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Sub. H. B. No. 23

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A BILL

To amend sections 117.16, 124.152, 303.02, 306.353, 1
519.02, 723.52, 723.53, 4503.10, 4503.103, 2
4503.11, 4503.191, 4503.29, 4503.44, 4504.22, 3
4511.093, 4513.34, 4981.02, 4981.04, 5503.031, 4
5517.011, 5525.16, 5540.01, 5540.02, 5540.03, 5
5540.06, 5543.19, 5575.01, 5577.044, 5595.01, 6
5595.03, 5595.04, 5595.05, 5595.06, 5595.11, 7
5709.48, 5709.481, 5709.49, 5709.50, and 8
5709.83; to enact sections 4503.107, 4505.131, 9
4511.765, 4517.262, 4955.50, 4955.51, 4999.09, 10
5501.521, 5595.041, and 5595.042; and to repeal 11
section 5501.09 of the Revised Code and to amend 12
Section 265.325 of H.B. 110 of the 134th General 13
Assembly and Sections 223.15 as subsequently 14
amended, 243.10, and 243.20 of H.B. 687 of the 15
134th General Assembly to make current expense 16
appropriations for fiscal year 2023, to make 17

appropriations for programs related to 18
transportation for the biennium beginning July 19
1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, and to 20
provide authorization and conditions for the 21
operation of those programs. 22

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

Section 101.01. That sections 117.16, 124.152, 303.02, 23
306.353, 519.02, 723.52, 723.53, 4503.10, 4503.103, 4503.11, 24
4503.191, 4503.29, 4503.44, 4504.22, 4511.093, 4513.34, 4981.02, 25
4981.04, 5503.031, 5517.011, 5525.16, 5540.01, 5540.02, 5540.03, 26
5540.06, 5543.19, 5575.01, 5577.044, 5595.01, 5595.03, 5595.04, 27
5595.05, 5595.06, 5595.11, 5709.48, 5709.481, 5709.49, 5709.50, 28
and 5709.83 be amended and sections 4503.107, 4505.131, 29
4511.765, 4517.262, 4955.50, 4955.51, 4999.09, 5501.521, 30
5595.041, and 5595.042 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 31
follows: 32

Sec. 117.16. (A) The auditor of state shall do all of the 33
following: 34

(1) Develop a force account project assessment form that 35
each public office that undertakes force account projects shall 36
use to estimate or report the cost of a force account project. 37
The form shall include costs for employee salaries and benefits, 38
any other labor costs, materials, freight, fuel, hauling, 39
overhead expense, workers' compensation premiums, and all other 40
items of cost and expense, including a reasonable allowance for 41
the use of all tools and equipment used on or in connection with 42
such work and for the depreciation on the tools and equipment. 43

(2) Make the form available to public offices by any cost-effective, convenient method accessible to the auditor of state and the public offices;

(3) When conducting an audit under this chapter of a public office that undertakes force account projects, examine the forms and records of a sampling of the force account projects the public office completed since an audit was last conducted, to determine compliance with its force account limits.

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

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

(a) For a county, the limits shall be ~~ten thousand dollars per mile~~ one-third of that county's force account limits for construction or reconstruction of a road and ~~forty thousand dollars~~ one-third of that county's force account limits for construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or repair of a bridge or culvert;

(b) For a township, the limit shall be ~~fifteen thousand~~ 74
~~dollars one-third of that township's force account limits for~~ 75
maintenance and repair of a road or ~~five thousand per mile one-~~ 76
~~third of that township's force account limits for~~ construction 77
or reconstruction of a township road; 78

(c) For a municipal corporation, the limit shall be ~~ten~~ 79
~~thousand dollars one-third of that municipal corporation's force~~ 80
~~account limits for~~ the construction, reconstruction, widening, 81
resurfacing, or repair of a street or other public way. 82

(2) If the auditor of state finds that a county, township, 83
or municipal corporation violated the force account limits 84
established by or for that political subdivision a second or 85
subsequent time, the auditor of state, in addition to any other 86
action authorized by this chapter, shall notify the political 87
subdivision that, for a period of two years from the date of the 88
notification, the force account limits for the subdivision are 89
reduced in accordance with division (C) (1) (a), (b), or (c) of 90
this section. 91

(3) If the auditor of state finds that a county, township, 92
or municipal corporation violated the force account limits 93
established by or for that political subdivision a third or 94
subsequent time, the auditor of state shall certify to the tax 95
commissioner an amount the auditor of state determines to be 96
twenty per cent of the total cost of the force account project 97
that is the basis of the violation. Upon receipt of this 98
certification, the tax commissioner shall withhold the certified 99
amount from any funds under the tax commissioner's control that 100
are due or payable to that political subdivision. The tax 101
commissioner shall promptly deposit this withheld amount to the 102
credit of the local transportation improvement program fund 103

created by section 164.14 of the Revised Code. 104

If the tax commissioner determines that no funds are due 105
and payable to the violating political subdivision or that 106
insufficient amounts of such funds are available to cover the 107
entire certified amount, the tax commissioner shall withhold and 108
deposit to the credit of the local transportation improvement 109
program fund any amount available and certify the remaining 110
amount to be withheld to the county auditor of the county in 111
which the political subdivision is located. The county auditor 112
shall withhold from that political subdivision any amount, up to 113
that certified by the tax commissioner, that is available from 114
any funds under the county auditor's control, that is due or 115
payable to that political subdivision, and that can be lawfully 116
withheld. The county auditor shall promptly pay that withheld 117
amount to the tax commissioner for deposit into the local 118
transportation improvement program fund. 119

The payments required under division (C)(3) of this 120
section are in addition to the force account limit reductions 121
described in division (C)(2) of this section and also are in 122
addition to any other action authorized by this chapter. 123

(D) If the auditor of state finds that a county, township, 124
or municipal corporation violated its force account limits when 125
participating in a joint force account project, the auditor of 126
state shall impose the reduction in force account limits under 127
division (C) of this section on all entities participating in 128
the joint project. 129

(E) As used in this section, "force account limits" means 130
any of the following, as applicable: 131

(1) For a county, the amounts established in section 132

5543.19 of the Revised Code;	133
(2) For a township, the amounts established in section 5575.01 of the Revised Code;	134
(3) For a municipal corporation, the amount established in section 723.52 of the Revised Code;	136
(4) For the department of transportation, the amount established in section 5517.02 of the Revised Code.	138
Sec. 124.152. (A) (1) Except as provided in division (A) (2) of this section, each exempt employee shall be paid a salary or wage in accordance with schedule E-1 or schedule E-2 of division (B) of this section.	140
(2) Each exempt employee who holds a position in the unclassified civil service pursuant to division (A) (26) or (30) of section 124.11 of the Revised Code may be paid a salary or wage in accordance with schedule E-1 or schedule E-2 of division (B) of this section, as applicable.	144
(B) (1) Each exempt employee who must be paid in accordance with schedule E-1 or schedule E-2 of this section shall be paid a salary or wage in accordance with the following schedule of rates as of the pay period that includes July 1, 2021:	149
Schedule E-1	150
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

A Pay Ranges and Step Values

B

C Step 1 Step 2 Step 3 Step 4 Step 5 Step 6 Step 7 Step 8

D Range

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A	1	Hourly	12.14	12.69	13.21	13.80				
B		Annually	25251	26395	27476	28704				
C	2	Hourly	14.73	15.36	16.01	16.72				
D		Annually	30638	31948	33300	34777				
E	3	Hourly	15.44	16.13	16.84	17.56				
F		Annually	32115	33550	35027	36524				
G	4	Hourly	16.20	16.93	17.75	18.51				
H		Annually	33696	35214	36920	38500				
I	5	Hourly	17.00	17.78	18.51	19.33				
J		Annually	35360	36982	38500	40206				
K	6	Hourly	17.91	18.66	19.47	20.27				
L		Annually	37252	38812	40497	42161				
M	7	Hourly	19.01	19.72	20.54	21.25	22.07			
N		Annually	39540	41017	42723	44200	45905			

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O	8	Hourly	20.11	21.00	21.90	22.89	23.97			
P		Annually	41828	43680	45552	47611	49857			
Q	9	Hourly	21.45	22.56	23.67	24.85	26.11			
R		Annually	44616	46924	49233	51688	54308			
S	10	Hourly	23.13	24.41	25.72	27.20	28.64			
T		Annually	48110	50772	53497	56576	59571			
U	11	Hourly	25.20	26.66	28.20	29.80	31.49			
V		Annually	52416	55452	58656	61984	65499			
W	12	Hourly	27.80	29.36	30.93	32.64	34.46	36.34	37.82	39.60
X		Annually	57824	61068	64334	67891	71676	75587	78665	82368
Y	13	Hourly	30.64	32.32	34.09	35.92	37.95	39.99	41.63	43.59
Z		Annually	63731	67225	70907	74713	78936	83179	86590	90667
AA	14	Hourly	33.69	35.61	37.52	39.56	41.80	44.13	45.95	48.10
AB		Annually	70075	74068	78041	82284	86944	91790	95576	100048
AC	15	Hourly	37.02	39.10	41.30	43.57	45.99	48.51	50.50	52.88
AD		Annually	77001	81328	85904	90625	95659	100900	105040	109990
AE	16	Hourly	40.81	43.08	45.45	48.00	50.63	53.53	55.73	58.34
AF		Annually	84884	89606	94536	99840	105310	111342	115918	121347

AG	17	Hourly	44.96	47.44	50.10	52.86	55.83	58.94
AH		Annually	93516	98675	104208	109948	116126	122595
AI	18	Hourly	49.55	52.29	55.24	58.28	61.50	64.94
AJ		Annually	103064	108763	114899	121222	127920	135075

Schedule E-2 156

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	1	2	3	4
A	Range		Minimum	Maximum
B	41	Hourly	16.23	48.99
C		Annually	33758	101899
D	42	Hourly	17.89	54.09
E		Annually	37211	112507
F	43	Hourly	19.70	59.56
G		Annually	40976	123884
H	44	Hourly	21.73	65.08
I		Annually	45198	135366
J	45	Hourly	24.01	71.05
K		Annually	49941	147784

L	46	Hourly	26.43	77.65
M		Annually	54974	161512
N	47	Hourly	29.14	84.75
O		Annually	60611	176280
P	48	Hourly	32.14	92.45
Q		Annually	66851	192296
R	49	Hourly	35.44	99.83
S		Annually	73715	207646

(2) Each exempt employee who must be paid in accordance with schedule E-1 or schedule E-2 of this section shall be paid a salary or wage in accordance with the following schedule of rates as of the pay period that includes July 1, 2022:

Schedule E-1

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A	Pay Ranges and Step Values							
B	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
C	Range							

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A	1	Hourly	12.50	13.07	13.61	14.21	
B		Annually	26000	27185	28308	29556	
C	2	Hourly	15.17	15.82	16.49	17.22	
D		Annually	31553	32905	34299	35817	
E	3	Hourly	15.90	16.61	17.35	18.09	
F		Annually	33072	34548	36088	37627	
G	4	Hourly	16.69	17.44	18.28	19.07	
H		Annually	34715	36275	38022	39665	
I	5	Hourly	17.51	18.31	19.07	19.91	
J		Annually	36420	38084	39665	41412	
K	6	Hourly	18.45	19.22	20.05	20.88	
L		Annually	38376	39977	41704	43430	
M	7	Hourly	19.58	20.31	21.16	21.89	22.73
N		Annually	40726	42244	44012	45531	47278
O	8	Hourly	20.71	21.63	22.56	23.58	24.69
P		Annually	43076	44990	46924	49046	51355
Q	9	Hourly	22.09	23.24	24.38	25.60	26.89
R		Annually	45947	48339	50710	53248	55931

S	10	Hourly	23.82	25.14	26.49	28.02	29.50		
T		Annually	49545	52291	55099	58281	61360		
U	11	Hourly	25.96	27.46	29.05	30.69	32.43		
V		Annually	53996	57116	60424	63835	67454		
W	12	Hourly	28.63	30.24	31.86	33.62	35.49	37.43	38.95
X		Annually	59550	62889	66268	69929	73819	77854	81016
Y	13	Hourly	31.56	33.29	35.11	37.00	39.09	41.19	42.88
Z		Annually	65644	69243	73028	76960	81307	85675	89190
AA	14	Hourly	34.70	36.68	38.65	40.75	43.05	45.45	47.33
AB		Annually	72176	76294	80392	84760	89544	94536	98446
AC	15	Hourly	38.13	40.27	42.54	44.88	47.37	49.97	52.02
AD		Annually	79310	83761	88483	93350	98529	103937	108201
AE	16	Hourly	42.03	44.37	46.81	49.44	52.15	55.14	57.40
AF		Annually	87422	92289	97364	102835	108472	114691	119392
AG	17	Hourly	46.31	48.86	51.60	54.45	57.50	60.71	
AH		Annually	96324	101628	107328	113256	119600	126276	
AI	18	Hourly	51.04	53.86	56.90	60.03	63.35	66.89	
AJ		Annually	106163	112028	118352	124862	131768	139131	

Schedule E-2

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	1	2	3	4
A	Range		Minimum	Maximum
B	41	Hourly	16.23	50.46
C		Annually	33758	104956
D	42	Hourly	17.89	55.71
E		Annually	37211	115876
F	43	Hourly	19.70	61.35
G		Annually	40976	127608
H	44	Hourly	21.73	67.03
I		Annually	45198	139422
J	45	Hourly	24.01	73.18
K		Annually	49941	152214
L	46	Hourly	26.43	79.98
M		Annually	54974	166358
N	47	Hourly	29.14	87.29
O		Annually	60611	181563

P	48	Hourly	32.14	95.22
Q		Annually	66851	198057
R	49	Hourly	35.44	102.82
S		Annually	73715	213865

(3) Each exempt employee who must be paid in accordance 167
with schedule E-1 or schedule E-2 of this section shall be paid 168
a salary or wage in accordance with the following schedule of 169
rates as of the pay period that includes July 1, 2023: 170
Schedule E-1 171

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A	Pay Ranges and Step Values									
B		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	
C	Range									
D	1	Hourly	12.88	13.46	14.02	14.64				
E		Annually	26790	27996	29161	30451				
F	2	Hourly	15.63	16.29	16.98	17.74				
G		Annually	32510	33883	35318	36899				
H	3	Hourly	16.38	17.11	17.87	18.63				

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I		Annually	34070	35588	37169	38750				
J	4	Hourly	17.19	17.96	18.83	19.64				
K		Annually	35755	37356	39166	40851				
L	5	Hourly	18.04	18.86	19.64	20.51				
M		Annually	37523	39228	40851	42660				
N	6	Hourly	19.00	19.80	20.65	21.51				
O		Annually	39520	41184	42952	44740				
P	7	Hourly	20.17	20.92	21.79	22.55	23.41			
Q		Annually	41953	43513	45323	46904	48692			
R	8	Hourly	21.33	22.28	23.24	24.29	25.43			
S		Annually	44366	46342	48339	50523	52894			
T	9	Hourly	22.75	23.94	25.11	26.37	27.70			
U		Annually	47320	49795	52228	54849	57616			
V	10	Hourly	24.53	25.89	27.28	28.86	30.39			
W		Annually	51022	53851	56742	60028	63211			
X	11	Hourly	26.74	28.28	29.92	31.61	33.40			
Y		Annually	55619	58822	62233	65748	69472			
Z	12	Hourly	29.49	31.15	32.82	34.63	36.55	38.55	40.12	42.01

AA		Annually	61339	64792	68265	72030	76024	80184	83449	87380
AB	13	Hourly	32.51	34.29	36.16	38.11	40.26	42.43	44.17	46.25
AC		Annually	67620	71323	75212	79268	83740	88254	91873	96200
AD	14	Hourly	35.74	37.78	39.81	41.97	44.34	46.81	48.75	51.03
AE		Annually	74339	78582	82804	87297	92227	97364	101400	106142
AF	15	Hourly	39.27	41.48	43.82	46.23	48.79	51.47	53.58	56.10
AG		Annually	81681	86278	91145	96158	101483	107057	111446	116688
AH	16	Hourly	43.29	45.70	48.21	50.92	53.71	56.79	59.12	61.89
AI		Annually	90043	95056	100276	105913	111716	118123	122969	128731
AJ	17	Hourly	47.70	50.33	53.15	56.08	59.23	62.53	<u>65.97</u>	
AK		Annually	99216	104686	110552	116646	123198	130062	<u>137217</u>	
AL	18	Hourly	52.57	55.48	58.61	61.83	65.25	68.90		
AM		Annually	109345	115398	121908	128606	135720	143312		
AN	<u>19</u>	<u>Hourly</u>	<u>57.83</u>	<u>61.03</u>	<u>64.47</u>	<u>68.01</u>	<u>71.78</u>	<u>75.79</u>		
AO		<u>Annually</u>	<u>120286</u>	<u>126942</u>	<u>134097</u>	<u>141460</u>	<u>149302</u>	<u>157643</u>		

Schedule E-2

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A	Range		Minimum	Maximum
B	41	Hourly	16.23	51.97
C		Annually	33758	108097
D	42	Hourly	17.89	57.38
E		Annually	37211	119350
F	43	Hourly	19.70	63.19
G		Annually	40976	131435
H	44	Hourly	21.73	69.04
I		Annually	45198	143603
J	45	Hourly	24.01	75.38
K		Annually	49941	156790
L	46	Hourly	26.43	82.38
M		Annually	54974	171350
N	47	Hourly	29.14	89.91
O		Annually	60611	187012
P	48	Hourly	32.14	98.08
Q		Annually	66851	204006
R	49	Hourly	35.44	105.90

S Annually 73715 220272

(C) As used in this section: 175

(1) "Exempt employee" means a permanent full-time or 176
permanent part-time employee paid directly by warrant of the 177
director of budget and management whose position is included in 178
the job classification plan established under division (A) of 179
section 124.14 of the Revised Code but who is not considered a 180
public employee for the purposes of Chapter 4117. of the Revised 181
Code. "Exempt employee" also includes a permanent full-time or 182
permanent part-time employee of the secretary of state, auditor 183
of state, treasurer of state, or attorney general who has not 184
been placed in an appropriate bargaining unit by the state 185
employment relations board. 186

(2) "Base rate of pay" means the rate of pay established 187
under schedule E-1 of this section, plus the supplement provided 188
under division (E) of section 124.181 of the Revised Code, plus 189
any supplements enacted into law that are added to schedule E-1 190
of this section. 191

~~(D)(1) The director of administrative services shall adopt 192
rules establishing pay range 19 in schedule E-1 of division (B)- 193
(3) of this section. In the rules, the director shall do both of 194
the following: 195~~

~~(a) Require that an individual paid in accordance with 196
range 19 be paid a minimum annual salary of \$101,935 up to a 197
maximum annual salary of \$122,465. 198~~

~~(b) Establish the step values within range 19 and 199
determine the hourly rates of pay that correspond to the annual 200
salaries assigned to the steps. 201~~

~~(2) The director of administrative services shall adopt~~ 202
~~rules identifying a~~ (D) Notwithstanding any division of this 203
~~section to the contrary, or division (E) or (G) of section~~ 204
124.15 of the Revised Code with respect to requirements for step 205
placement and advancement, no exempt employee other than a 206
captain or equivalent officer in the state highway patrol shall 207
be placed in step value 7 in range 17 of schedule E-1 of 208
division (B) (3) of this section. ~~In the rules, the director~~ 209
~~shall identify the hourly and annual pay for step value 7 in~~ 210
~~range 17, which shall be proportionally higher than the hourly~~ 211
~~and annual pay for step value 6 in range 17.~~ 212

