dollars per hour. 776

(C) (1) The attorney general shall forward an application 777  
form for attorney's fees to a claimant's attorney before or when 778  
the final decision on a claim is rendered. The application form 779  
for attorney's fees shall do all of the following: 780

(a) Inform the attorney of the requirements of this 781  
section; 782

(b) Require a verification statement comports with the 783  
law prohibiting falsification; 784

(c) Require an itemized fee statement; 785

(d) Require a verification statement that the claimant was 786  
served a copy of the completed application form; 787

(e) Include notice that the claimant may oppose the 788  
application by notifying the attorney general in writing within 789  
ten days. 790

(2) The attorney general shall forward a copy of this 791  
section to the attorney with the application form for attorney's 792  
fees. The attorney shall file the application form with the 793  
attorney general. The attorney general's decision with respect 794  
to an award of attorney's fees is final ten days after the 795  
attorney general renders the decision and mails a copy of the 796  
decision to the attorney at the address provided by the 797  
attorney. The attorney may request reconsideration of the 798  
decision on grounds that it is insufficient or calculated 799  
incorrectly. The attorney general's decision on the request for 800

reconsideration is final. 801

(D) The attorney general shall review all application 802  
forms for attorney's fees that are submitted by a claimant's 803  
attorney and shall issue an order approving the amount of fees 804  
to be paid to the attorney within sixty days after receipt of 805  
the application form. 806

(E) No attorney's fees shall be paid for the following: 807

(1) Estate work or representation of a claimant against a 808  
collateral source; 809

(2) Duplication of investigative work required to be 810  
performed by the attorney general; 811

(3) Performance of unnecessary criminal investigation of 812  
the offense; 813

(4) Presenting or appealing an issue that has been 814  
repeatedly ruled upon by the highest appellate authority, unless 815  
a unique set of facts or unique issue of law exists that 816  
distinguishes it; 817

(5) Representing a victim of the type described in 818  
division (L) (2) or (3) of section 2743.51 of the Revised Code; 819

(6) A fee request that is unreasonable, is not 820  
commensurate with services rendered, violates the Ohio code of 821  
professional responsibility, or is based upon services that are 822  
determined to be frivolous. 823

(F) (1) The attorney general may reduce or deny the payment 824  
of attorney's fees to an attorney who has filed a frivolous 825  
claim. Subject to division (A) (5) of this section, the denial of 826  
a claim on the basis of a felony conviction, felony conduct, or 827  
contributory misconduct does not constitute a frivolous claim. 828

(2) As used in this section, "frivolous claim" means a claim in which there is clearly no legal grounds under the existing laws of this state to support the filing of a claim on behalf of the claimant or victim.

(G) The attorney general may determine that a lesser number of hours should have been required in a given case. Additional reimbursement may be made where the attorney demonstrates to the attorney general that the nature of the particular claim required the expenditure of an amount in excess of that allowed.

(H) No attorney shall receive payment under this section for assisting a claimant with an application for an award of reparations under sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code if that attorney's fees have been allowed as an expense in accordance with division (F) ~~(4)~~ (5) of section 2743.51 of the Revised Code.

(I) A contract or other agreement between an attorney and any person that provides for the payment of attorney's fees or other payments in excess of the attorney's fees allowed under this section for representing a claimant under sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the Revised Code shall be void and unenforceable.

(J) Each witness who appears in a hearing on a claim for an award of reparations shall receive compensation in an amount equal to that received by witnesses under section 119.094 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 2743.66.** (A) A decision of the attorney general or order or judgment of the court of claims granting an award of reparations may provide for the payment of the award in a lump sum or in installments. The part of an award equal to the amount

of economic loss accrued to the date of the award shall be paid 858  
in a lump sum. An award for allowable expense that would accrue 859  
after the award is made shall not be paid in a lump sum. Except 860  
as provided in division (B) of this section, the part of an 861  
award not paid in a lump sum shall be paid in installments. 862

(B) Upon the motion of the claimant, the attorney general 863  
may commute future economic loss, other than allowable expense, 864  
to a lump sum but only upon a finding that either of the 865  
following applies: 866

(1) The award in a lump sum will promote the interests of 867  
the claimant. 868

(2) The present value of all future economic loss, other 869  
than allowable expense, does not exceed one thousand dollars. 870

(C) The attorney general may make an award for future 871  
economic loss payable in installments only for a period as to 872  
which future economic loss reasonably can be determined. An 873  
award for future economic loss payable in installments may be 874  
reconsidered and modified upon a finding that a material and 875  
substantial change of circumstances has occurred. 876

