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**A BILL**

To enact section 9.16 of the Revised Code to allow  
a governmental entity to utilize distributed  
ledger technology, including blockchain  
technology.

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

**Section 1.** That section 9.16 of the Revised Code be  
enacted to read as follows:

**Sec. 9.16.** (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Governmental entity" means the state or a political  
subdivision.

(2) "Political subdivision" has the same meaning as in  
section 9.48 of the Revised Code.

(3) "State" has the same meaning as in section 2744.01 of  
the Revised Code.

(B) A governmental entity may utilize distributed ledger

technology, including blockchain technology, in the exercise of 15  
its authority. 16