Sec. 303.02. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 213
section, in the interest of the public health and safety, the 214
board of county commissioners may regulate by resolution, in 215
accordance with a comprehensive plan, the location, height, 216
bulk, number of stories, and size of buildings and other 217
structures, including tents, cabins, and trailer coaches, 218
percentages of lot areas that may be occupied, set back building 219
lines, sizes of yards, courts, and other open spaces, the 220
density of population, the uses of buildings and other 221
structures, including tents, cabins, and trailer coaches, and 222
the uses of land for trade, industry, residence, recreation, or 223
other purposes in the unincorporated territory of the county. 224
Except as otherwise provided in this section, in the interest of 225
the public convenience, comfort, prosperity, or general welfare, 226
the board, by resolution, in accordance with a comprehensive 227
plan, may regulate the location of, set back lines for, and the 228
uses of buildings and other structures, including tents, cabins, 229
and trailer coaches, and the uses of land for trade, industry, 230
residence, recreation, or other purposes in the unincorporated 231
territory of the county, and may establish reasonable 232

landscaping standards and architectural standards excluding 233
exterior building materials in the unincorporated territory of 234
the county. Except as otherwise provided in this section, in the 235
interest of the public convenience, comfort, prosperity, or 236
general welfare, the board may regulate by resolution, in 237
accordance with a comprehensive plan, for nonresidential 238
property only, the height, bulk, number of stories, and size of 239
buildings and other structures, including tents, cabins, and 240
trailer coaches, percentages of lot areas that may be occupied, 241
sizes of yards, courts, and other open spaces, and the density 242
of population in the unincorporated territory of the county. For 243
all these purposes, the board may divide all or any part of the 244
unincorporated territory of the county into districts or zones 245
of such number, shape, and area as the board determines. All 246
such regulations shall be uniform for each class or kind of 247
building or other structure or use throughout any district or 248
zone, but the regulations in one district or zone may differ 249
from those in other districts or zones. 250

For any activities permitted and regulated under Chapter 251
1513. or 1514. of the Revised Code and any related processing 252
activities, the board of county commissioners may regulate under 253
the authority conferred by this section only in the interest of 254
public health or safety. A zoning resolution authorized under 255
this section shall provide for the activities that are permitted 256
and regulated under Chapter 1514. of the Revised Code, and any 257
related processing activities, as either a permitted use or a 258
conditional use through the board of zoning appeals in any 259
district or zone when such activities are to be added to an 260
existing permit issued under Chapter 1514. of the Revised Code. 261

(B) A board of county commissioners that pursuant to this 262
chapter regulates adult entertainment establishments, as defined 263

in section 2907.39 of the Revised Code, may modify its 264
administrative zoning procedures with regard to adult 265
entertainment establishments as the board determines necessary 266
to ensure that the procedures comply with all applicable 267
constitutional requirements. 268

Sec. 306.353. ~~This (A) As used in this section applies~~ 269
~~only to:~~ 270

(1) "Qualifying regional transit authority" means a 271
regional transit authority whose territory includes a county 272
having a population of more than seven hundred fifty thousand 273
but less than nine hundred thousand as of the most recent 274
federal decennial census. 275

(2) "Qualifying project" means the general construction or 276
maintenance of roads or bridges related to the provision of 277
service by a qualifying regional transit authority. 278

(3) "Qualifying bonds" means bonds or similar obligations 279
issued by a county, municipal corporation, township, or 280
transportation improvement district to fund or finance 281
qualifying projects. 282

(4) "Sales and use tax" means a tax levied in accordance 283
with sections 5739.023 and 5741.022 of the Revised Code. 284

(B) A qualifying regional transit authority to which this 285
section applies may levy a sales and use tax, in accordance with 286
section 5739.023 of the Revised Code, in part for the specific 287
purpose of funding the general construction or maintenance of 288
roads or bridges related to the provision of service by the 289
regional transit authority or financing a qualifying project. If 290
a regional transit authority levies such a tax, the authority 291
shall enter into agreements, which may include an agreement in 292

effect for more than one year, with counties, municipal 293
corporations, ~~and~~ townships, and transportation improvement 294
districts located within the authority's territorial boundaries 295
to fund ~~such~~ or finance qualifying projects. Pursuant to such an 296
agreement, the authority may pledge or assign sales and use tax 297
revenue to pay the debt service on qualifying bonds. Such 298
agreements shall be entered into before the authority may spend 299
any portion of the revenue from ~~such~~ a sales and use tax for 300
~~general construction or maintenance of any roads or bridges~~ a 301
qualifying project. Such agreements are subject to all of the 302
following: 303

~~(A)~~ (1) The regional transit authority shall submit each 304
such agreement for approval to the appropriate public works 305
integrating committee designated under section 164.03 of the 306
Revised Code. 307

~~(B)~~ (2) The integrating committee shall, on at least an 308
annual basis, review and approve or deny agreements submitted to 309
it under division ~~(A)~~ (B) (1) of this section, except for an 310
agreement that is in effect for more than one year and that was 311
reviewed and approved in a prior meeting of the committee. 312

~~(C)~~ (3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in 313
section 164.04 of the Revised Code, approvals and denials shall 314
be by an affirmative vote of six of the members of the 315
integrating committee. 316

~~(D)~~ (4) The integrating committee shall notify the 317
authority of the approval or denial. 318

~~(E)~~ (5) The qualifying regional transit authority shall 319
expend funds only as authorized in an approved agreement. 320

(C) Neither a qualifying regional transit authority, nor 321

the electors thereof, may repeal, rescind, or reduce any portion 322
of a sales and use tax pledged or assigned to pay the debt 323
service on qualifying bonds while those bonds remain 324
outstanding. If the sales and use tax is not in effect for a 325
continuing period of time, the final principal maturity date of 326
qualifying bonds shall not extend beyond the final year that the 327
tax is collected. 328

Sec. 519.02. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 329
section, in the interest of the public health and safety, the 330
board of township trustees may regulate by resolution, in 331
accordance with a comprehensive plan, the location, height, 332
bulk, number of stories, and size of buildings and other 333
structures, including tents, cabins, and trailer coaches, 334
percentages of lot areas that may be occupied, set back building 335
lines, sizes of yards, courts, and other open spaces, the 336
density of population, the uses of buildings and other 337
structures, including tents, cabins, and trailer coaches, and 338
the uses of land for trade, industry, residence, recreation, or 339
other purposes in the unincorporated territory of the township. 340
Except as otherwise provided in this section, in the interest of 341
the public convenience, comfort, prosperity, or general welfare, 342
the board by resolution, in accordance with a comprehensive 343
plan, may regulate the location of, set back lines for, and the 344
uses of buildings and other structures, including tents, cabins, 345
and trailer coaches, and the uses of land for trade, industry, 346
residence, recreation, or other purposes in the unincorporated 347
territory of the township, and may establish reasonable 348
landscaping standards and architectural standards excluding 349
exterior building materials in the unincorporated territory of 350
the township. Except as otherwise provided in this section, in 351
the interest of the public convenience, comfort, prosperity, or 352

general welfare, the board may regulate by resolution, in 353
accordance with a comprehensive plan, for nonresidential 354
property only, the height, bulk, number of stories, and size of 355
buildings and other structures, including tents, cabins, and 356
trailer coaches, percentages of lot areas that may be occupied, 357
sizes of yards, courts, and other open spaces, and the density 358
of population in the unincorporated territory of the township. 359
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the unincorporated territory of the township into districts or 361
zones of such number, shape, and area as the board determines. 362
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building or other structure or use throughout any district or 364
zone, but the regulations in one district or zone may differ 365
from those in other districts or zones. 366

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1513. or 1514. of the Revised Code and any related processing 368
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this section shall provide for the activities that are permitted 372
and regulated under Chapter 1514. of the Revised Code, and any 373
related processing activities, as either a permitted use or a 374
conditional use through the board of zoning appeals in any 375
district or zone when such activities are to be added to an 376
existing permit issued under Chapter 1514. of the Revised Code. 377

(B) A board of township trustees that pursuant to this 378
chapter regulates adult entertainment establishments, as defined 379
in section 2907.39 of the Revised Code, may modify its 380
administrative zoning procedures with regard to adult 381
entertainment establishments as the board determines necessary 382
to ensure that the procedures comply with all applicable 383

constitutional requirements. 384

Sec. 723.52. (A) Before letting or making any contract for 385
the construction, reconstruction, widening, resurfacing, or 386
repair of a street or other public way, the director of public 387
service in a city, or the legislative authority in a village, 388
shall make an estimate of the cost of such work using the force 389
account project assessment form developed by the auditor of 390
state under section 117.16 of the Revised Code. In municipal 391
corporations having an engineer, or an officer having a 392
different title but the duties and functions of an engineer, the 393
estimate shall be made by the engineer or other officer. Where 394
the total estimated cost of any such work is ~~thirty thousand~~ 395
~~dollars or less~~ than the amount specified in accordance with 396
either division (C) or (D) of this section, as applicable, the 397
proper officers may proceed by force account. 398

(B) Where the total estimated cost of any such work 399
exceeds ~~thirty thousand dollar~~ the amount specified in 400
accordance with either division (C) or (D) of this section, as 401
applicable, the proper officers of the municipal corporation 402
shall be required to invite and receive competitive bids for 403
furnishing all the labor, materials, and equipment and doing the 404
work, after newspaper advertisement as provided by law. The 405
officers shall consider and may reject such bids. If the bids 406
are rejected, the officers may order the work done by force 407
account or direct labor. When such bids are received, 408
considered, and rejected, and the work done by force account or 409
direct labor, such work shall be performed in compliance with 410
the plans and specifications upon which the bids were based. It 411
shall be unlawful to divide a street or connecting streets into 412
separate sections for the purpose of defeating this section and 413
section 723.53 of the Revised Code. 414

~~On the first day of July of every odd numbered year~~ 415
~~beginning in 2021, the threshold amount established in this~~ 416
~~section shall increase by an amount not to exceed the lesser of~~ 417
~~three per cent, or the percentage amount of any increase in the~~ 418
~~department of transportation's construction cost index as~~ 419
~~annualized and totaled for the prior two calendar years. The~~ 420
~~director of transportation shall notify each appropriate~~ 421
~~engineer or other officer of the increased amount.~~ 422

(C) (1) The legislative authority of a municipal 423
corporation, in consultation with the engineer or other officer, 424
may establish by ordinance a threshold force account limit for 425
the construction, reconstruction, widening, resurfacing, or 426
repair of a street or other public way. 427

(2) The legislative authority may amend the threshold 428
limits established under division (C) (1) of this section at its 429
discretion. 430

(3) The legislative authority shall report any threshold 431
limits established under division (C) (1) or amended under 432
division (C) (2) of this section to the auditor of state. The 433
threshold limits are not effective until the legislative 434
authority sends its report. 435

(D) (1) If the legislative authority does not establish a 436
threshold limit in accordance with division (C) of this section, 437
the threshold limit is seventy-five thousand eight hundred forty 438
dollars. 439

(2) On the first day of July of every year, the threshold 440
amount established in division (D) (1) of this section shall 441
increase by the percentage amount of any increase in the 442
national highway construction cost index for the previous 443

calendar year. 444

(3) The director of transportation shall notify each 445
appropriate engineer or other officer of the increased amount. 446

(E) "Street," as used in such sections, includes portions 447
of connecting streets on which the same or similar construction, 448
reconstruction, widening, resurfacing, or repair is planned or 449
projected. 450

Sec. 723.53. Where the proper officers of any municipal 451
corporation construct, reconstruct, widen, resurface, or repair 452
a street or other public way by force account or direct labor, 453
and the estimated cost of the work as defined in section 723.52 454
of the Revised Code exceeds the amount specified in division (C) 455
or division (D) of that section, as applicable, such municipal 456
authorities shall cause to be kept by the engineer of the 457
municipal corporation, or other officer or employee of the 458
municipal corporation in charge of such work, a complete and 459
accurate account, in detail, of the cost of doing the work. The 460
account shall include labor, materials, freight, fuel, hauling, 461
overhead expense, workers' compensation premiums, and all other 462
items of cost and expense, including a reasonable allowance for 463
the use of all tools and equipment used on or in connection with 464
such work and for the depreciation on the tools and equipment. 465
The engineer or other officer or employee shall keep such 466
account, and within ninety days after the completion of any such 467
work shall prepare a detailed and itemized statement of such 468
cost and file the statement with the officer or board vested 469
with authority to direct the doing of the work in question. Such 470
officer or board shall thereupon examine the statement, correct 471
it if necessary, and file it in the office of the officer or 472
board. Such statement shall be kept on file for not less than 473

two years and shall be open to public inspection. 474

This section and section 723.52 of the Revised Code do not 475
apply to any municipal corporations having a charter form of 476
government. 477

Sec. 4503.10. (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off- 478
highway motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be 479
registered under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file 480
an application for registration under section 4519.03 of the 481
Revised Code. The owner of a motor vehicle, other than a 482
snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, that 483
is not designed and constructed by the manufacturer for 484
operation on a street or highway may not register it under this 485
chapter except upon certification of inspection pursuant to 486
section 4513.02 of the Revised Code by the sheriff, or the chief 487
of police of the municipal corporation or township, with 488
jurisdiction over the political subdivision in which the owner 489
of the motor vehicle resides. Except as provided in ~~section~~ 490
sections 4503.103 and 4503.107 of the Revised Code, every owner 491
of every other motor vehicle not previously described in this 492
section and every person mentioned as owner in the last 493
certificate of title of a motor vehicle that is operated or 494
driven upon the public roads or highways shall cause to be filed 495
each year, by mail or otherwise, in the office of the registrar 496
of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar, a written or electronic 497
application or a preprinted registration renewal notice issued 498
under section 4503.102 of the Revised Code, the form of which 499
shall be prescribed by the registrar, for registration for the 500
following registration year, which shall begin on the first day 501
of January of every calendar year and end on the thirty-first 502
day of December in the same year. Applications for registration 503
and registration renewal notices shall be filed at the times 504

established by the registrar pursuant to section 4503.101 of the Revised Code. A motor vehicle owner also may elect to apply for or renew a motor vehicle registration by electronic means using electronic signature in accordance with rules adopted by the registrar. Except as provided in division (J) of this section, applications for registration shall be made on blanks furnished by the registrar for that purpose, containing the following information:

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be registered, including the year, make, model, and vehicle identification number, and, in the case of commercial cars, the gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped computed in the manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code;

(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides;

(3) The district of registration, which shall be determined as follows:

(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in connection with any established business or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the district of registration is the municipal corporation in which that place is located or, if not located in any municipal corporation, the county and township in which that place is located.

(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the owner resides at the time of making the application.

(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor vehicle;

(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle;	534
(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the preceding registration year and during the preceding period of the current registration year, have been paid. Each application for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration, or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature is not required.	535 536 537 538 539 540 541 542 543 544 545
(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license number, or state identification number, or, where a motor vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in connection with any established business, the owner's federal taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided under this section, but the bureau shall not place social security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration.	546 547 548 549 550 551 552 553
(8) Whether the applicant wishes to certify willingness to make an anatomical gift if an applicant has not so certified under section 2108.05 of the Revised Code. The applicant's response shall not be considered in the decision of whether to approve the application for registration.	554 555 556 557 558
(B) (1) When an applicant first registers a motor vehicle in the applicant's name, the applicant shall provide proof of ownership of that motor vehicle. Proof of ownership may include any of the following:	559 560 561 562

(a) The applicant may present for inspection a physical certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing title to the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the applicant.

(b) The applicant may present for inspection an electronic certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle in a manner prescribed by rules adopted by the registrar.

(c) The registrar or deputy registrar may electronically confirm the applicant's ownership of the motor vehicle.

An applicant is not required to present a certificate of title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a limited authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules adopted by the registrar.

(2) When a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it, each application for registration for a vehicle required to be inspected under that section and those rules shall be accompanied by an inspection certificate for the motor vehicle issued in accordance with that section.

(3) An application for registration shall be refused if any of the following applies:

(a) The application is not in proper form.

(b) The application is prohibited from being accepted by division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, division (B)(1) of section 4521.10, or division (B) of section 5537.041 of the Revised Code.

(c) Proof of ownership is required but is not presented or confirmed in accordance with division (B)(1) of this section.

(d) All registration and transfer fees for the motor vehicle, for the preceding year or the preceding period of the current registration year, have not been paid.

(e) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, and rules adopted under it, if that section is applicable.

(4) This section does not require the payment of license or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was not taxable for that preceding year or period under sections 4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code.

(5) When a certificate of registration is issued upon the first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum certificate or, in the case of an electronic certificate of title or electronic verification of ownership, an electronic stamp or other notation as specified in rules adopted by the registrar, and with a stamp on the inspection certificate for the motor vehicle, if any.

(6) The official also shall indicate, by a stamp or by other means the registrar prescribes, on the registration certificate issued upon the first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer reading of the motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement included in or attached to the certificate of title. Upon each subsequent registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer reading

of the motor vehicle as shown on the immediately preceding 621
certificate of registration. 622

(7) The registrar shall include in the permanent 623
registration record of any vehicle required to be inspected 624
under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection 625
certificate number from the inspection certificate that is 626
presented at the time of registration of the vehicle as required 627
under this division. 628

(C) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (1) of 629
this section, the registrar and each deputy registrar shall 630
collect an additional fee of eleven dollars for each application 631
for registration and registration renewal received. For vehicles 632
specified in divisions (A) (1) to (21) of section 4503.042 of the 633
Revised Code, the registrar and deputy registrar shall collect 634
an additional fee of thirty dollars for each application for 635
registration and registration renewal received. No additional 636
fee shall be charged for vehicles registered under section 637
4503.65 of the Revised Code. The additional fee is for the 638
purpose of defraying the department of public safety's costs 639
associated with the administration and enforcement of the motor 640
vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each deputy registrar shall 641
transmit the fees collected under divisions (C) (1), (3), and (4) 642
of this section in the time and manner provided in this section. 643
The registrar shall deposit all moneys received under division 644
(C) (1) of this section into the public safety - highway purposes 645
fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 646

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be 647
made for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a 648
single charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county 649
identification sticker or each set of county identification 650

stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of 651
producing the license plates and stickers, including material, 652
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in 653
addition to the license tax. If the total cost of producing the 654
plates is less than twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total 655
cost of producing the stickers is less than twenty-five cents 656
per sticker or per set issued, any excess moneys accruing from 657
the fees shall be distributed in the same manner as provided by 658
section 4501.04 of the Revised Code for the distribution of 659
license tax moneys. If the total cost of producing the plates 660
exceeds twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total cost of 661
producing the stickers exceeds twenty-five cents per sticker or 662
per set issued, the difference shall be paid from the license 663
tax moneys collected pursuant to section 4503.02 of the Revised 664
Code. 665

(3) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 666
an additional fee of two hundred dollars for each application 667
for registration or registration renewal received for any plug- 668
in hybrid electric motor vehicle or battery electric motor 669
vehicle. The fee shall be prorated based on the number of months 670
for which the plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle or battery 671
electric motor vehicle is registered. The registrar shall 672
transmit all money arising from the fee imposed by division (C) 673
(3) of this section to the treasurer of state for distribution 674
in accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 of the 675
Revised Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 of the 676
Revised Code. 677

(4) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 678
an additional fee of one hundred dollars for each application 679
for registration or registration renewal received for any hybrid 680
motor vehicle. The fee shall be prorated based on the number of 681

months for which the hybrid motor vehicle is registered. The 682
registrar shall transmit all money arising from the fee imposed 683
by division (C) (4) of this section to the treasurer of state for 684
distribution in accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 685
of the Revised Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 686
of the Revised Code. 687

(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to 688
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 689
Code for each application for registration and registration 690
renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which shall be for 691
the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for the deputy 692
registrar's services, and such office and rental expenses, as 693
may be necessary for the proper discharge of the deputy 694
registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and renewal 695
notices and the issuing of registrations. 696

(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county 697
sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates 698
erroneously or fraudulently issued. 699