(D) An award is not subject to execution, attachment, 877  
garnishment, or other process, except that, upon receipt of an 878  
award by a claimant: 879

(1) The part of the award that is for allowable expense or 880  
funeral expense is not exempt from such action by a creditor to 881  
the extent that the creditor provided products, services, or 882  
accommodations the costs of which are included in the award. 883

(2) The part of the award that is for work loss shall not 884  
be exempt from such action to secure payment of spousal support, 885  
other maintenance, or child support. 886

(3) The attorney general may recover the award pursuant to 887  
section 2743.72 of the Revised Code if it is discovered that the 888  
claimant actually was not eligible for the award or that the 889  
award otherwise should not have been made under the standards 890  
and criteria set forth in sections 2743.51 to 2743.72 of the 891  
Revised Code. 892

(4) If the claimant receives compensation from any other 893  
person or entity, including a collateral source, for an expense 894  
that is included within the award, the attorney general may 895  
recover pursuant to section 2743.72 of the Revised Code the part 896  
of the award that represents the expense for which the claimant 897  
received the compensation from the other person or entity. 898

(E) If a person entitled to an award of reparations is 899  
under eighteen years of age and if the amount of the award 900  
exceeds one thousand dollars, the order providing for the 901  
payment of the award shall specify that the award be paid either 902  
to the guardian of the estate of the minor appointed pursuant to 903  
Chapter 2111. of the Revised Code or to the person or depository 904  
designated by the probate court under section 2111.05 of the 905  
Revised Code. If a person entitled to an award of reparations is 906  
under eighteen years of age and if the amount of the award is 907  
one thousand dollars or less, the order providing for the 908  
payment of the award may specify that the award be paid to an 909  
adult member of the family of the minor who is legally 910  
responsible for the minor's care or to any other person 911  
designated by the attorney general or the court of claims. 912

(F) If a person entitled to an award of reparations is 913  
incarcerated, subject to community control sanctions, or subject 914  
to probation, parole, or any post-release control sanction, no 915  
compensation shall be paid until after the completion of any 916



sentence imposed and final discharge by the court or department 917  
of rehabilitation and correction. 918

**Sec. 2743.71.** (A) Any law enforcement agency that 919  
investigates, and any prosecuting attorney, city director of 920  
law, village solicitor, or similar prosecuting authority who 921  
prosecutes, an offense committed in this state shall, upon first 922  
contact with the victim, as defined in division (L) (1) of 923  
section 2743.51 of the Revised Code, or the victim's family or 924  
dependents, give the victim or the victim's family or dependents 925  
a copy of an information card or other printed material provided 926  
by the attorney general pursuant to division (B) of this section 927  
and explain, upon request, the information on the card or 928  
material to the victim or the victim's family or dependents. 929

(B) The attorney general shall have printed, and shall 930  
provide to law enforcement agencies, prosecuting attorneys, city 931  
directors of law, village solicitors, and similar prosecuting 932  
authorities, cards or other materials that contain information 933  
explaining awards of reparations. The information on the cards 934  
or other materials shall include, but shall not be limited to, 935  
the following statements: 936

(1) Awards of reparations are limited to losses that are 937  
caused by physical injury resulting from criminally injurious 938  
conduct; 939

(2) Reparations applications may be filed at any time 940  
after the occurrence of the criminally injurious conduct; 941

(3) An attorney who represents an applicant for an award 942  
of reparations cannot charge the applicant for the services 943  
rendered in relation to that representation but is required to 944  
apply to the attorney general for payment for the 945

representation; 946

(4) Applications for awards of reparations may be obtained 947  
from the attorney general, law enforcement agencies, and victim 948  
assistance agencies and are to be filed with the attorney 949  
general. 950

(C) The attorney general may order that a reasonable 951  
amount of money be paid out of the reparations fund, subject to 952  
the limitation imposed by division (D) of this section, for use 953  
by the attorney general to publicize the availability of awards 954  
of reparations. 955

(D) During any fiscal year, the total expenditure for the 956  
printing and providing of information cards or other materials 957  
pursuant to division (B) of this section and for the publicizing 958  
of the availability of awards of reparations pursuant to 959  
division (C) of this section shall not exceed two per cent of 960  
the total of all court costs deposited, in accordance with 961  
section 2743.70 of the Revised Code, in the reparations fund 962  
during the immediately preceding fiscal year. 963

**Section 2.** That existing sections 2743.51, 2743.59, 964  
2743.60, 2743.65, 2743.66, and 2743.71 of the Revised Code are 965  
hereby repealed. 966