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application 700
for registration or registration renewal notice, together with 701
the license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied 702
pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit 703
that fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this 704
section, together with the original and duplicate copy of the 705
application, to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the 706
approval of the director of public safety, may deposit the funds 707
collected by those deputies in a local bank or depository to the 708
credit of the "state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a 709
local bank or depository has been designated by the registrar, 710
each deputy registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the 711

deputy registrar into that bank or depository not more than one 712
business day after their collection and shall make reports to 713
the registrar of the amounts so deposited, together with any 714
other information, some of which may be prescribed by the 715
treasurer of state, as the registrar may require and as 716
prescribed by the registrar by rule. The registrar, within three 717
days after receipt of notification of the deposit of funds by a 718
deputy registrar in a local bank or depository, shall draw on 719
that account in favor of the treasurer of state. The registrar, 720
subject to the approval of the director and the treasurer of 721
state, may make reasonable rules necessary for the prompt 722
transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the interests of the 723
state and of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and 724
transportation improvement districts levying local motor vehicle 725
license taxes. The registrar may pay service charges usually 726
collected by banks and depositories for such service. If deputy 727
registrars are located in communities where banking facilities 728
are not available, they shall transmit the fees forthwith, by 729
money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule approved by 730
the director and the treasurer of state, may prescribe. The 731
registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for such service. 732

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making 733
an application for a motor vehicle license directly to the 734
registrar by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of 735
the registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee equal to 736
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 737
Code for each application. 738

(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the 739
district of registration in an application required by division 740
(A) of this section. Violation of this division is falsification 741
under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as 742

specified in that section. 743

(I) (1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) 744
of this section relating to the presentation of an inspection 745
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 746
rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a 747
license for failure to present an inspection certificate, and 748
the stamping of the inspection certificate by the official 749
issuing the certificate of registration apply to the 750
registration of and issuance of license plates for a motor 751
vehicle under sections 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 752
4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 753
4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised 754
Code. 755

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 756
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 757
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 758
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 759
receives information about the requirements established in that 760
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 761
present an inspection certificate with an application for 762
registration or preregistration. 763

(b) Upon request, the registrar shall provide the director 764
of environmental protection, or any person that has been awarded 765
a contract under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, an on-line 766
computer data link to registration information for all passenger 767
cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars that are 768
subject to that section. The registrar also shall provide to the 769
director of environmental protection a magnetic data tape 770
containing registration information regarding passenger cars, 771
noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars for which a 772

multi-year registration is in effect under section 4503.103 of 773
the Revised Code or rules adopted under it, including, without 774
limitation, the date of issuance of the multi-year registration, 775
the registration deadline established under rules adopted under 776
section 4503.101 of the Revised Code that was applicable in the 777
year in which the multi-year registration was issued, and the 778
registration deadline for renewal of the multi-year 779
registration. 780

(J) Subject to division (K) of this section, application 781
for registration under the international registration plan, as 782
set forth in sections 4503.60 to 4503.66 of the Revised Code, 783
shall be made to the registrar on forms furnished by the 784
registrar. In accordance with international registration plan 785
guidelines and pursuant to rules adopted by the registrar, the 786
forms shall include the following: 787

(1) A uniform mileage schedule; 788

(2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined 789
gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by 790
the registrant; 791

(3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule. 792

(K) The registrar shall determine the feasibility of 793
implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and 794
management program that will enable the owners of commercial 795
tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to 796
conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If 797
the registrar determines that implementing such a program is 798
feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this 799
division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as 800
necessary in order to respond to advances in technology. 801

If international registration plan guidelines and 802
provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for 803
registrations under the international registration plan to be 804
made via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this 805
division shall permit such action. 806

Sec. 4503.103. (A) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles may 807
adopt rules to permit any person or lessee, other than a person 808
receiving an apportioned license plate under the international 809
registration plan, who owns or leases one or more motor vehicles 810
to file a written application for registration for no more than 811
five succeeding registration years. The rules adopted by the 812
registrar may designate the classes of motor vehicles that are 813
eligible for such registration. At the time of application, all 814
annual taxes and fees shall be paid for each year for which the 815
person is registering. 816

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules to permit any 817
person or lessee who owns or leases a trailer or semitrailer 818
that is subject to the tax rate prescribed in either division 819
(C) (1) or, beginning January 1, 2022, (C) (2) of section 4503.042 820
of the Revised Code to file a written application for 821
registration for any number of succeeding registration years, 822
including a permanent registration, for such trailers or 823
semitrailers. 824

At the time of application, the applicant shall pay all of 825
the following: 826

(i) As applicable, either the annual tax prescribed in 827
division (C) (1) of section 4503.042 of the Revised Code for each 828
year for which the applicant is registering or the annual tax 829
prescribed in division (C) (2) of section 4503.042 of the Revised 830
Code, unless the applicant previously paid the tax specified in 831

division (C) (2) of that section for the trailer or semitrailer 832
being registered. However, an applicant paying the annual tax 833
under division (C) (1) of section 4503.042 of the Revised Code 834
shall not pay more than eight times the annual taxes due, 835
regardless of the number of years for which the applicant is 836
registering. 837

(ii) The additional fee established under division (C) (1) 838
of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code for each year of 839
registration, provided that not more than eight times the 840
additional fee due shall be paid, regardless of the number of 841
years for which the applicant is registering. 842

(iii) One single deputy registrar service fee in the 843
amount specified in division (D) of section 4503.10 of the 844
Revised Code or one single bureau of motor vehicles service fee 845
in the amount specified in division (G) of that section, as 846
applicable, regardless of the number of years for which the 847
applicant is registering. 848

(b) In addition, each applicant registering a trailer or 849
semitrailer under division (A) (2) (a) of this section shall pay 850
any applicable local motor vehicle license tax levied under 851
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code for each year for which the 852
applicant is registering, provided that not more than eight 853
times any such annual local taxes shall be due upon 854
registration. 855

(c) The period of registration for a trailer or 856
semitrailer registered under division (A) (2) (a) of this section 857
is exclusive to the trailer or semitrailer for which that 858
certificate of registration is issued and is not transferable to 859
any other trailer or semitrailer if the registration is a 860
permanent registration. 861

(3) Except as provided in division (A) (4) of this section, 862
the registrar shall adopt rules to permit any person who owns a 863
motor vehicle to file an application for registration for not 864
more than five succeeding registration years. At the time of 865
application, the person shall pay the annual taxes and fees for 866
each registration year, calculated in accordance with division 867
(C) of section 4503.11 of the Revised Code. A person who is 868
registering a vehicle under division (A) (3) of this section 869
shall pay for each year of registration the additional fee 870
established under division (C) (1), (3), or (4) of section 871
4503.10 of the Revised Code, as applicable. The person shall 872
also pay the deputy registrar service fee or the bureau of motor 873
vehicles service fee equal to the amount established under 874
section 4503.038 of the Revised Code. 875

(4) Division (A) (3) of this section does not apply to a 876
person receiving an apportioned license plate under the 877
international registration plan, or the owner of a commercial 878
car used solely in intrastate commerce, or the owner of a bus as 879
defined in section 4513.50 of the Revised Code. 880

(5) A person registering a noncommercial trailer 881
permanently shall register the trailer under section 4503.107 of 882
the Revised Code. 883

(B) No person applying for a multi-year registration under 884
division (A) of this section is entitled to a refund of any 885
taxes or fees paid. 886

(C) The registrar shall not issue to any applicant who has 887
been issued a final, nonappealable order under division (D) of 888
this section a multi-year registration or renewal thereof under 889
this division or rules adopted under it for any motor vehicle 890
that is required to be inspected under section 3704.14 of the 891

Revised Code the district of registration of which, as 892
determined under section 4503.10 of the Revised Code, is or is 893
located in the county named in the order. 894

(D) Upon receipt from the director of environmental 895
protection of a notice issued under rules adopted under section 896
3704.14 of the Revised Code indicating that an owner of a motor 897
vehicle that is required to be inspected under that section who 898
obtained a multi-year registration for the vehicle under 899
division (A) of this section or rules adopted under that 900
division has not obtained a required inspection certificate for 901
the vehicle, the registrar in accordance with Chapter 119. of 902
the Revised Code shall issue an order to the owner impounding 903
the certificate of registration and identification license 904
plates for the vehicle. The order also shall prohibit the owner 905
from obtaining or renewing a multi-year registration for any 906
vehicle that is required to be inspected under that section, the 907
district of registration of which is or is located in the same 908
county as the county named in the order during the number of 909
years after expiration of the current multi-year registration 910
that equals the number of years for which the current multi-year 911
registration was issued. 912

An order issued under this division shall require the 913
owner to surrender to the registrar the certificate of 914
registration and license plates for the vehicle named in the 915
order within five days after its issuance. If the owner fails to 916
do so within that time, the registrar shall certify that fact to 917
the county sheriff or local police officials who shall recover 918
the certificate of registration and license plates for the 919
vehicle. 920

(E) Upon the occurrence of either of the following 921

circumstances, the registrar in accordance with Chapter 119. of 922
the Revised Code shall issue to the owner a modified order 923
rescinding the provisions of the order issued under division (D) 924
of this section impounding the certificate of registration and 925
license plates for the vehicle named in that original order: 926

(1) Receipt from the director of environmental protection 927
of a subsequent notice under rules adopted under section 3704.14 928
of the Revised Code that the owner has obtained the inspection 929
certificate for the vehicle as required under those rules; 930

(2) Presentation to the registrar by the owner of the 931
required inspection certificate for the vehicle. 932

(F) The owner of a motor vehicle for which the certificate 933
of registration and license plates have been impounded pursuant 934
to an order issued under division (D) of this section, upon 935
issuance of a modified order under division (E) of this section, 936
may apply to the registrar for their return. A fee of two 937
dollars and fifty cents shall be charged for the return of the 938
certificate of registration and license plates for each vehicle 939
named in the application. 940

Sec. 4503.107. (A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall 941
permit any person or lessee who owns or leases a noncommercial 942
trailer that is subject to the tax rates prescribed in division 943
(E) of section 4503.04 of the Revised Code to file a written 944
application for permanent registration of that noncommercial 945
trailer. 946

(B)(1) At the time of application, the applicant shall pay 947
all of the following: 948

(a) The equivalent of eight times the standard tax 949
established for that noncommercial trailer by division (E) of 950

section 4503.04 of the Revised Code; 951

(b) The equivalent of eight times the additional fee 952
established by division (C)(1) of section 4503.10 of the Revised 953
Code; 954

(c) The equivalent of eight times the deputy registrar 955
service fee or eight times the bureau of motor vehicles service 956
fee, as applicable, equal to the amount established by section 957
4503.038 of the Revised Code. 958

(2) In addition to any other prescribed tax or fee, if the 959
noncommercial trailer registered under this section is subject 960
to local motor vehicle taxes under Chapter 4504. of the Revised 961
Code, the applicant shall pay the equivalent of eight times any 962
applicable local motor vehicle license tax levied under that 963
chapter for that noncommercial trailer. 964

(C) Upon submission of a completed application, payment of 965
all applicable taxes and fees, and compliance with all other 966
applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles, 967
the registrar or deputy registrar shall issue the applicant a 968
permanent license plate and a validation sticker. 969

(D) The permanent registration of a noncommercial trailer 970
under this section is exclusive to the trailer for which that 971
certificate of registration is issued. The registration is not 972
transferable to any other trailer. 973

(E) No person applying for a permanent registration under 974
this section is entitled to a refund of any taxes or fees paid. 975

Sec. 4503.11. (A) Except as provided by sections 4503.103, 976
4503.107, 4503.173, 4503.41, 4503.43, and 4503.46 of the Revised 977
Code, no person who is the owner or chauffeur of a motor vehicle 978
operated or driven upon the public roads or highways shall fail 979

to file annually the application for registration or to pay the tax therefor.

(B) Except as provided by sections 4503.12 and 4503.16 of the Revised Code, the taxes payable on all applications made under sections 4503.10 and 4503.102 of the Revised Code shall be the sum of the tax due under division (B) (1) (a) or (b) of this section plus the tax due under division (B) (2) (a) or (b) of this section:

(1) (a) If the application is made before the second month of the current registration period to which the motor vehicle is assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the Revised Code, the tax due is the full amount of the tax provided in section 4503.04 of the Revised Code;

(b) If the application is made during or after the second month of the current registration period to which the motor vehicle is assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the Revised Code, and prior to the beginning of the next such registration period, the amount of the tax provided in section 4503.04 of the Revised Code shall be reduced by one-twelfth of the amount of such tax, rounded upward to the nearest cent, multiplied by the number of full months that have elapsed in the current registration period. The resulting amount shall be rounded upward to the next highest dollar and shall be the amount of tax due.

(2) (a) If the application is made before the sixth month of the current registration period to which the motor vehicle is assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the Revised Code, the amount of tax due is the full amount of local motor vehicle license taxes levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code;

(b) If the application is made during or after the sixth 1009
month of the current registration period to which the motor 1010
vehicle is assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the 1011
Revised Code and prior to the beginning of the next such 1012
registration period, the amount of tax due is one-half of the 1013
amount of local motor vehicle license taxes levied under Chapter 1014
4504. of the Revised Code. 1015

(C) The taxes payable on all applications made under 1016
division (A) (3) of section 4503.103 of the Revised Code shall be 1017
the sum of the tax due under division (B) (1) (a) or (b) of this 1018
section plus the tax due under division (B) (2) (a) or (b) of this 1019
section for the first year plus the full amount of the tax 1020
provided in section 4503.04 of the Revised Code and the full 1021
amount of local motor vehicle license taxes levied under Chapter 1022
4504. of the Revised Code for each succeeding year. 1023

(D) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor 1024
misdemeanor. 1025

Sec. 4503.191. (A) (1) The identification license plate 1026
shall be issued for a multi-year period as determined by the 1027
director of public safety, and, except as provided in division 1028
(A) (3) of this section, shall be accompanied by a validation 1029
sticker, to be attached to the license plate. Except as provided 1030
in divisions (A) (2) and (3) of this section, the validation 1031
sticker shall indicate the expiration of the registration period 1032
to which the motor vehicle for which the license plate is issued 1033
is assigned, in accordance with rules adopted by the registrar 1034
of motor vehicles. During each succeeding year of the multi-year 1035
period following the issuance of the plate and validation 1036
sticker, upon the filing of an application for registration and 1037
the payment of the tax therefor, a validation sticker alone 1038

shall be issued. The validation stickers required under this 1039
section shall be of different colors or shades each year, the 1040
new colors or shades to be selected by the director. 1041

(2) (a) The director shall develop a universal validation 1042
sticker that may be issued to any owner of five hundred or more 1043
passenger vehicles, so that a sticker issued to the owner may be 1044
placed on any passenger vehicle in that owner's fleet. Beginning 1045
January 1, 2019, the universal validation sticker shall not have 1046
an expiration date on it and shall not need replaced at the time 1047
of registration, except in the event of the loss, mutilation, or 1048
destruction of the validation sticker. The director may 1049
establish and charge an additional fee of not more than one 1050
dollar per registration to compensate for necessary costs of the 1051
universal validation sticker program. The additional fee shall 1052
be credited to the public safety - highway purposes fund created 1053
in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. The director shall 1054
select the color or shade of the universal validation sticker. 1055

(b) A validation sticker issued for an all-purpose vehicle 1056
that is registered under Chapter 4519. of the Revised Code, for 1057
a noncommercial trailer that is permanently registered under 1058
section 4503.107 of the Revised Code, or for a trailer or 1059
semitrailer that is permanently registered under division (A) (2) 1060
of section 4503.103 of the Revised Code or is registered for any 1061
number of succeeding registration years may indicate the 1062
expiration of the registration period, if any, by any manner 1063
determined by the registrar by rule. 1064

(3) No validation sticker shall be issued, and a 1065
validation sticker is not required for display, on the license 1066
plate of a nonapportioned commercial tractor or any apportioned 1067
motor vehicle. 1068

(B) Identification license plates shall be produced by 1069
Ohio penal industries. Validation stickers and county 1070
identification stickers shall be produced by Ohio penal 1071
industries unless the registrar adopts rules expressly 1072
permitting the registrar or deputy registrars to provide for the 1073
printing or production of the stickers. 1074

Sec. 4503.29. (A) The director of veterans services in 1075
conjunction with the registrar of motor vehicles shall develop 1076
and maintain a program to establish and issue specialty license 1077
plates recognizing military service and military honors 1078
pertaining to valor and service. 1079

(B) The director and the registrar shall jointly adopt 1080
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for 1081
purposes of establishing the program under this section. The 1082
director and registrar shall adopt the rules as soon as possible 1083
after June 29, 2018, but not later than nine months after June 1084
29, 2018. The rules shall do all of the following: 1085

(1) Establish specialty license plates recognizing 1086
military service; 1087

(2) Establish specialty license plates recognizing 1088
military honors pertaining to valor and service; 1089

(3) Establish eligibility criteria that apply to each 1090
specialty license plate issued under this section; 1091

(4) Establish requirements governing any necessary 1092
documentary evidence required to be presented by an applicant 1093
for a specialty license plate issued under this section~~+~~. The 1094
rules shall allow an applicant to present a veterans 1095
identification card issued in accordance with section 317.241 of 1096
the Revised Code in lieu of a copy of the applicant's DD-214 or 1097

an equivalent document. An applicant may be required to present 1098
additional evidence if the veterans identification card does not 1099
show all of the information needed for issuance of the specific 1100
nonstandard license plate requested by the applicant. 1101

(5) Establish guidelines for the designs, markings, and 1102
inscriptions on a specialty license plate established under this 1103
section; 1104

(6) Establish procedures for altering the designs, 1105
markings, or inscriptions on a specialty license plate 1106
established under this section; 1107

(7) Prohibit specialty license plates established under 1108
this section from recognizing achievement awards or unit awards; 1109

(8) Establish any other procedures or requirements that 1110
are necessary for the implementation and administration of this 1111
section. 1112

(C) The rules adopted under division (B) of this section 1113
shall provide for the establishment of the military specialty 1114
license plates created prior to June 29, 2018, that are no 1115
longer codified in the Revised Code. 1116

(D) (1) Any person who meets the applicable qualifications 1117
for the issuance of a specialty license plate established by 1118
rule adopted under division (B) of this section may apply to the 1119
registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any 1120
passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational 1121
vehicle, or other vehicle the person owns or leases of a class 1122
approved by the registrar. The application may be combined with 1123
a request for a special reserved license plate under section 1124
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. 1125

(2) (a) Except as provided in division (D) (2) (b) of this 1126

section, upon receipt of an application for registration of a 1127
motor vehicle under this section and the required taxes and 1128
fees, compliance with all applicable laws relating to the 1129
registration of a motor vehicle, and, if necessary, upon 1130
presentation of the required documentary evidence, the registrar 1131
shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle 1132
registration and a set of license plates and a validation 1133
sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 1134
4503.191 of the Revised Code. 1135

(b) Any disabled veteran who qualifies to apply to the 1136
registrar for the registration of a motor vehicle under section 1137
4503.41 of the Revised Code without the payment of any 1138
registration taxes or fees, may apply instead for registration 1139
of the motor vehicle under this section. The disabled veteran 1140
applying for registration under this section is not required to 1141
pay any registration taxes or fees as required by sections 1142
4503.038, 4503.04, 4503.10, 4503.102, and 4503.103 of the 1143
Revised Code, any local motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 1144
4504. of the Revised Code, or any fee charged under section 1145
4503.19 of the Revised Code for up to two motor vehicles, 1146
including any motor vehicle registered under section 4503.41 of 1147
the Revised Code. Upon receipt of an application for 1148
registration of the motor vehicle and presentation of any 1149
documentation the registrar may require by rule, the registrar 1150
shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle 1151
registration and a set of license plates authorized under this 1152
section and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone 1153
when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 1154

(3) The license plates shall display county identification 1155
stickers that identify the county of registration as required 1156
under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code. 1157

Sec. 4503.44. (A) As used in this section and in section 1158
4511.69 of the Revised Code: 1159

(1) "Person with a disability that limits or impairs the 1160
ability to walk" means any person who, as determined by a health 1161
care provider, meets any of the following criteria: 1162

(a) Cannot walk two hundred feet without stopping to rest; 1163

(b) Cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from, a 1164
brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, 1165
wheelchair, or other assistive device; 1166

(c) Is restricted by a lung disease to such an extent that 1167
the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one 1168
second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or 1169
the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty millimeters of 1170
mercury on room air at rest; 1171

(d) Uses portable oxygen; 1172

(e) Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the 1173
person's functional limitations are classified in severity as 1174
class III or class IV according to standards set by the American 1175
heart association; 1176

(f) Is severely limited in the ability to walk due to an 1177
arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition; 1178

(g) Is blind, legally blind, or severely visually 1179
impaired. 1180

(2) "Organization" means any private organization or 1181
corporation, or any governmental board, agency, department, 1182
division, or office, that, as part of its business or program, 1183
transports persons with disabilities that limit or impair the 1184
ability to walk on a regular basis in a motor vehicle that has 1185

not been altered for the purpose of providing it with special 1186
equipment for use by persons with disabilities. This definition 1187
does not apply to division (I) of this section. 1188

(3) "Health care provider" means a physician, physician 1189
assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, optometrist, or 1190
chiropractor as defined in this section except that an 1191
optometrist shall only make determinations as to division (A) (1) 1192
(g) of this section. 1193

(4) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice 1194
medicine or surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery under 1195
Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code. 1196

(5) "Chiropractor" means a person licensed to practice 1197
chiropractic under Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code. 1198

(6) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means a certified 1199
nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, certified 1200
registered nurse anesthetist, or certified nurse-midwife who 1201
holds a certificate of authority issued by the board of nursing 1202
under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code. 1203

(7) "Physician assistant" means a person who is licensed 1204
as a physician assistant under Chapter 4730. of the Revised 1205
Code. 1206

(8) "Optometrist" means a person licensed to engage in the 1207
practice of optometry under Chapter 4725. of the Revised Code. 1208

(B) (1) An organization, or a person with a disability that 1209
limits or impairs the ability to walk, may apply for the 1210
registration of any motor vehicle the organization or person 1211
owns or leases. When a motor vehicle has been altered for the 1212
purpose of providing it with special equipment for a person with 1213
a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, but is 1214

owned or leased by someone other than such a person, the owner 1215
or lessee may apply to the registrar or a deputy registrar for 1216
registration under this section. The application for 1217
registration of a motor vehicle owned or leased by a person with 1218
a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk shall be 1219
accompanied by a signed statement from the applicant's health 1220
care provider certifying that the applicant meets at least one 1221
of the criteria contained in division (A)(1) of this section and 1222
that the disability is expected to continue for more than six 1223
consecutive months. The application for registration of a motor 1224
vehicle that has been altered for the purpose of providing it 1225
with special equipment for a person with a disability that 1226
limits or impairs the ability to walk but is owned by someone 1227
other than such a person shall be accompanied by such 1228
documentary evidence of vehicle alterations as the registrar may 1229
require by rule. 1230

(2) When an organization, a person with a disability that 1231
limits or impairs the ability to walk, or a person who does not 1232
have a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk but 1233
owns a motor vehicle that has been altered for the purpose of 1234
providing it with special equipment for a person with a 1235
disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk first 1236
submits an application for registration of a motor vehicle under 1237
this section and every fifth year thereafter, the organization 1238
or person shall submit a signed statement from the applicant's 1239
health care provider, a completed application, and any required 1240
documentary evidence of vehicle alterations as provided in 1241
division (B)(1) of this section, and also a power of attorney 1242
from the owner of the motor vehicle if the applicant leases the 1243
vehicle. Upon submission of these items, the registrar or deputy 1244
registrar shall issue to the applicant appropriate vehicle 1245

registration and a set of license plates and validation 1246
stickers, or validation stickers alone when required by section 1247
4503.191 of the Revised Code. In addition to the letters and 1248
numbers ordinarily inscribed thereon, the license plates shall 1249
be imprinted with the international symbol of access. The 1250
license plates and validation stickers shall be issued upon 1251
payment of the regular license fee as prescribed under section 1252
4503.04 of the Revised Code and any motor vehicle tax levied 1253
under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, and the payment of a 1254
service fee equal to the amount specified in division (D) or (G) 1255
of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code. 1256

(C) (1) A person with a disability that limits or impairs 1257
the ability to walk may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles 1258
for a removable windshield placard by completing and signing an 1259
application provided by the registrar. The person shall include 1260
with the application a prescription from the person's health 1261
care provider prescribing such a placard for the person based 1262
upon a determination that the person meets at least one of the 1263
criteria contained in division (A) (1) of this section. The 1264
health care provider shall state on the prescription the length 1265
of time the health care provider expects the applicant to have 1266
the disability that limits or impairs the person's ability to 1267
walk. 1268

In addition to one placard or one or more sets of license 1269
plates, a person with a disability that limits or impairs the 1270
ability to walk is entitled to one additional placard, but only 1271
if the person applies separately for the additional placard, 1272
states the reasons why the additional placard is needed, and the 1273
registrar, in the registrar's discretion determines that good 1274
and justifiable cause exists to approve the request for the 1275
additional placard. 1276

(2) An organization may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for a removable windshield placard by completing and signing an application provided by the registrar. The organization shall comply with any procedures the registrar establishes by rule. The organization shall include with the application documentary evidence that the registrar requires by rule showing that the organization regularly transports persons with disabilities that limit or impair the ability to walk.

(3) Upon receipt of a completed and signed application for a removable windshield placard, the accompanying documents required under division (C)(1) or (2) of this section, and payment of a service fee equal to the amount specified in division (D) or (G) of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code, the registrar or deputy registrar shall issue to the applicant a removable windshield placard, which shall bear the date of expiration on both sides of the placard and shall be valid until expired, revoked, or surrendered. Every removable windshield placard expires as described in division (C)(4) of this section, but in no case shall a removable windshield placard be valid for a period of less than sixty days. Removable windshield placards shall be renewable upon application as provided in division (C)(1) or (2) of this section and upon payment of a service fee equal to the amount specified in division (D) or (G) of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code for the renewal of a removable windshield placard. The registrar shall provide the application form and shall determine the information to be included thereon. The registrar also shall determine the form and size of the removable windshield placard, the material of which it is to be made, and any other information to be included thereon, and shall adopt rules relating to the issuance, expiration, revocation, surrender, and proper display of such placards. Any

placard issued after October 14, 1999, shall be manufactured in 1308
a manner that allows the expiration date of the placard to be 1309
indicated on it through the punching, drilling, boring, or 1310
creation by any other means of holes in the placard. 1311

(4) At the time a removable windshield placard is issued 1312
to a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability 1313
to walk, the registrar or deputy registrar shall enter into the 1314
records of the bureau of motor vehicles the last date on which 1315
the person will have that disability, as indicated on the 1316
accompanying prescription. Not less than thirty days prior to 1317
that date and all removable windshield placard renewal dates, 1318
the bureau shall send a renewal notice to that person at the 1319
person's last known address as shown in the records of the 1320
bureau, informing the person that the person's removable 1321
windshield placard will expire on the indicated date not to 1322
exceed ~~five~~ten years from the date of issuance, and that the 1323
person is required to renew the placard by submitting to the 1324
registrar or a deputy registrar another prescription, as 1325
described in division (C) (1) or (2) of this section, and by 1326
complying with the renewal provisions prescribed in division (C) 1327
(3) of this section. If such a prescription is not received by 1328
the registrar or a deputy registrar by that date, the placard 1329
issued to that person expires and no longer is valid, and this 1330
fact shall be recorded in the records of the bureau. 1331

(5) At least once every year, on a date determined by the 1332
registrar, the bureau shall examine the records of the office of 1333
vital statistics, located within the department of health, that 1334
pertain to deceased persons, and also the bureau's records of 1335
all persons who have been issued removable windshield placards 1336
and temporary removable windshield placards. If the records of 1337
the office of vital statistics indicate that a person to whom a 1338

removable windshield placard or temporary removable windshield 1339
placard has been issued is deceased, the bureau shall cancel 1340
that placard, and note the cancellation in its records. 1341

The office of vital statistics shall make available to the 1342
bureau all information necessary to enable the bureau to comply 1343
with division (C) (5) of this section. 1344

(6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require 1345
a person or organization to apply for a removable windshield 1346
placard or special license plates if the special license plates 1347
issued to the person or organization under prior law have not 1348
expired or been surrendered or revoked. 1349

(D) (1) (a) A person with a disability that limits or 1350
impairs the ability to walk may apply to the registrar or a 1351
deputy registrar for a temporary removable windshield placard. 1352
The application for a temporary removable windshield placard 1353
shall be accompanied by a prescription from the applicant's 1354
health care provider prescribing such a placard for the 1355
applicant, provided that the applicant meets at least one of the 1356
criteria contained in division (A) (1) of this section and that 1357
the disability is expected to continue for six consecutive 1358
months or less. The health care provider shall state on the 1359
prescription the length of time the health care provider expects 1360
the applicant to have the disability that limits or impairs the 1361
applicant's ability to walk, which cannot exceed six months from 1362
the date of the prescription. Upon receipt of an application for 1363
a temporary removable windshield placard, presentation of the 1364
prescription from the applicant's health care provider, and 1365
payment of a service fee equal to the amount specified in 1366
division (D) or (G) of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code, the 1367
registrar or deputy registrar shall issue to the applicant a 1368

temporary removable windshield placard. 1369

(b) Any active-duty member of the armed forces of the 1370
United States, including the reserve components of the armed 1371
forces and the national guard, who has an illness or injury that 1372
limits or impairs the ability to walk may apply to the registrar 1373
or a deputy registrar for a temporary removable windshield 1374
placard. With the application, the person shall present evidence 1375
of the person's active-duty status and the illness or injury. 1376
Evidence of the illness or injury may include a current 1377
department of defense convalescent leave statement, any 1378
department of defense document indicating that the person 1379
currently has an ill or injured casualty status or has limited 1380
duties, or a prescription from any health care provider 1381
prescribing the placard for the applicant. Upon receipt of the 1382
application and the necessary evidence, the registrar or deputy 1383
registrar shall issue the applicant the temporary removable 1384
windshield placard without the payment of any service fee. 1385

(2) The temporary removable windshield placard shall be of 1386
the same size and form as the removable windshield placard, 1387
shall be printed in white on a red-colored background, and shall 1388
bear the word "temporary" in letters of such size as the 1389
registrar shall prescribe. A temporary removable windshield 1390
placard also shall bear the date of expiration on the front and 1391
back of the placard, and shall be valid until expired, 1392
surrendered, or revoked, but in no case shall such a placard be 1393
valid for a period of less than sixty days. The registrar shall 1394
provide the application form and shall determine the information 1395
to be included on it, provided that the registrar shall not 1396
require a health care provider's prescription or certification 1397
for a person applying under division (D) (1) (b) of this section. 1398
The registrar also shall determine the material of which the 1399

temporary removable windshield placard is to be made and any 1400
other information to be included on the placard and shall adopt 1401
rules relating to the issuance, expiration, surrender, 1402
revocation, and proper display of those placards. Any temporary 1403
removable windshield placard issued after October 14, 1999, 1404
shall be manufactured in a manner that allows for the expiration 1405
date of the placard to be indicated on it through the punching, 1406
drilling, boring, or creation by any other means of holes in the 1407
placard. 1408

(E) If an applicant for a removable windshield placard is 1409
a veteran of the armed forces of the United States whose 1410
disability, as defined in division (A)(1) of this section, is 1411
service-connected, the registrar or deputy registrar, upon 1412
receipt of the application, presentation of a signed statement 1413
from the applicant's health care provider certifying the 1414
applicant's disability, and presentation of such documentary 1415
evidence from the department of veterans affairs that the 1416
disability of the applicant meets at least one of the criteria 1417
identified in division (A)(1) of this section and is service- 1418
connected as the registrar may require by rule, but without the 1419
payment of any service fee, shall issue the applicant a 1420
removable windshield placard that is valid until expired, 1421
surrendered, or revoked. 1422

(F) Upon a conviction of a violation of division (H) or 1423
(I) of this section, the court shall report the conviction, and 1424
send the placard, if available, to the registrar, who thereupon 1425
shall revoke the privilege of using the placard and send notice 1426
in writing to the placardholder at that holder's last known 1427
address as shown in the records of the bureau, and the 1428
placardholder shall return the placard if not previously 1429
surrendered to the court, to the registrar within ten days 1430

following mailing of the notice. 1431

Whenever a person to whom a removable windshield placard 1432
has been issued moves to another state, the person shall 1433
surrender the placard to the registrar; and whenever an 1434
organization to which a placard has been issued changes its 1435
place of operation to another state, the organization shall 1436
surrender the placard to the registrar. 1437

(G) Subject to division (F) of section 4511.69 of the 1438
Revised Code, the operator of a motor vehicle displaying a 1439
removable windshield placard, temporary removable windshield 1440
placard, or the special license plates authorized by this 1441
section is entitled to park the motor vehicle in any special 1442
parking location reserved for persons with disabilities that 1443
limit or impair the ability to walk, also known as handicapped 1444
parking spaces or disability parking spaces. 1445

(H) No person or organization that is not eligible for the 1446
issuance of license plates or any placard under this section 1447
shall willfully and falsely represent that the person or 1448
organization is so eligible. 1449

No person or organization shall display license plates 1450
issued under this section unless the license plates have been 1451
issued for the vehicle on which they are displayed and are 1452
valid. 1453

(I) No person or organization to which a removable 1454
windshield placard or temporary removable windshield placard is 1455
issued shall do either of the following: 1456

(1) Display or permit the display of the placard on any 1457
motor vehicle when having reasonable cause to believe the motor 1458
vehicle is being used in connection with an activity that does 1459

not include providing transportation for persons with 1460
disabilities that limit or impair the ability to walk; 1461

(2) Refuse to return or surrender the placard, when 1462
required. 1463

(J) If a removable windshield placard, temporary removable 1464
windshield placard, or parking card is lost, destroyed, or 1465
mutilated, the placardholder or cardholder may obtain a 1466
duplicate by doing both of the following: 1467

(1) Furnishing suitable proof of the loss, destruction, or 1468
mutilation to the registrar; 1469

(2) Paying a service fee equal to the amount specified in 1470
division (D) or (G) of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code. 1471

Any placardholder or cardholder who loses a placard or 1472
card and, after obtaining a duplicate, finds the original, 1473
immediately shall surrender the original placard or card to the 1474
registrar. 1475

(K) (1) The registrar shall pay all fees received under 1476
this section for the issuance of removable windshield placards 1477
or temporary removable windshield placards or duplicate 1478
removable windshield placards or cards into the state treasury 1479
to the credit of the public safety - highway purposes fund 1480
created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 1481

(2) In addition to the fees collected under this section, 1482
the registrar or deputy registrar shall ask each person applying 1483
for a removable windshield placard or temporary removable 1484
windshield placard or duplicate removable windshield placard or 1485
license plate issued under this section, whether the person 1486
wishes to make a two-dollar voluntary contribution to support 1487
rehabilitation employment services. The registrar shall transmit 1488

the contributions received under this division to the treasurer 1489
of state for deposit into the rehabilitation employment fund, 1490
which is hereby created in the state treasury. A deputy 1491
registrar shall transmit the contributions received under this 1492
division to the registrar in the time and manner prescribed by 1493
the registrar. The contributions in the fund shall be used by 1494
the opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities agency to 1495
purchase services related to vocational evaluation, work 1496
adjustment, personal adjustment, job placement, job coaching, 1497
and community-based assessment from accredited community 1498
rehabilitation program facilities. 1499

(L) For purposes of enforcing this section, every peace 1500
officer is deemed to be an agent of the registrar. Any peace 1501
officer or any authorized employee of the bureau of motor 1502
vehicles who, in the performance of duties authorized by law, 1503
becomes aware of a person whose placard or parking card has been 1504
revoked pursuant to this section, may confiscate that placard or 1505
parking card and return it to the registrar. The registrar shall 1506
prescribe any forms used by law enforcement agencies in 1507
administering this section. 1508

No peace officer, law enforcement agency employing a peace 1509
officer, or political subdivision or governmental agency 1510
employing a peace officer, and no employee of the bureau is 1511
liable in a civil action for damages or loss to persons arising 1512
out of the performance of any duty required or authorized by 1513
this section. As used in this division, "peace officer" has the 1514
same meaning as in division (B) of section 2935.01 of the 1515
Revised Code. 1516

(M) All applications for registration of motor vehicles, 1517
removable windshield placards, and temporary removable 1518

windshield placards issued under this section, all renewal 1519
notices for such items, and all other publications issued by the 1520
bureau that relate to this section shall set forth the criminal 1521
penalties that may be imposed upon a person who violates any 1522
provision relating to special license plates issued under this 1523
section, the parking of vehicles displaying such license plates, 1524
and the issuance, procurement, use, and display of removable 1525
windshield placards and temporary removable windshield placards 1526
issued under this section. 1527

(N) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a 1528
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 1529

Sec. 4504.22. (A) As used in this section: 1530

(1) "Business" means a sole proprietorship, a corporation 1531
for profit, or a pass-through entity as defined in section 1532
5733.04 of the Revised Code. 1533

(2) "Owner" means a partner of a partnership, a member of 1534
a limited liability company, a majority shareholder of an S 1535
corporation, a person with a majority ownership interest in a 1536
pass-through entity, or any officer, employee, or agent with 1537
authority to make decisions legally binding upon a business. 1538

(3) "Truck," "trailer," and "semitrailer" have the same 1539
meanings as in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code. 1540

(4) "Commercial trailer" means any trailer that is not a 1541
noncommercial trailer as defined in section 4501.01 of the 1542
Revised Code. 1543

(B) The governing board of a regional transportation 1544
improvement project created under Chapter 5595. of the Revised 1545
Code may request that the board of county commissioners of each 1546
county participating in the project propose an annual license 1547

tax upon the operation of motor vehicles on public roads in the 1548
respective counties. If a governing board makes such a request, 1549
the governing board shall make the request to the boards of 1550
commissioners of all counties participating in the project. The 1551
request shall be in writing and, if the governing board adopted 1552
a resolution to allocate revenue from such taxes to fund 1553
supplemental transportation improvements as provided in division 1554
(B) of section 5595.06 of the Revised Code, shall be accompanied 1555
by a copy of the resolution adopted under that division. If the 1556
governing board intends for the taxes to apply to trucks, the 1557
request shall so state. The purposes of each of the taxes shall 1558
be to pay the costs of transportation improvements and 1559
opportunity corridor improvements, as those terms are defined by 1560
section 5595.01 of the Revised Code, to pay the costs of 1561
supplemental improvements necessary to develop or complete the 1562
project, to pay debt service charges on obligations issued for 1563
those purposes, to supplement other revenue already available 1564
for such purposes, and to pay the cost of enforcing and 1565
administering the tax. No such tax may be levied unless the 1566
board of commissioners of each participating county consents to 1567
propose levying the tax and a majority of electors voting on the 1568
tax in each county as provided in this section approve the 1569
resolution levying the tax in that county. 1570

Each county's tax shall be levied in an increment of five 1571
dollars, not exceeding twenty-five dollars, per motor vehicle as 1572
determined by the governing board of the regional transportation 1573
improvement project. Commercial trailers and semitrailers shall 1574
not be subject to the tax. Trucks shall not be subject to the 1575
tax unless the governing board's request states that trucks 1576
shall be subject to the tax. If trucks are to be subject to the 1577
tax, the governing board shall proceed as required by division 1578

(D) of this section before the governing board submits its 1579
request to the boards of county commissioners under this 1580
division. The owner of each motor vehicle subject to the tax who 1581
resides in the county where the tax applies shall pay the tax 1582
levied by the board of county commissioners. The tax is in 1583
addition to all other taxes levied under this chapter and 1584
subject to reduction in the manner provided in division (B) (2) 1585
of section 4503.11 of the Revised Code. Each tax shall apply at 1586
a uniform rate throughout the county. Taxes levied under this 1587
section shall not apply to registrations for any registration 1588
year beginning before January 1, 2017. The taxes shall continue 1589
in effect until expiration or repeal or until the dissolution of 1590
the regional transportation improvement project for which the 1591
taxes are levied. 1592

(C) If the board of commissioners of each county 1593
participating in the regional transportation improvement project 1594
consents, by resolution, to the governing board's request to 1595
levy a tax under this section, the board of commissioners of 1596
each such county shall adopt a resolution levying the tax and 1597
proposing to submit the question of the tax to the electors of 1598
the county. The resolution shall specify the rate of the tax, 1599
the date on which the tax will terminate, and, if the request of 1600
the governing board of the regional transportation improvement 1601
project indicates that a portion of the revenue will be used for 1602
supplemental transportation improvements, the portion of the tax 1603
revenue that will be used for such supplemental improvements. 1604
The rate of the tax levied in each county, the election at which 1605
the question is to be submitted, the first registration year the 1606
tax will be levied, the date on which the tax will terminate, 1607
and whether the tax applies to trucks shall be identical for all 1608
the counties. 1609

The board of elections of each county shall submit the question of the tax to the electors at the primary or general election to be held not less than ninety days after the board of county commissioners certifies to the county board of elections its resolution proposing the tax. The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of the ballot for the election. If the question of the tax is approved by a majority of the electors voting on the question of the tax in each county, the board of county commissioners of each county shall levy the tax as provided in the resolution.

A tax shall not be levied in any of the counties participating in the regional transportation improvement project unless the majority of electors voting on the question in each of those counties approve the question. If the question of the tax is approved in each county, the board of commissioners of the most populous of such counties as determined by the most recent federal decennial census shall certify the copies of all counties' resolutions to the registrar of motor vehicles as provided in section 4504.08 of the Revised Code.

(D) If the taxes to be levied under this section would apply to the operation of trucks on public highways in the counties levying the tax, the governing board of the regional transportation improvement project that requested the levy of the taxes shall appoint a transportation advisory council. The council shall review the proposed license taxes in conjunction with the cooperative agreement for the project and determine if the agreement and taxes are in the best interests of businesses operating in the counties in which the taxes would be imposed. The governing board shall not submit a proposed tax to boards of county commissioners under division (B) of this section unless the tax is approved by the transportation advisory council or

the tax does not apply to trucks. 1641

The transportation advisory council is a public body for 1642
the purposes of section 121.22 of the Revised Code and is a 1643
public office for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised 1644
Code. Members of the council shall not be considered to be 1645
holding a direct or indirect interest in a contract or 1646
expenditure of money by a county or a regional transportation 1647
improvement project because of their affiliation with the 1648
council. 1649

The transportation advisory council shall consist of one 1650
member for each county participating in the regional 1651
transportation improvement project. For each county, the 1652
governing board of the project shall first appoint an owner of 1653
the business that owns the most trucks that would be subject to 1654
the license tax if it was imposed in that county, or an 1655
individual designated by the owner to serve in the owner's 1656
place. If the owner of the business is unable or unwilling to 1657
serve on the council or to designate an individual to serve in 1658
the owner's place, the governing board shall appoint an owner of 1659
the business that owns the next most trucks that would be 1660
subject to the license tax if it was imposed in that county, or 1661
an individual designated by the owner to serve in the owner's 1662
place. The governing board shall repeat this appointment 1663
procedure until each position on the council has been filled. No 1664
business may have more than one representative on the council. 1665
If the appointment procedure results in an owner of the same 1666
business being appointed to the council more than once, the 1667
governing board shall skip that business in the appointment 1668
order in one of the participating counties and instead appoint 1669
an owner of the business that owns the next most trucks that 1670
would be subject to the license tax if it was imposed in that 1671

county, or an individual designated by the owner to serve in the 1672
owner's place. Two businesses are the same business for the 1673
purposes of this division if more than fifty per cent of the 1674
controlling interest in each of the businesses is owned by the 1675
same person or persons. 1676

The transportation advisory council shall hold at least 1677
one public meeting before voting on whether to approve the 1678
proposed license tax or taxes. Meetings shall be held in the 1679
most populous county in which a proposed license tax would be 1680
levied. Population shall be determined by reference to the most 1681
recent federal decennial census. Attendance by a majority of the 1682
members of the council constitutes a quorum to conduct the 1683
business of the council. At the meeting, the council shall 1684
consider the question of whether the license taxes and the 1685
cooperative agreement are in the best interests of the 1686
businesses operating in the counties in which the taxes would be 1687
imposed. In considering this question, the council shall allow 1688
the governing board, or a representative thereof, the 1689
opportunity to present testimony on the license taxes and the 1690
cooperative agreement. The council also shall allow time, during 1691
the meeting or meetings, for public comment on the license tax 1692
or taxes and the cooperative agreement. The council may hold an 1693
executive session in the manner provided in and subject to the 1694
limitations of section 122.22 of the Revised Code. 1695

If the council, by majority vote of the membership of the 1696
council, determines that the license taxes and the cooperative 1697
agreement are in the best interests of the businesses operating 1698
within counties in which the tax would be levied, the governing 1699
board may submit requests to the appropriate boards of county 1700
commissioners that the license tax be placed on the ballot in 1701
accordance with division (C) of this section. If the council 1702

does not approve the license taxes and the cooperative 1703
agreement, the council shall provide recommendations to the 1704
governing board for ways in which the proposed license taxes and 1705
the cooperative agreement may be modified to meet the approval 1706
of the council. Such recommendations shall be in writing and 1707
shall be sent to the governing board within fourteen days after 1708
the vote of the council on the license taxes and the cooperative 1709
agreement. 1710

The transportation advisory council shall dissolve by 1711
operation of law upon approving a license tax proposal under 1712
this division. 1713

The governing board shall make appropriations as are 1714
necessary to pay the costs incurred by the council in the 1715
exercise of its functions under this division. 1716

(E) The registrar of motor vehicles shall deposit revenue 1717
from each of the taxes levied under this section that is 1718
received by the registrar under section 4504.09 of the Revised 1719
Code in the local motor vehicle license tax fund created by 1720
section 4501.031 of the Revised Code. The registrar shall 1721
distribute the revenue from each tax to the appropriate board of 1722
county commissioners. The registrar may assign to each board of 1723
county commissioners a unique code to facilitate the 1724
distribution of the revenue, which may be the same unique code 1725
assigned to that county under section 4501.03 of the Revised 1726
Code. The board of county commissioners then shall pay the money 1727
to the governing board of the regional transportation 1728
improvement project that requested that the question of the 1729
levying of the tax be placed on the ballot. 1730

Sec. 4505.131. (A) Any person that purchases a motor 1731
vehicle that is financed shall choose, at the time that the 1732

security interest financing the motor vehicle is fully 1733
discharged, to either receive a physical certificate of title to 1734
that motor vehicle from the secured party or to have the 1735
certificate of title remain electronic. 1736

(B) Upon a secured party's receipt of good funds in the 1737
correct amount discharging the security interest financing the 1738
motor vehicle, the secured party shall send the purchaser a 1739
written form. The purchaser shall complete the form to 1740
affirmatively choose whether the purchaser wishes to receive a 1741
physical certificate of title or to have the certificate of 1742
title remain electronic. The form may be electronic or 1743
nonelectronic. 1744

(C) If the purchaser affirmatively selects to receive a 1745
physical certificate of title, the secured party shall deliver 1746
to the purchaser, without any additional fee, a physical 1747
certificate of title to the motor vehicle. 1748

(D) This section does not apply when a security interest 1749
financing a motor vehicle is discharged because the purchaser 1750
sold or traded the motor vehicle and no longer has an ownership 1751
interest in that motor vehicle. 1752

Sec. 4511.093. (A) A local authority may utilize a traffic 1753
law photo-monitoring device for the purpose of detecting traffic 1754
law violations. If the local authority is a county or township, 1755
the board of county commissioners or the board of township 1756
trustees may adopt such resolutions as may be necessary to 1757
enable the county or township to utilize traffic law photo- 1758
monitoring devices. 1759

(B) The use of a traffic law photo-monitoring device is 1760
subject to the following conditions: 1761

(1) A local authority shall use a traffic law photo- 1762
monitoring device to detect and enforce traffic law violations 1763
only if a law enforcement officer is present at the location of 1764
the device at all times during the operation of the device and 1765
if the local authority complies with sections 4511.094 and 1766
4511.095 of the Revised Code. 1767

(2) A law enforcement officer who is present at the 1768
location of any traffic law photo-monitoring device and who 1769
personally witnesses a traffic law violation may issue a ticket 1770
for the violation. Such a ticket shall be issued in accordance 1771
with section 2935.26 of the Revised Code and is not subject to 1772
sections 4511.096 to 4511.0910 and section 4511.912 of the 1773
Revised Code. 1774

(3) If a traffic law photo-monitoring device records a 1775
traffic law violation and the law enforcement officer who was 1776
present at the location of the traffic law photo-monitoring 1777
device does not issue a ticket as provided under division (B) (2) 1778
of this section, the local authority may only issue a ticket in 1779
accordance with sections 4511.096 to 4511.0912 of the Revised 1780
Code. 1781

(4) If the local authority utilizing traffic law photo- 1782
monitoring devices is a county or township, a law enforcement 1783
officer of the county or township shall use only a handheld 1784
traffic law photo-monitoring device held by the law enforcement 1785
officer. 1786

(C) No township constable appointed under section 509.01 1787
of the Revised Code, member of a police force of a township or 1788
joint police district created under section 505.48 or 505.482 of 1789
the Revised Code, or other representative of a township shall 1790
utilize a traffic law photo-monitoring device to detect and 1791

enforce traffic law violations on an interstate highway. 1792

Sec. 4511.765. (A) The superintendent of public 1793
instruction, by and with the advice of the director of public 1794
safety, shall amend any rules adopted under section 4511.76 of 1795
the Revised Code pertaining to pre-trip inspections of a school 1796
bus. The amendment shall remove any requirement that the 1797
following equipment be included in the pre-trip inspection: 1798

(1) The turbo charger; 1799

(2) The alternator; 1800

(3) The belts; 1801

(4) The water pump; 1802

(5) The power steering pump; 1803

(6) The air pump; 1804

(7) Any part of the steering system; 1805

(8) Any part of the suspension; 1806

(9) Any part of the air brakes; 1807

(10) Any part of the brake equipment, including drums or 1808
rotors; 1809

(11) The springs and spring mounts; 1810

(12) The air bags. 1811

(B) The state highway patrol shall still examine all of 1812
the equipment listed in division (A) of this section during its 1813
school bus inspections conducted in accordance with section 1814
4511.761 of the Revised Code. 1815

Sec. 4513.34. (A) (1) The director of transportation with 1816

respect to all highways that are a part of the state highway system and local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, upon application in writing, shall issue a special regional heavy hauling permit authorizing the applicant to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles as follows:

(a) At a size or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in sections 5577.01 to 5577.09 of the Revised Code, or otherwise not in conformity with sections 4513.01 to 4513.37 of the Revised Code;

(b) Upon any highway under the jurisdiction of the authority granting the permit except those highways with a condition insufficient to bear the weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles as stated in the application.

Issuance of a special regional heavy hauling permit is subject to the payment of a fee established by the director or local authority in accordance with this section.

(2) In circumstances where a person is not eligible to receive a permit under division (A) (1) of this section, the director of transportation with respect to all highways that are a part of the state highway system and local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, upon application in writing and for good cause shown, may issue a special permit in writing authorizing the applicant to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in sections 5577.01 to 5577.09 of the Revised Code, or otherwise not in conformity with sections 4513.01 to 4513.37 of the Revised Code, upon any highway under the jurisdiction of the authority granting the permit.

(3) For purposes of this section, the director may 1847
designate certain state highways or portions of state highways 1848
as special economic development highways. If an application 1849
submitted to the director under this section involves travel of 1850
a nonconforming vehicle or combination of vehicles upon a 1851
special economic development highway, the director, in 1852
determining whether good cause has been shown that issuance of a 1853
permit is justified, shall consider the effect the travel of the 1854
vehicle or combination of vehicles will have on the economic 1855
development in the area in which the designated highway or 1856
portion of highway is located. 1857

~~(B)~~ (B) (1) Notwithstanding sections 715.22 and 723.01 of 1858
the Revised Code, the holder of a permit issued by the director 1859
under this section may move the vehicle or combination of 1860
vehicles described in the permit on any highway that is a part 1861
of the state highway system when the movement is partly within 1862
and partly without the corporate limits of a municipal 1863
corporation. No local authority shall require any other permit 1864
or license or charge any license fee or other charge against the 1865
holder of a permit for the movement of a vehicle or combination 1866
of vehicles on any highway that is a part of the state highway 1867
system. The director shall not require the holder of a permit 1868
issued by a local authority to obtain a special permit for the 1869
movement of vehicles or combination of vehicles on highways 1870
within the jurisdiction of the local authority. ~~Permits~~ 1871

(2) Except as provided in division (B) (3) of this section, 1872
permits may be issued for any period of time not to exceed one 1873
year, as the director in the director's discretion or a local 1874
authority in its discretion determines advisable, or for the 1875
duration of any public construction project. 1876

(3) The director and every county shall issue an annual permit under division (A) (2) of this section for: 1877
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(a) A vehicle or combination of vehicles that haul farm machinery, provided that the farm machinery otherwise qualifies for the farm equipment permit or a similar permit offered by the county for farm machinery or equipment; 1879
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(b) A vehicle or combination of vehicles that haul agricultural produce or agricultural production materials that otherwise could be hauled by farm machinery or equipment under the farm equipment permit or a similar permit offered by the county for farm machinery or equipment. 1883
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(4) In addition to the annual permit issued under (B) (3) of this section, the director and every county may continue to issue a permit under division (A) (2) of this section for the vehicles specified in division (B) (3) of this section, for any period of time up to one year. 1888
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(C) (1) The application for a permit issued under this section shall be in the form that the director or local authority prescribes. The director or local authority may prescribe a permit fee to be imposed and collected when any permit described in this section is issued. The permit fee may be in an amount sufficient to reimburse the director or local authority for the administrative costs incurred in issuing the permit, and also to cover the cost of the normal and expected damage caused to the roadway or a street or highway structure as the result of the operation of the nonconforming vehicle or combination of vehicles. The director, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall establish a schedule of fees for permits issued by the director under this section; however, the fee to operate a triple trailer unit, at locations 1893
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authorized under federal law, shall be one hundred dollars. 1907

(2) For the purposes of this section and of rules adopted 1908
by the director under this section, milk transported in bulk by 1909
vehicle is deemed a nondivisible load. 1910

(3) For purposes of this section and of rules adopted by 1911
the director under this section, three or fewer aluminum coils, 1912
transported by a vehicle, are deemed a nondivisible load. The 1913
director shall adopt rules establishing requirements for an 1914
aluminum coil permit that are substantially similar to the 1915
requirements for a steel coil permit under Chapter 5501:2-1 of 1916
the Administrative Code. 1917

(D) The director or a local authority shall issue a 1918
special regional heavy hauling permit under division (A) (1) of 1919
this section upon application and payment of the applicable fee. 1920
~~However~~Except when required to issue a special permit under 1921
division (B) (3) of this section, the director or local authority 1922
may issue or withhold a special permit specified in division (A) 1923
(2) of this section. If a permit is to be issued, the director 1924
or local authority may limit or prescribe conditions of 1925
operation for the vehicle and may require the posting of a bond 1926
or other security conditioned upon the sufficiency of the permit 1927
fee to compensate for damage caused to the roadway or a street 1928
or highway structure. In addition, a local authority, as a 1929
condition of issuance of an overweight permit, may require the 1930
applicant to develop and enter into a mutual agreement with the 1931
local authority to compensate for or to repair excess damage 1932
caused to the roadway by travel under the permit. 1933

For a permit that will allow travel of a nonconforming 1934
vehicle or combination of vehicles on a special economic 1935
development highway, the director, as a condition of issuance, 1936

may require the applicant to agree to make periodic payments to 1937
the department to compensate for damage caused to the roadway by 1938
travel under the permit. 1939

(E) Every permit issued under this section shall be 1940
carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which it 1941
refers and shall be open to inspection by any police officer or 1942
authorized agent of any authority granting the permit. No person 1943
shall violate any of the terms of a permit. 1944

(F) The director may debar an applicant from applying for 1945
a permit under this section upon a finding based on a reasonable 1946
belief that the applicant has done any of the following: 1947

(1) Abused the process by repeatedly submitting false 1948
information or false travel plans or by using another company or 1949
individual's name, insurance, or escrow account without proper 1950
authorization; 1951

(2) Failed to comply with or substantially perform under a 1952
previously issued permit according to its terms, conditions, and 1953
specifications within specified time limits; 1954

(3) Failed to cooperate in the application process for the 1955
permit or in any other procedures that are related to the 1956
issuance of the permit by refusing to provide information or 1957
documents required in a permit or by failing to respond to and 1958
correct matters related to the permit; 1959

(4) Accumulated repeated justified complaints regarding 1960
performance under a permit that was previously issued to the 1961
applicant or previously failed to obtain a permit when such a 1962
permit was required; 1963

(5) Attempted to influence a public employee to breach 1964
ethical conduct standards; 1965

(6) Been convicted of a disqualifying offense as determined under section 9.79 of the Revised Code;	1966 1967
(7) Accumulated repeated convictions under a state or federal safety law governing commercial motor vehicles or a rule or regulation adopted under such a law;	1968 1969 1970
(8) Accumulated repeated convictions under a law, rule, or regulation governing the movement of traffic over the public streets and highways;	1971 1972 1973
(9) Failed to pay any fees associated with any permitted operation or move;	1974 1975
(10) Deliberately or willfully submitted false or misleading information in connection with the application for, or performance under, a permit issued under this section.	1976 1977 1978
If the applicant is a partnership, association, or corporation, the director also may debar from consideration for permits any partner of the partnership, or the officers, directors, or employees of the association or corporation being debarred.	1979 1980 1981 1982 1983
The director may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the debarment of an applicant.	1984 1985 1986
(G) When the director reasonably believes that grounds for debarment exist, the director shall send the person that is subject to debarment a notice of the proposed debarment. A notice of proposed debarment shall indicate the grounds for the debarment of the person and the procedure for requesting a hearing. The notice and hearing shall be in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. If the person does not respond with a request for a hearing in the manner specified in that	1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994

chapter, the director shall issue the debarment decision without 1995
a hearing and shall notify the person of the decision by 1996
certified mail, return receipt requested. The debarment period 1997
may be of any length determined by the director, and the 1998
director may modify or rescind the debarment at any time. During 1999
the period of debarment, the director shall not issue, or 2000
consider issuing, a permit under this section to any 2001
partnership, association, or corporation that is affiliated with 2002
a debarred person. After the debarment period expires, the 2003
person, and any partnership, association, or corporation 2004
affiliated with the person, may reapply for a permit. 2005

(H) (1) No person shall violate the terms of a permit 2006
issued under this section that relate to gross load limits. 2007

(2) No person shall violate the terms of a permit issued 2008
under this section that relate to axle load by more than two 2009
thousand pounds per axle or group of axles. 2010

(3) No person shall violate the terms of a permit issued 2011
under this section that relate to an approved route except upon 2012
order of a law enforcement officer or authorized agent of the 2013
issuing authority. 2014

(I) Whoever violates division (H) of this section shall be 2015
punished as provided in section 4513.99 of the Revised Code. 2016

(J) A permit issued by the department of transportation or 2017
a local authority under this section for the operation of a 2018
vehicle or combination of vehicles is valid for the purposes of 2019
the vehicle operation in accordance with the conditions and 2020
limitations specified on the permit. Such a permit is voidable 2021
by law enforcement only for operation of a vehicle or 2022
combination of vehicles in violation of the weight, dimension, 2023

or route provisions of the permit. However, a permit is not
voidable for operation in violation of a route provision of a
permit if the operation is upon the order of a law enforcement
officer.

Sec. 4517.262. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Motor vehicle dealer" includes any owner, partner,
shareholder, officer, member, trustee, employee, or agent of the
motor vehicle dealership.

(2) "Third-party motor vehicle history report" means any
formal or informal report prepared by a person other than a
motor vehicle dealer that relates to one or more of the
following:

(a) A motor vehicle's current ownership or a motor
vehicle's certificate of title transfer history;

(b) A brand on a motor vehicle's certificate of title;

(c) A lien on a motor vehicle;

(d) A motor vehicle's service, maintenance, or repair
history;

(e) A motor vehicle's condition;

(f) A motor vehicle's accident or collision history;

(g) A motor vehicle's mileage.

(B) When a motor vehicle dealer provides or otherwise
makes available to a motor vehicle purchaser, lessee, or any
other person a third-party motor vehicle history report in
conjunction with the actual or potential sale or lease of a
motor vehicle, the motor vehicle dealer is not liable for the
accuracy of information that was provided by another entity.

Sec. 4955.50. (A) As used in this section and section 2051
4955.51 of the Revised Code: 2052

(1) "Wayside detector system" means an electronic device 2053
or a series of connected devices that scan passing trains, 2054
rolling stock, on-track equipment, and their component equipment 2055
and parts for defects. 2056

(2) "Defects" include hot wheel bearings, hot wheels, 2057
defective bearings that are detected through acoustics, dragging 2058
equipment, excessive height or weight, shifted loads, low hoses, 2059
rail temperature, and wheel condition. 2060

(B) The public utilities commission in conjunction with 2061
the department of transportation shall work with each railroad 2062
company that does business in this state to ensure that wayside 2063
detector systems are installed and are operating along railroad 2064
tracks on which the railroad operates and to ensure that such 2065
systems meet all of following standards: 2066

(1) The systems are properly installed, maintained, 2067
repaired, and operational in accordance with section 4955.51 of 2068
the Revised Code and the latest guidelines issued by the United 2069
States department of transportation, the federal railroad 2070
administration, and the association of American railroads. 2071

(2) Any expired, nonworking, or outdated wayside detector 2072
system or component parts of a system are removed and replaced 2073
with new parts or an entirely new system that reflects the 2074
current best practices and standards of the industry. 2075

(3) The distance between wayside detector systems is 2076
appropriate when accounting for the requirements of section 2077
4955.51 of the Revised Code, the natural terrain surrounding the 2078
railroad track on which the railroad operates, and the safety of 2079

the trains, rolling stock, on-track equipment, their operators, 2080
their passengers, and the persons and property in the vicinity 2081
of such railroad track so that if defects are detected operators 2082
have sufficient time to do the following: 2083

(a) Respond to the alerts projected by the wayside 2084
detector system; 2085

(b) Stop the train, rolling stock, or on-track equipment, 2086
if necessary; 2087

(c) Make all necessary repairs or, if repair is impossible 2088
at the location, to remove the component parts or equipment that 2089
is defective. 2090

(4) The railroad company has defined, written standards 2091
and training for its employees pertaining to wayside detector 2092
system defect alerts, the course of action that employees are 2093
required to take to respond to an alert, and appropriate 2094
monitoring and responses by the company if employees fail to 2095
take the required course of action. 2096

(C) If a railroad company refuses to work or otherwise 2097
cooperate with the public utilities commission and the 2098
department of transportation in good faith in accordance with 2099
this section, the commission and department shall investigate 2100
that railroad company's safety practices and standards in 2101
accordance with 49 C.F.R. Part 212. The commission and 2102
department shall determine whether the company appears to be in 2103
compliance with federal railroad safety laws, as defined in 49 2104
C.F.R. Part 209. 2105

(D) (1) If a railroad company does not appear to be in 2106
compliance with the applicable federal standards based on an 2107
investigation conducted under division (C) of this section, not 2108

later than sixty days after the conclusion of the investigation, 2109
the commission and department shall make a report to the federal 2110
railroad administration. The report shall detail the results of 2111
the investigation and recommend that the administration take 2112
enforcement action in accordance with its authority against the 2113
railroad company for the safety violations discovered through 2114
that investigation. 2115

(2) The commission and department shall send a copy of the 2116
report to the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker 2117
of the house of representatives, and the minority leaders of 2118
both the senate and the house of representatives. 2119

Sec. 4955.51. (A) (1) Except as otherwise provided in 2120
division (A) (2) of this section, any person responsible for the 2121
installation of wayside detector systems alongside or on a 2122
railroad shall ensure that each system location is not more than 2123
ten miles from the adjacent system location. 2124

(2) If the natural terrain does not allow for the 2125
placement of the next adjacent system location within ten miles 2126
from the prior system location, the next adjacent system 2127
location shall be installed not more than fifteen miles from the 2128
prior system location. 2129

(B) When a wayside detector system detects a defect in a 2130
passing train, rolling stock, on-track equipment, or its 2131
component equipment and parts, if the message regarding the 2132
defect is not immediately sent to the operator of that train, 2133
rolling stock, or on-track equipment, the person that receives 2134
the message shall immediately notify the operator of the defect. 2135

(C) The department of transportation and the public 2136
utilities commission, as part of their work with each railroad 2137

company under division (B) of section 4955.50 of the Revised 2138
Code, shall ensure both of the following: 2139

(1) The manner in which wayside detector systems are 2140
installed and placed complies with division (A) of this section; 2141

(2) The manner in which wayside detector system messages 2142
are sent and received complies with division (B) of this 2143
section. 2144

Sec. 4981.02. (A) There is hereby created the Ohio rail 2145
development commission, as an independent agency of the state 2146
within the department of transportation, consisting of ~~seven~~ 2147
~~members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of~~ 2148
~~the senate, two~~ the following members: 2149

(1) Two members of the Ohio senate, one of whom shall be 2150
appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the president of the 2151
senate and one of whom shall be appointed by and serve at the 2152
pleasure of the minority leader of the senate, ~~two~~; 2153

(2) Two members of the Ohio house of representatives, one 2154
of whom shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the 2155
speaker of the house of representatives and one of whom shall be 2156
appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the minority leader of 2157
the house of representatives, ~~and two~~; 2158

(3) Two members representing the general public, one of 2159
whom shall be appointed by the president of the senate and one 2160
of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of 2161
representatives. ~~The director of transportation and the director~~ 2162
~~of development, or their designees, shall be ex officio members~~ 2163
~~of the commission. Of the~~; 2164

(4) The director of transportation, or the director's 2165
designee, who shall be an ex officio member; 2166

- (5) The director of development, or the director's 2167
designee, who shall be an ex officio member; 2168
- (6) The following members appointed by the governor, 2169
with the advice and consent of the senate: 2170
- (a) One member, who shall serve as 2171
chairman-chairperson of
the commission,~~one~~ until October 21, 2025, or an earlier date 2172
if the member resigns or otherwise leaves office; 2173
- (b) One member, who shall represent the interests of a 2174
freight rail company,~~one~~; 2175
- (c) One member, who shall represent the interests of 2176
passenger rail service,~~one~~; 2177
- (d) One member, who shall have expertise in infrastructure 2178
financing,~~one~~; 2179
- (e) One member, who shall represent the interests of 2180
organized labor,~~one~~; 2181
- (f) One member, who shall represent the interests of 2182
manufacturers,~~and one~~; 2183
- (g) One member who shall represent the general public, 2184
subject to division (B) of this section. All 2185
- (B) Beginning on October 21, 2025, or at an earlier date 2186
if there is a vacancy in the position of chairperson, the 2187
director of transportation or the director's designee shall 2188
serve as the chairperson of the commission. Upon the director or 2189
director's designee assuming the position of chairperson, the 2190
governor shall appoint an additional member to the commission to 2191
represent the general public. 2192
- (C) All members shall be reimbursed for actual expenses 2193

incurred in the performance of their duties. The members of the 2194
commission from the Ohio senate and the Ohio house of 2195
representatives shall serve as nonvoting members. No more than 2196
four members of the seven appointed to the commission by the 2197
governor shall be from the same political party. Each member of 2198
the commission shall be a resident of this state. 2199

~~(B)-(D)~~ Within sixty days after ~~the effective date of this~~ 2200
~~amendment October 20, 1994,~~ the governor shall make initial 2201
appointments to the commission. Of the initial appointments made 2202
to the commission, three shall be for a term ending three years 2203
after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ October 20, 1994, and 2204
three shall be for a term ending six years after that date. 2205
Terms for all other appointments made to the commission shall be 2206
for six years. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided 2207
for original appointments. Any member appointed to fill a 2208
vacancy shall have the same qualifications as ~~his~~ the member's 2209
predecessor. Each term shall end on the same day of the same 2210
month of the year as did the term which it succeeds. Each 2211
appointed member shall hold office from the date of ~~his~~ the 2212
member's appointment until the end of the term for which ~~he~~ the 2213
member was appointed. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy 2214
before the expiration of the term for which ~~his~~ the member's 2215
predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of 2216
that term. Any appointed member shall continue in office 2217
subsequent to the expiration date of ~~his~~ the member's term until 2218
~~his~~ the member's successor takes office, or for a period of 2219
sixty days, whichever occurs first. All members shall be 2220
eligible for reappointment. 2221

~~(C)-(E)~~ The commission may employ an executive director, 2222
who shall have appropriate experience as determined by the 2223
commission, and a secretary-treasurer and other employees that 2224

the commission considers appropriate. The commission may fix the 2225
compensation of the employees. 2226

~~(D)~~ (F) Six members of the commission shall constitute a 2227
quorum, and the affirmative vote of six members shall be 2228
necessary for any action taken by the commission. No vacancy in 2229
the membership of the commission shall impair the rights of a 2230
quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of 2231
the commission. 2232

~~(E)~~ (G) All members of the commission are subject to 2233
Chapter 102. of the Revised Code. 2234

~~(F)~~ (H) The department of transportation may use all 2235
appropriate sources of revenue to assist the commission in 2236
developing and implementing rail service. 2237

~~(G)~~ (I) Expenditures by the department of transportation, 2238
the Ohio rail development commission, or any other state agency 2239
for capital improvements for the development of passenger rail 2240
shall be subject to the approval of the controlling board with 2241
an affirmative vote of not fewer than five members, including 2242
the affirmative vote of a majority of the controlling board 2243
members appointed by the president of the senate and a majority 2244
of the controlling board members appointed by the speaker of the 2245
house of representatives. All public funds acquired by the 2246
commission shall be used for developing, implementing, and 2247
regulating rail service and not for operating rail service 2248
unless the general assembly specifically approves the 2249
expenditure of funds for operating rail service. 2250

Sec. 4981.04. (A) The Ohio rail development commission 2251
shall prepare a plan for the construction and operation of an 2252
intercity conventional or high speed passenger transportation 2253

system in this state. The system shall be constructed and 2254
operated by the commission or its designees. The plan for 2255
construction and operation shall be based on existing studies, 2256
and shall state that the ~~system's initial route system~~ will 2257
connect ~~Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati~~ and any points in 2258
~~between those cities~~ Ohio and nearby states as determined by the 2259
authority commission. The plan shall include the following 2260
information: 2261

- (1) The route alignment of the proposed system; 2262
- (2) The proposed technology; 2263
- (3) The size, nature, and scope of the proposed system; 2264
- (4) The sources of the public and private revenue needed 2265
to finance the system; 2266
- (5) The projected ability of all revenue sources to meet 2267
both capital and operating funding requirements of the proposed 2268
system; 2269
- (6) The construction, operation, and management plan for 2270
the system, including a timetable for construction and the 2271
proposed location and number of transit stations considered 2272
necessary; 2273
- (7) The likelihood that Ohio-based corporations will be 2274
used to manufacture or supply components of the proposed system; 2275
- (8) The likelihood that additional or subsidiary 2276
development will be generated; 2277
- (9) The extent to which the proposed system will create an 2278
additional or reduced demand for sources of energy; 2279
- (10) Any changes in the law necessary to implement the 2280

proposed system; 2281

(11) The proposed system's impact on the economy of the 2282
state and on the economic and other public policies of the 2283
state. 2284

The commission may revise any plan of the Ohio high speed 2285
rail authority or may submit a separate plan for construction 2286
and operation and a funding request to the governor, the speaker 2287
of the house of representatives, and to the president of the 2288
senate. Any plan for an intercity conventional or high speed 2289
passenger transportation system submitted by the commission 2290
pursuant to this section shall not propose the operation of such 2291
a system by the state other than through the commission. 2292

Sec. 4999.09. (A) The requirements set forth in division 2293
(B) of this section are solely related to safety, including 2294
ensuring that no train or light engine used in connection with 2295
the movement of freight in this state is left without a 2296
functional crew person as a result of a medical emergency. 2297

(B) A train or light engine used in connection with the 2298
movement of freight shall have a crew that consists of at least 2299
two individuals. No superintendent, trainmaster, or other 2300
employee of a railroad shall order or otherwise require a train 2301
or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight 2302
to be operated unless it has a crew that consists of at least 2303
two individuals. 2304

As used in this division, "train or light engine used in 2305
connection with the movement of freight" does not include 2306
hostler service or utility employees. 2307

(C) (1) The public utilities commission may assess a civil 2308
penalty against a person who willfully violates division (B) of 2309

this section. If the commission assesses a civil penalty, the 2310
commission shall do so as follows: 2311

(a) If, within three years of the violation, the 2312
commission has not previously assessed a civil penalty against 2313
the person under this section, in an amount not less than two 2314
hundred fifty, but not more than one thousand dollars; 2315

(b) If, within three years of the violation, the 2316
commission has previously assessed one civil penalty against the 2317
person under this section, in an amount not less than one 2318
thousand, but not more than five thousand dollars; 2319

(c) If, within three years of the violation, the 2320
commission has previously assessed two or more civil penalties 2321
against the person under this section, in an amount not less 2322
than five thousand, but not more than ten thousand dollars. 2323

(2) The attorney general, upon the request of the public 2324
utilities commission, shall bring a civil action to collect the 2325
penalties described in division (C)(1) of this section. All 2326
penalties collected under the division shall be deposited into 2327
the state treasury to the credit of the public utilities fund 2328
created in section 4905.10 of the Revised Code. 2329

(D) The requirements of this section do not apply on and 2330
after the date a federal law or regulation takes effect 2331
requiring a train or light engine used in connection with the 2332
movement of freight in this state to have a crew of at least two 2333
individuals. 2334

Sec. 5501.521. (A) The department of transportation shall 2335
prepare expense reports related to grants and loans that are 2336
issued by the department through its transportation grant and 2337
loan programs. The department shall submit each report to the 2338

president of the senate and the speaker of the house of 2339
representatives at the earliest of the following periods: 2340

(1) The conclusion of the term of loan; 2341

(2) The conclusion of the project funded by the grant; 2342

(3) The end of the fiscal year for each fiscal year that 2343
the loan or the project is still pending. 2344

(B) The department shall require the recipient of the loan 2345
or grant to assist in preparing the expense reports and 2346
itemizing the uses of the loan or grant money issued to that 2347
recipient. 2348

(C) The department shall include its administrative 2349
expenses in managing the loan or grant program in the expense 2350
reports submitted in accordance with this section. 2351

(D) If any content required for inclusion in an expense 2352
report under this section is the same content that the 2353
department submits to the Ohio state and local government 2354
expenditure database established under sections 113.70 to 113.77 2355
of the Revised Code, the department may send copies of that 2356
content to the president of the senate and speaker of the house 2357
of representatives in lieu of including it in a report under 2358
this section. 2359

Sec. 5503.031. ~~(A)~~ Beginning July 1, 2023, the following 2360
officers of the state highway patrol shall be paid in accordance 2361
with the indicated pay ranges from schedule E-1 of division (B) 2362
of section 124.152 of the Revised Code: 2363

~~(1)~~ (A) A sergeant or equivalent officer who is an exempt 2364
employee under section 124.152 of the Revised Code shall be paid 2365
in accordance with pay range 14. 2366

(B) A lieutenant or equivalent officer shall be paid in accordance with pay range 15.	2367 2368
(2) (C) A staff lieutenant or equivalent officer shall be paid in accordance with pay range 16.	2369 2370
(3) (D) A captain or equivalent officer shall be paid in accordance with pay range 17.	2371 2372
(4) (E) A major or equivalent officer shall be paid in accordance with pay range 18.	2373 2374
(5) (F) A lieutenant colonel or equivalent officer shall be paid in accordance with pay range 19 established in rules adopted in accordance with division (D) of section 124.152 of the Revised Code.	2375 2376 2377 2378
Sec. 5517.011. (A) Notwithstanding section 5517.01 of the Revised Code, the director of transportation may establish a program to expedite the sale and construction of special projects by combining the design and construction elements of a highway or bridge project <u>projects for transportation facilities as defined in section 5501.01 of the Revised Code</u> into a single contract. The director shall prepare and distribute a scope of work document upon which the bidders shall base their bids. Except in regard to those requirements relating to providing plans, the director shall award contracts under this section in accordance with Chapter 5525. of the Revised Code.	2379 2380 2381 2382 2383 2384 2385 2386 2387 2388 2389
(B) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 5525. of the Revised Code, the director may use a value-based selection process, combining technical qualifications and competitive bidding elements, including consideration for minority or disadvantaged businesses that may include joint ventures, when letting special projects that contain both design and	2390 2391 2392 2393 2394 2395

construction elements of a transportation project into a single 2396
contract. If award of a contract to the best-value bidder is not 2397
in the best interest of the state, the director may accept 2398
another bid or reject all bids and then advertise for other 2399
bids. 2400

(C) The total dollar value of contracts made under this 2401
section shall not exceed one billion dollars per fiscal year. 2402
The director may provide compensation for preparation of a 2403
responsive preliminary design concept to not more than two 2404
bidders who, after the successful bidder, submitted the next 2405
best bids. The director may establish policies or procedures 2406
necessary to determine the amount of compensation to be provided 2407
for each project and the method of evaluating the value of the 2408
preliminary design concept submitted, but in no instance may the 2409
compensation exceed the value of such concept. 2410

(D) (1) Notwithstanding division (C) of this section, the 2411
director may award contracts under this section for a bridge 2412
project that spans the Ohio river for an amount not to exceed 2413
one billion five hundred million dollars. The project may 2414
include both of the following: 2415

(a) The replacement, addition, improvement, or 2416
rehabilitation of a bridge or a system of bridges over the Ohio 2417
river; 2418

(b) The replacement, addition, improvement, or 2419
rehabilitation of roadways providing for ingress to and egress 2420
from the bridge or system of bridges over the Ohio river within 2421
this state and any adjoining state. 2422

(2) If the amount of the contracts entered into under 2423
division (D) (1) of this section exceeds one billion five hundred 2424

million dollars, the director shall appear before the 2425
controlling board to request additional contracting authority 2426
beyond the one billion five hundred million dollar threshold. 2427
The controlling board may approve the request at its discretion. 2428

(3) The director may provide compensation for preparation 2429
of a responsive preliminary design concept under division (D) of 2430
this section to not more than three bidders. The director may 2431
establish policies or procedures necessary to determine the 2432
amount of compensation to be provided for the project and the 2433
method of evaluating the value of the preliminary design concept 2434
submitted, but in no instance may the compensation exceed the 2435
cost to develop such concept. 2436

(4) The authority granted under division (D) of this 2437
section is granted for the purposes of any application for 2438
available federal funding. Any such federal funding awarded 2439
shall be expended only pursuant to appropriations made by the 2440
general assembly after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ 2441
August 31, 2022. 2442

Sec. 5525.16. (A) Before entering into a contract, the 2443
director of transportation shall require a contract performance 2444
bond and a payment bond with sufficient sureties, as follows: 2445

(1) A contract performance bond in an amount equal to one 2446
hundred per cent of the contract amount, conditioned, among 2447
other things, that the contractor will perform the work upon the 2448
terms proposed, within the time prescribed, and in accordance 2449
with the plans and specifications, will indemnify the state 2450
against any damage that may result from any failure of the 2451
contractor to so perform, and, further, in case of a grade 2452
separation will indemnify any railroad company involved against 2453
any damage that may result by reason of the negligence of the 2454

contractor in making the improvement. 2455

(2) A payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred per 2456
cent of the contract amount, conditioned for the payment by the 2457
contractor and all subcontractors for labor or work performed or 2458
materials furnished in connection with the work, improvement, or 2459
project involved. 2460

(B) After entering into a contract and the initial 2461
issuance of a contract performance bond and payment bond in 2462
accordance with division (A) of this section, both of the 2463
following apply, as applicable: 2464

(1) If the contract amount increases or decreases by forty 2465
thousand dollars or more during the term of the contract, the 2466
final bond amount shall be adjusted to account for the change 2467
from the original contract value to the actual final contract 2468
value. The director shall do all of the following: 2469

(a) Determine the final bond premium amount for the 2470
contract performance bond and payment bond based on the actual 2471
final contract value; 2472

(b) Finalize any bond premium adjustments after receiving 2473
written consent from the affected sureties confirming that the 2474
sureties increased or decreased the penal sums, as applicable; 2475

(c) Determine what, if any, additional payments or refunds 2476
are necessary under the contract as a result of the adjusted 2477
final bond premium amount. 2478

(2) A contractor shall provide the director with new 2479
surety bonds, in the form and amount required by this section, 2480
within twenty-one days of any of the following occurring to a 2481
surety providing a surety bond for the project: 2482

<u>(a) It is adjudged bankrupt or has made a general</u>	2483
<u>assignment for the benefit of its creditors;</u>	2484
<u>(b) It has liquidated all assets or has made a general</u>	2485
<u>assignment for the benefit of its creditors;</u>	2486
<u>(c) It is placed in receivership;</u>	2487
<u>(d) It petitions a state or federal court for protection</u>	2488
<u>from its creditors;</u>	2489
<u>(e) It allows its license to do business in this state to</u>	2490
<u>lapse or to be revoked.</u>	2491
<u>(C)(1) In no case is the state liable for damages</u>	2492
sustained in the construction of any work, improvement, or	2493
project under this chapter and Chapters 5501., 5503., 5511.,	2494
5513., 5515., 5516., 5517., 5519., 5521., 5523., 5527., 5528.,	2495
5529., 5531., 5533., and 5535. of the Revised Code.	2496
<u>(2) This section does not require the director to take</u>	2497
bonds as described in division (A) <u>or (B)</u> of this section in	2498
connection with any force account work, but the director may	2499
require those bonds in connection with force account work.	2500
<u>(3) If any bonds taken under this section are executed by</u>	2501
a surety company, the director may not approve such bonds unless	2502
there is attached a certificate of the superintendent of	2503
insurance that the company is authorized to transact business in	2504
this state, and a copy of the power of attorney of the agent of	2505
the company. The superintendent, upon request, shall issue to	2506
any licensed agent of such company the certificate without	2507
charge.	2508
<u>(4) The bonds required to be taken under this section</u>	2509
shall be executed by the same surety, approved by the director	2510

as to sufficiency of the sureties, and be in the form prescribed 2511
by the attorney general. 2512

~~(C)~~ (D) Any person to whom any money is due for labor or 2513
work performed or materials furnished in connection with a work, 2514
improvement, or project, at any time after performing the labor 2515
or furnishing the materials but not later than ninety days after 2516
the acceptance of the work, improvement, or project by the 2517
director, may furnish to the sureties on the payment bond a 2518
statement of the amount due the person. If the indebtedness is 2519
not paid in full at the expiration of sixty days after the 2520
statement is furnished, the person may commence an action in the 2521
person's own name upon the bond as provided in sections 2307.06 2522
and 2307.07 of the Revised Code. 2523

An action shall not be commenced against the sureties on a 2524
payment bond until sixty days after the furnishing of the 2525
statement described in this section or, notwithstanding section 2526
2305.12 of the Revised Code, later than one year after the date 2527
of the acceptance of the work, improvement, or project. 2528

~~(D)~~ (E) When the total contract amount is greater than 2529
five hundred million dollars, the director may authorize either 2530
of the following for purposes of meeting the requirements of 2531
division (A) of this section: 2532

(1) The issuance of multiple contract performance bonds or 2533
multiple contract payment bonds to meet the requirement that the 2534
bonding amount equals one hundred per cent of the contract 2535
amount; 2536

(2) The issuance of contract performance bonds and 2537
contract payment bonds in succession to align with the phases of 2538
the contract to meet the requirement that the bonding amount 2539

<u>equals one hundred per cent of the contract amount.</u>	2540
<u>(F) As used in this section, "improvement,":</u>	2541
<u>(1) "Improvement," "subcontractor," "material supplier,"</u>	2542
and "materials" have the same meanings as in section 1311.01 of	2543
the Revised Code, and "contractor" has the same meaning as	2544
"original contractor" as defined in that section.	2545
<u>(2) "Actual final contract value" is the final sum of</u>	2546
<u>money, excluding any bond premium adjustments, that is paid by</u>	2547
<u>the department to the contractor as a result of the contractor</u>	2548
<u>completing the agreed upon work.</u>	2549
Sec. 5540.01. As used in this chapter:	2550
(A) "Transportation improvement district" or "district"	2551
means a transportation improvement district designated pursuant	2552
to section 5540.02 of the Revised Code.	2553
(B) "Governmental agency" means a department, division, or	2554
other unit of state government; a county, township, or municipal	2555
corporation or other political subdivision; a regional transit	2556
authority or regional transit commission created pursuant to	2557
Chapter 306. of the Revised Code; a port authority created	2558
pursuant to Chapter 4582. of the Revised Code; and the United	2559
States or any agency thereof.	2560
(C) "Project" means a street, highway, parking facility,	2561
freight rail tracks and necessarily related freight rail	2562
facilities, or other transportation project constructed or	2563
improved under this chapter and includes all bridges, tunnels,	2564
overpasses, underpasses, interchanges, approaches, those	2565
portions of connecting streets or highways that serve	2566
interchanges and are determined by the district to be necessary	2567
for the safe merging of traffic between the project and those	2568

streets or highways, service facilities, and administration, 2569
storage, and other buildings, property, and facilities, that the 2570
district considers necessary for the operation of the project, 2571
together with all property and rights that must be acquired by 2572
the district for the construction, maintenance, or operation of 2573
the project. "Project" includes a qualifying project. 2574

(D) "Cost," as applied to the construction of a project, 2575
includes the cost of construction, including bridges over or 2576
under existing highways and railroads, acquisition of all 2577
property acquired by the district for such construction, 2578
demolishing or removing any buildings or structures on land so 2579
acquired, including the cost of acquiring any lands to which 2580
such buildings or structures may be moved, site clearance, 2581
improvement, and preparation, diverting streets or highways, 2582
interchanges with streets or highways, access roads to private 2583
property, including the cost of land or easements therefor, all 2584
machinery, furnishings, and equipment, communications 2585
facilities, financing and auditing expenses, interest prior to 2586
and during construction and for one year after completion of 2587
construction, traffic estimates, indemnity and surety bonds and 2588
premiums on insurance, and guarantees, engineering, feasibility 2589
studies, and legal expenses, plans, specifications, surveys, 2590
estimates of cost and revenues, other expenses necessary or 2591
incidental to determining the feasibility or practicability of 2592
constructing a project, and such other expense as may be 2593
necessary or incident to the construction of the project and the 2594
financing of such construction. Any obligation or expense 2595
incurred by any governmental agency or person for surveys, 2596
borings, preparation of plans and specifications, and other 2597
engineering services, or any other cost described above, in 2598
connection with the construction of a project may be regarded as 2599

part of the cost of the project and reimbursed from revenues, 2600
taxes, or the proceeds of bonds as authorized by this chapter. 2601

(E) "Owner" includes any person having any title or 2602
interest in any property authorized to be acquired by a district 2603
under this chapter. 2604

(F) "Revenues" means all moneys received by a district 2605
with respect to the lease, sublease, or sale, including 2606
installment sale, conditional sale, or sale under a lease- 2607
purchase agreement, of a project, all moneys received by a 2608
district under an agreement pursuant to Section 515.03 of H.B. 2609
66 of the 126th ~~General Assembly~~ general assembly, Section 2610
555.10 of H.B. 67 of the 127th general assembly, or Section 2611
755.20 of H.B. 153 of the 129th general assembly, any gift or 2612
grant received with respect to a project, tolls, special 2613
assessments levied by the district, sales and use taxes received 2614
from a qualifying regional transit authority for any purpose 2615
authorized by section 306.353 of the Revised Code, proceeds of 2616
bonds to the extent the use thereof for payment of principal or 2617
of premium, if any, or interest on the bonds is authorized by 2618
the district, proceeds from any insurance, condemnation, or 2619
guaranty pertaining to a project or property mortgaged to secure 2620
bonds or pertaining to the financing of a project, and income 2621
and profit from the investment of the proceeds of bonds or of 2622
any revenues. 2623

(G) "Street or highway" has the same meaning as in section 2624
4511.01 of the Revised Code. 2625

(H) "Financing expenses" means all costs and expenses 2626
relating to the authorization, issuance, sale, delivery, 2627
authentication, deposit, custody, clearing, registration, 2628
transfer, exchange, fractionalization, replacement, payment, and 2629

servicing of bonds including, without limitation, costs and 2630
expenses for or relating to publication and printing, postage, 2631
delivery, preliminary and final official statements, offering 2632
circulars, and informational statements, travel and 2633
transportation, underwriters, placement agents, investment 2634
bankers, paying agents, registrars, authenticating agents, 2635
remarketing agents, custodians, clearing agencies or 2636
corporations, securities depositories, financial advisory 2637
services, certifications, audits, federal or state regulatory 2638
agencies, accounting and computation services, legal services 2639
and obtaining approving legal opinions and other legal opinions, 2640
credit ratings, redemption premiums, and credit enhancement 2641
facilities. 2642

(I) "Bond proceedings" means the resolutions, trust 2643
agreements, certifications, notices, sale proceedings, leases, 2644
lease-purchase agreements, assignments, credit enhancement 2645
facility agreements, and other agreements, instruments, and 2646
documents, as amended and supplemented, or any one or more of 2647
combination thereof, authorizing, or authorizing or providing 2648
for the terms and conditions applicable to, or providing for the 2649
security or sale or award or liquidity of, bonds, and includes 2650
the provisions set forth or incorporated in those bonds and bond 2651
proceedings. 2652

(J) "Bond service charges" means principal, including any 2653
mandatory sinking fund or mandatory redemption requirements for 2654
retirement of bonds, and interest and any redemption premium 2655
payable on bonds, as those payments come due and are payable to 2656
the bondholder or to a person making payment under a credit 2657
enhancement facility of those bond service charges to a 2658
bondholder. 2659

(K) "Bond service fund" means the applicable fund created 2660
by the bond proceedings for and pledged to the payment of bond 2661
service charges on bonds provided for by those proceedings, 2662
including all moneys and investments, and earnings from 2663
investments, credited and to be credited to that fund as 2664
provided in the bond proceedings. 2665

(L) "Bonds" means bonds, notes, including notes 2666
anticipating bonds or other notes, commercial paper, 2667
certificates of participation, or other evidences of obligation, 2668
including any interest coupons pertaining thereto, issued 2669
pursuant to this chapter. 2670

(M) "Net revenues" means revenues lawfully available to 2671
pay both current operating expenses of a district and bond 2672
service charges in any fiscal year or other specified period, 2673
less current operating expenses of the district and any amount 2674
necessary to maintain a working capital reserve for that period. 2675

(N) "Pledged revenues" means net revenues, moneys and 2676
investments, and earnings on those investments, in the 2677
applicable bond service fund and any other special funds, and 2678
the proceeds of any bonds issued for the purpose of refunding 2679
prior bonds, all as lawfully available and by resolution of the 2680
district committed for application as pledged revenues to the 2681
payment of bond service charges on particular issues of bonds. 2682

(O) "Special funds" means the applicable bond service fund 2683
and any accounts and subaccounts in that fund, any other funds 2684
or accounts permitted by and established under, and identified 2685
as a special fund or special account in, the bond proceedings, 2686
including any special fund or account established for purposes 2687
of rebate or other requirements under federal income tax laws. 2688

(P) "Credit enhancement facilities" means letters of 2689
credit, lines of credit, standby, contingent, or firm securities 2690
purchase agreements, insurance, or surety arrangements, 2691
guarantees, and other arrangements that provide for direct or 2692
contingent payment of bond service charges, for security or 2693
additional security in the event of nonpayment or default in 2694
respect of bonds, or for making payment of bond service charges 2695
and at the option and on demand of bondholders or at the option 2696
of the district or upon certain conditions occurring under put 2697
or similar arrangements, or for otherwise supporting the credit 2698
or liquidity of the bonds, and includes credit, reimbursement, 2699
marketing, remarketing, indexing, carrying, interest rate hedge, 2700
and subrogation agreements, and other agreements and 2701
arrangements for payment and reimbursement of the person 2702
providing the credit enhancement facility and the security for 2703
that payment and reimbursement. 2704

(Q) "Refund" means to fund and retire outstanding bonds, 2705
including advance refunding with or without payment or 2706
redemption prior to stated maturity. 2707

(R) "Property" includes interests in property. 2708

(S) "Administrative agent," "agent," "commercial paper," 2709
"floating rate interest structure," "indexing agent," "interest 2710
rate hedge," "interest rate period," "put arrangement," and 2711
"remarketing agent" have the same meanings as in section 9.98 of 2712
the Revised Code. 2713

(T) "Outstanding" as applied to bonds means outstanding in 2714
accordance with the terms of the bonds and the applicable bond 2715
proceedings. 2716

(U) "Interstate system" has the same meaning as in section 2717

5516.01 of the Revised Code.	2718
<u>(V) "Qualifying regional transit authority," "qualifying project," "qualifying bonds," and "sales and use tax" have the same meanings as in section 306.353 of the Revised Code.</u>	2719 2720 2721
Sec. 5540.02. (A) A transportation improvement district may be created by the board of county commissioners of a county. The board, by resolution, shall determine the structure of the board of trustees of the transportation improvement district it creates by adopting the structure contained either in division (C) (1) or (2) of this section.	2722 2723 2724 2725 2726 2727
(B) A transportation improvement district is a body both corporate and politic, and the exercise by it of the powers conferred by this chapter in the financing, construction, maintenance, repair, and operation of a project are and shall be held to be essential governmental functions.	2728 2729 2730 2731 2732
(C) (1) If the board of county commissioners so elects, a transportation improvement district shall be governed by a board of trustees consisting of the following members:	2733 2734 2735
(a) Two members appointed by the board of county commissioners;	2736 2737
(b) Three members appointed by the legislative authority of the most populous municipal corporation in the district;	2738 2739
(c) Two members appointed by the legislative authority of the second most populous municipal corporation in the district;	2740 2741
(d) Two members appointed by the board of township trustees of the township in the county that is most populous in its unincorporated area;	2742 2743 2744
(e) The county engineer;	2745

(f) One member appointed by the legislative authority of 2746
any township or municipal corporation that cannot otherwise 2747
appoint a member to the board pursuant to this section, and that 2748
is wholly or partially within the area of the transportation 2749
improvement district as the district was originally designated 2750
by the board of county commissioners; 2751

(g) If the area of a transportation improvement district 2752
is expanded by the board of county commissioners, the 2753
legislative authority of any township or municipal corporation 2754
that is wholly or partially within the area of expansion and 2755
that cannot otherwise appoint a member to the board pursuant to 2756
this section, with the consent of the board of trustees of the 2757
district, may appoint one member to the board; 2758

(h) One member appointed by the regional planning 2759
commission for the county, who shall be a nonvoting member of 2760
the board; 2761

(i) One member appointed at the discretion of the speaker 2762
of the house of representatives, who, if appointed, shall be a 2763
nonvoting member of the board and who may be a member of the 2764
house of representatives; 2765

~~(j) One member appointed at the discretion of the 2766
president of the senate, who, if appointed, shall be a nonvoting 2767
member of the board and who may be a member of the senate. 2768~~

One of each of the appointments made by the board of 2769
county commissioners, the legislative authority of a municipal 2770
corporation, and the board of township trustees under divisions 2771
(C) (1) (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this section, shall be members 2772
of the chamber of commerce for the respective political 2773
subdivision. 2774

Whenever the addition of members to the board of trustees 2775
of a transportation improvement district pursuant to division 2776
(C) (1) (f) or (g) of this section results in an even number of 2777
total voting members on the board, the board of trustees of the 2778
district may appoint an additional person to its membership to 2779
maintain an odd number of voting members. 2780

(2) As an alternative to the structure prescribed in 2781
division (C) (1) of this section, a board of county 2782
commissioners, by resolution, may elect that the transportation 2783
improvement district it creates be governed by a board of 2784
trustees consisting of the following members: 2785

(a) Five members appointed by the board of county 2786
commissioners; 2787

(b) One member appointed at the discretion of the speaker 2788
of the house of representatives, who, if appointed, shall be a 2789
nonvoting member of the board and who may be a member of the 2790
house of representatives; 2791

~~(c) One member appointed at the discretion of the 2792
president of the senate, who, if appointed, shall be a nonvoting 2793
member of the board and who may be a member of the senate. 2794~~

(D) Each appointed member of the board shall hold office 2795
for a term of two years but subject to removal at the pleasure 2796
of the authority that appointed the member. Members may be 2797
reappointed. Except as otherwise provided in this division, any 2798
vacancy on the board shall be filled in the same manner as the 2799
original appointment. Any vacancy on a board appointed under 2800
division (C) (1) of this section lasting longer than thirty days 2801
due to the failure of the legislative authority of a municipal 2802
corporation or a board of township trustees to make an 2803

appointment shall be filled by the board of trustees of the 2804
transportation improvement district. 2805

(E) The voting members of the board shall elect from the 2806
entire board membership a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and 2807
secretary-treasurer. A majority of the voting members of the 2808
board constitutes a quorum, the affirmative vote of which is 2809
necessary for any action of the district. No vacancy in the 2810
membership of the board impairs the right of a quorum to 2811
exercise all the rights and perform all duties of the district. 2812

(F) The board of county commissioners of ~~the any county,~~ 2813
the legislative authority of any municipal corporation, and the 2814
board of township trustees of any township ~~that is part of the~~ 2815
~~district,~~ may make appropriations from moneys available to them 2816
and not otherwise appropriated, to pay costs incurred by the 2817
district in the exercise of its functions under this chapter, 2818
provided those moneys are available to use for that purpose. 2819

(G) An organizational meeting of the board of trustees of 2820
a transportation improvement district created under this section 2821
shall be held at the time and place designated by the board 2822
member who has served the most years as a member of the board of 2823
county commissioners that created the transportation improvement 2824
district. 2825

Sec. 5540.03. (A) A transportation improvement district 2826
may: 2827

(1) Adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the 2828
conduct of its business; 2829

(2) Adopt an official seal; 2830

(3) Sue and be sued in its own name, plead and be 2831
impleaded, provided any actions against the district shall be 2832

brought in the court of common pleas of the county in which the 2833
principal office of the district is located, or in the court of 2834
common pleas of the county in which the cause of action arose, 2835
and all summonses, exceptions, and notices of every kind shall 2836
be served on the district by leaving a copy thereof at its 2837
principal office with the secretary-treasurer; 2838

(4) Purchase, fund, finance, construct, maintain, repair, 2839
sell, exchange, police, operate, or lease projects; 2840

(5) Issue either or both of the following for the purpose 2841
of providing funds to pay the costs of any project or part 2842
thereof: 2843

(a) Transportation improvement district revenue bonds; 2844

(b) Bonds pursuant to Section 13 of Article VIII, Ohio 2845
Constitution. 2846

(6) Maintain such funds as it considers necessary; 2847

(7) Direct its agents or employees, when properly 2848
identified in writing and after at least five days' written 2849
notice, to enter upon lands within its jurisdiction to make 2850
surveys and examinations preliminary to the location and 2851
construction of projects for the district, without liability of 2852
the district or its agents or employees except for actual damage 2853
done; 2854

(8) Make and enter into all contracts and agreements 2855
necessary or incidental to the performance of its functions and 2856
the execution of its powers under this chapter; 2857

(9) Employ or retain or contract for the services of 2858
consulting engineers, superintendents, managers, and such other 2859
engineers, construction and accounting experts, auditors, 2860

financial advisers, trustees, marketing, remarketing, and 2861
administrative agents, attorneys, and other employees, 2862
independent contractors, or agents as are necessary in its 2863
judgment and fix their compensation, provided all such expenses 2864
shall be payable solely from the proceeds of bonds or from 2865
revenues; 2866

(10) Receive and accept from the federal or any state or 2867
local government, including, but not limited to, any agency, 2868
entity, or instrumentality of any of the foregoing, loans and 2869
grants for or in aid of the construction, maintenance, or repair 2870
of any project, and receive and accept aid or contributions from 2871
any source or person of money, property, labor, or other things 2872
of value, to be held, used, and applied only for the purposes 2873
for which such loans, grants, and contributions are made. 2874
Nothing in division (A) (10) of this section shall be construed 2875
as imposing any liability on this state for any loan received by 2876
a transportation improvement district from a third party unless 2877
this state has entered into an agreement to accept such 2878
liability. 2879

(11) Acquire, hold, and dispose of property in the 2880
exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties under 2881
this chapter; 2882

(12) Establish and collect tolls or user charges for its 2883
projects; 2884

(13) Subject to section 5540.18 of the Revised Code, enter 2885
into an agreement with a contiguous board of county 2886
commissioners other than the board of county commissioners that 2887
created the transportation improvement district, for the 2888
district to exercise all or any portion of its powers with 2889
respect to a project that is located wholly or partially within 2890

the county that is party to the agreement; 2891

(14) Cooperate with any governmental agencies in the 2892
planning, design, acquisition, construction, maintenance, 2893
funding, and financing of projects, including qualifying 2894
projects. In doing so, the district may enter into agreements 2895
with other governmental agencies to plan, design, acquire, 2896
construct, maintain, fund, and finance the projects or 2897
qualifying projects and to use pledged or assigned sales and use 2898
tax revenue to pay the debt service on qualifying bonds. 2899

(15) Enter into an agreement with the board of county 2900
commissioners that created the transportation improvement 2901
district and with the boards of county commissioners of any 2902
contiguous group of counties to exercise all powers of the 2903
district with respect to a project that is both of the 2904
following: 2905

(a) Located partially or wholly within any county that is 2906
a party to the agreement; 2907

(b) Partially funded with federal money. 2908

(16) Do all acts necessary and proper to carry out the 2909
powers expressly granted in this chapter. 2910

(B) (1) Chapters 123., 124., 125., and 153., and sections 2911
9.331 to 9.335 and 307.86 of the Revised Code do not apply to 2912
contracts or projects of a transportation improvement district. 2913

(2) A transportation improvement district is subject to 2914
sections 4115.03 to 4115.21 and 4115.99 of the Revised Code, 2915
unless the amount of state or local government funds, including, 2916
but not limited to, those provided by any agency, entity, or 2917
instrumentality of the state or a local government as described 2918
in division (A) (10) of this section received for the contract or 2919

project, is, in the aggregate, less than the amounts described 2920
in or calculated under section 4115.03 of the Revised Code. 2921

Sec. 5540.06. (A) The board of trustees of a 2922
transportation improvement district may provide by resolution 2923
for the issuance, at one time or from time to time, of bonds of 2924
the district for the purpose of paying all or any part of the 2925
cost of any one or more projects. The bond service charges shall 2926
be payable solely from pledged revenues pledged for such payment 2927
pursuant to the applicable bond proceedings. The bonds of each 2928
issue shall be dated, shall bear interest at a rate or rates or 2929
at variable rates, and shall mature or be payable at such time 2930
or times, with a final maturity not to exceed thirty years from 2931
their date or dates, all as determined by the board in the bond 2932
proceedings. The board shall determine the form of the bonds, 2933
including any interest coupons to be attached thereto, and shall 2934
fix the denomination or denominations of the bonds and the place 2935
or places of payment of bond service charges. 2936

(B) The bonds shall be signed by the chairperson or vice- 2937
chairperson of the board or by the facsimile signature of that 2938
officer, the official seal of the district or a facsimile 2939
thereof may be affixed thereto or printed thereon and attested 2940
by the secretary-treasurer of the district, which may be by 2941
facsimile signature, and any coupons attached thereto shall bear 2942
the facsimile signature of the chairperson or vice-chairperson 2943
of the board. In case any officer whose signature, or a 2944
facsimile of whose signature, appears on any bonds or coupons 2945
ceases to be such officer before delivery of the bonds, such 2946
signature or facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and 2947
sufficient for all purposes the same as if the officer had 2948
remained in office until such delivery. 2949

(C) Subject to the bond proceedings and provisions for 2950
registration, the bonds shall have all the qualities and 2951
incidents of negotiable instruments under Title XIII of the 2952
Revised Code. The bonds may be issued in such form or forms as 2953
the board determines, including without limitation coupon, book 2954
entry, and fully registered form, and provision may be made for 2955
the registration of any coupon bonds as to principal alone and 2956
also as to both principal and interest, and for the exchange of 2957
bonds between forms. The board may sell such bonds by 2958
competitive bid on the best bid after advertisement or request 2959
for bids or by private sale in the manner, and for the price, it 2960
determines to be for the best interest of the district. 2961

(D) The proceeds of the bonds of each issue shall be used 2962
solely for the payment of the costs of the project or projects 2963
for which the bonds were issued, and shall be disbursed in such 2964
manner and under such restrictions as the board provides in the 2965
bond proceedings. 2966

(E) Prior to the preparation of definitive bonds, the 2967
board may, under like restrictions, issue interim receipts or 2968
temporary bonds or bond anticipation notes, with or without 2969
coupons, exchangeable for definitive bonds when such bonds have 2970
been executed and are available for delivery. The board may 2971
provide for the replacement of any mutilated, stolen, destroyed, 2972
or lost bonds. 2973

(F) Sections 9.98 to 9.983 of the Revised Code apply to 2974
the bonds. 2975

(G) The bond proceedings shall provide, subject to the 2976
provisions of any other applicable bond proceedings, for the 2977
pledge to the payment of bond service charges and of any costs 2978
of or relating to credit enhancement facilities of all, or such 2979

part as the board may determine, of the pledged revenues and the 2980
applicable special fund or funds, which pledges may be made to 2981
secure the bonds on a parity with bonds theretofore or 2982
thereafter issued if and to the extent provided in the bond 2983
proceedings. Every pledge, and every covenant and agreement with 2984
respect thereto, made in the bond proceedings may in the bond 2985
proceedings be extended to the benefit of the owners and holders 2986
of bonds and to any trustee and any person providing a credit 2987
enhancement facility for those bonds, for the further security 2988
for the payment of the bond service charges and credit 2989
enhancement facility costs. 2990

(H) The bond proceedings may contain additional provisions 2991
as to: 2992

(1) The redemption of bonds prior to maturity at the 2993
option of the board or of the bondholders or upon the occurrence 2994
of certain stated conditions, and at such price or prices and 2995
under such terms and conditions as are provided in the bond 2996
proceedings; 2997

(2) Other terms of the bonds; 2998

(3) Limitations on the issuance of additional bonds; 2999

(4) The terms of any trust agreement securing the bonds or 3000
under which the same may be issued; 3001

(5) Any or every provision of the bond proceedings being 3002
binding upon the board and state agencies, or other person as 3003
may from time to time have the authority under law to take such 3004
actions as may be necessary to perform all or any part of the 3005
duty required by such provision; 3006

(6) Any provision that may be made in a trust agreement; 3007

(7) Any other or additional agreements with the holders of the bonds, or the trustee therefor, relating to the bonds or the security for the bonds, including agreements for credit enhancement facilities.

(I) Any holder of bonds or a trustee under the bond proceedings, except to the extent that the holder's or trustee's rights are restricted by the bond proceedings, may by any suitable form of legal proceedings, protect and enforce any rights under the laws of this state or granted by the bond proceedings. Those rights include the right to compel the performance of all duties of the board required by this chapter or the bond proceedings; to enjoin unlawful activities; and in the event of default with respect to the payment of any bond service charges on any bonds or in the performance of any covenant or agreement on the part of the board contained in the bond proceedings, to apply to a court having jurisdiction of the cause to appoint a receiver to receive and administer the revenues and the pledged revenues which are pledged to the payment of the bond service charges on such bonds or that are the subject of the covenant or agreement, with full power to pay, and to provide for payment of, bond service charges on such bonds, and with such powers, subject to the direction of the court, as are accorded receivers in general equity cases, excluding any power to pledge additional revenue or receipts or other income, funds, or moneys of the board to the payment of such bond service charges and excluding the power to take possession of, mortgage, or cause the sale or otherwise dispose of any project or other property of the board.

(J) Each duty of the board and the board's officers and employees, undertaken pursuant to the bond proceedings, is hereby established as a duty of the board, and of each such

officer, member, or employee having authority to perform the 3039
duty, specifically enjoined by law resulting from an office, 3040
trust, or station within the meaning of section 2731.01 of the 3041
Revised Code. 3042

(K) The board's officers or employees are not liable in 3043
their personal capacities on any bonds issued by the board or 3044
any agreements of or with the board relating to those bonds. 3045

(L) The bonds are lawful investments for banks, savings 3046
and loan associations, credit union share guaranty corporations, 3047
trust companies, trustees, fiduciaries, insurance companies, 3048
including domestic for life and domestic not for life, trustees 3049
or other officers having charge of sinking and bond retirement 3050
or other funds of the state or its political subdivisions and 3051
taxing districts, the commissioners of the sinking fund of the 3052
state, the administrator of workers' compensation, the state 3053
teachers retirement system, the public employees retirement 3054
system, the school employees retirement system, and the Ohio 3055
police and fire pension fund, notwithstanding any other 3056
provisions of the Revised Code or rules adopted pursuant thereto 3057
by any state agency with respect to investments by them, and 3058
also are acceptable as security for the repayment of the deposit 3059
of public moneys. 3060

(M) Provision may be made in the applicable bond 3061
proceedings for the establishment of separate accounts in the 3062
bond service fund and for the application of such accounts only 3063
to the specified bond service charges pertinent to such accounts 3064
and bond service fund, and for other accounts therein within the 3065
general purposes of such fund. 3066

(N) The board may pledge all, or such portion as it 3067
determines, of the pledged revenues to the payment of bond 3068

service charges, and for the establishment and maintenance of 3069
any reserves and special funds, as provided in the bond 3070
proceedings, and make other provisions therein with respect to 3071
pledged revenues, revenues, and net revenues as authorized by 3072
this chapter, which provisions shall be controlling 3073
notwithstanding any other provisions of law pertaining thereto. 3074

(O) The board may pledge all, or such portion as it 3075
determines, of the pledged or assigned sales and use taxes 3076
received from a qualifying regional transit authority to the 3077
payment of debt service charges on any qualifying bonds issued 3078
by the transportation improvement district to fund or finance 3079
qualifying projects under section 306.353 of the Revised Code. 3080

Sec. 5543.19. (A) The county engineer may, when authorized 3081
by the board of county commissioners and not required by this 3082
section or other law to use competitive bidding, employ such 3083
laborers and vehicles, use such county employees and property, 3084
lease such implements and tools, and purchase such materials as 3085
are necessary in the construction, reconstruction, improvement, 3086
maintenance, or repair of roads by force account. 3087

In determining whether construction or reconstruction, 3088
including widening and resurfacing, of roads may be undertaken 3089
by force account, the county engineer shall first cause to be 3090
made an estimate of the cost of such work using the force 3091
account project assessment form developed by the auditor of 3092
state under section 117.16 of the Revised Code. When the total 3093
estimated cost of the work exceeds ~~thirty thousand dollars per-~~ 3094
~~mile~~the amount specified in accordance with either division (C) 3095
or (D) of this section, as applicable, the county commissioners 3096
shall invite and receive competitive bids for furnishing all the 3097
labor, materials, and equipment necessary to complete the work 3098

in accordance with sections 307.86 to 307.92 of the Revised Code. 3099
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(B) The county engineer may, when authorized by the board of county commissioners and not required by this section or other law to use competitive bidding, employ such laborers and vehicles, use such county employees and property, lease such implements and tools, and purchase such materials as are necessary in the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of bridges and culverts by force account. 3101
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In determining whether such construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of bridges or culverts may be undertaken by force account, the county engineer shall first cause to be made an estimate of the cost of such work using the force account project assessment form. When the total estimated cost of the work exceeds ~~one hundred thousand dollars~~the amount specified in accordance with either division (C) or (D) of this section, as applicable, the board of county commissioners shall invite and receive competitive bids for furnishing all the labor, materials, and equipment necessary to complete the work, in accordance with sections 307.86 to 307.92 of the Revised Code. The county engineer shall obtain the approval required by section 5543.02 of the Revised Code. 3108
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~~(C) On the first day of July of every odd numbered year beginning in 2021, the threshold amounts established in this section shall increase by an amount not to exceed the lesser of three per cent, or the percentage amount of any increase in the department of transportation's construction cost index as annualized and totaled for the prior two calendar years. (C) (1)~~
The board of county commissioners, in consultation with the county engineer, may establish by resolution a threshold force 3121
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<u>account limit for each of the following:</u>	3129
<u>(a) The construction, reconstruction, improvement,</u>	3130
<u>maintenance, or repair of roads under division (A) of this</u>	3131
<u>section;</u>	3132
<u>(b) The construction, reconstruction, improvement,</u>	3133
<u>maintenance, or repair of bridges and culverts under division</u>	3134
<u>(B) of this section.</u>	3135
<u>(2) The board may amend the threshold limits established</u>	3136
<u>under division (C) (1) of this section at its discretion.</u>	3137
<u>(3) The board shall report the threshold limits</u>	3138
<u>established under division (C) (1) or amended under division (C)</u>	3139
<u>(2) of this section to the auditor of state. The threshold</u>	3140
<u>limits are not effective until the board sends its report.</u>	3141
<u>(D) (1) If the board of county commissioners does not</u>	3142
<u>establish threshold limits in accordance with division (C) of</u>	3143
<u>this section, the threshold limits are as follows:</u>	3144
<u>(a) For the construction, reconstruction, improvement,</u>	3145
<u>maintenance, or repair of roads under division (A) of this</u>	3146
<u>section, seventy-five thousand eight hundred forty dollars per</u>	3147
<u>mile.</u>	3148
<u>(b) For the construction, reconstruction, improvement,</u>	3149
<u>maintenance, or repair of bridges and culverts under division</u>	3150
<u>(B) of this section, two hundred fifty-two thousand eight</u>	3151
<u>hundred dollars.</u>	3152
<u>(2) On the first day of July of every year, the threshold</u>	3153
<u>amounts established in division (D) (1) of this section shall</u>	3154
<u>increase by the percentage amount of any increase in the</u>	3155
<u>national highway construction cost index for the previous</u>	3156

calendar year. 3157

(3) The director of transportation shall notify each 3158
appropriate county engineer of the increased amount. 3159

~~(D)~~ (E) "Force account," as used in this section means 3160
that the county engineer will act as contractor, using labor 3161
employed by the engineer using material and equipment either 3162
owned by the county or leased or purchased in compliance with 3163
sections 307.86 to 307.92 of the Revised Code and excludes 3164
subcontracting any part of such work unless done pursuant to 3165
sections 307.86 to 307.92 of the Revised Code. 3166

The term "competitive bids" as used in this section 3167
requires competition for the whole contract and in regard to its 3168
component parts, including labor and materials. Neither plans 3169
nor specifications shall be drawn to favor any manufacturer or 3170
bidder unless required by the public interest. 3171

Sec. 5575.01. (A) In the maintenance and repair of roads, 3172
the board of township trustees may proceed either by contract or 3173
force account, but, unless the exemption specified in division 3174
(C) of this section applies, if the board wishes to proceed by 3175
force account, it first shall cause the county engineer to 3176
complete the force account assessment form developed by the 3177
auditor of state under section 117.16 of the Revised Code. 3178
Except as otherwise provided in sections 505.08 and 505.101 of 3179
the Revised Code, when the board proceeds by contract, the 3180
contract shall, if the amount involved exceeds ~~forty five~~ 3181
~~thousand dollars~~ the amount specified in accordance with either 3182
division (D) or (E) of this section, as applicable, be let by 3183
the board to the lowest responsible bidder after advertisement 3184
for bids once, not later than two weeks, prior to the date fixed 3185
for the letting of the contract, in a newspaper of general 3186

circulation within the township. If the amount involved is 3187
~~forty-five thousand dollars or less~~ than the amount specified in 3188
accordance with either division (D) or (E) of this section, as 3189
applicable, a contract may be let without competitive bidding, 3190
or the work may be done by force account. Such a contract shall 3191
be performed under the supervision of a member of the board or 3192
the township road superintendent. 3193

(B) Before undertaking the construction or reconstruction 3194
of a township road, the board shall cause to be made by the 3195
county engineer an estimate of the cost of the work, which 3196
estimate shall include labor, material, freight, fuel, hauling, 3197
use of machinery and equipment, and all other items of cost. If 3198
the board finds it in the best interest of the public, it may, 3199
in lieu of constructing the road by contract, proceed to 3200
construct the road by force account. Except as otherwise 3201
provided under sections 505.08 and 505.101 of the Revised Code, 3202
where the total estimated cost of the work exceeds ~~fifteen-~~ 3203
~~thousand dollars per mile~~ the amount specified in accordance with 3204
either division (D) or (E) of this section, as applicable, the 3205
board shall invite and receive competitive bids for furnishing 3206
all the labor, materials, and equipment and doing the work, as 3207
provided in section 5575.02 of the Revised Code, and shall 3208
consider and reject them before ordering the work done by force 3209
account. When such bids are received, considered, and rejected, 3210
and the work is done by force account, the work shall be 3211
performed in compliance with the plans and specifications upon 3212
which the bids were based. 3213

(C) Force account assessment forms are not required under 3214
division (A) of this section for road maintenance or repair 3215
projects ~~of less than fifteen thousand dollars~~, or under 3216
division (B) of this section for road construction or 3217

reconstruction projects of less than ~~five thousand dollars per-~~ 3218
~~mile~~one-third of the amount specified in accordance with 3219
division (D) or (E) of this section, as applicable. 3220

~~(D) On the first day of July of every odd-numbered year-~~ 3221
~~beginning in 2021, the threshold amounts established in-~~ 3222
~~divisions (A) and (B) of this section shall increase by an-~~ 3223
~~amount not to exceed the lesser of three per cent, or the-~~ 3224
~~percentage amount of any increase in the department of-~~ 3225
~~transportation's construction cost index as annualized and-~~ 3226
~~totaled for the prior two calendar years.~~ (D) (1) The board of 3227
township trustees, in consultation with the county engineer, may 3228
establish by resolution a threshold force account limit for each 3229
of the following: 3230

(a) The maintenance and repair of roads under division (A) 3231
of this section; 3232

(b) The construction or reconstruction of a township road 3233
under division (B) of this section. 3234

(2) The board may amend the threshold limits established 3235
under division (D) (1) of this section at its discretion. 3236

(3) The board shall report the threshold limits 3237
established under division (D) (1) or amended under division (D) 3238
(2) of this section to the auditor of state. The threshold 3239
limits are not effective until the board sends its report. 3240

(E) (1) If the board of township trustees does not 3241
establish threshold limits in accordance with division (D) of 3242
this section, the threshold limits are as follows: 3243

(a) For the maintenance and repair of roads under division 3244
(A) of this section, one hundred thirteen thousand seven hundred 3245
sixty dollars. 3246

(b) For the construction or reconstruction of a township road under division (B) of this section, thirty-seven thousand nine hundred twenty dollars per mile. 3247
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(2) On the first day of July of every year, the threshold amounts established in division (E)(1) of this section shall increase by the percentage amount of any increase in the national highway construction cost index for the previous calendar year. 3250
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(3) The director of transportation shall notify each appropriate county engineer of the increased amount. 3255
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~~(E)~~ (F) All force account work under this section shall be done under the direction of a member of the board or the township road superintendent. 3257
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Sec. 5577.044. (A) Notwithstanding sections 5577.02 and 5577.04 of the Revised Code, a vehicle fueled solely by compressed natural gas or liquid natural gas or powered primarily by means of an electric battery may exceed by not more than two thousand pounds the gross vehicle weight provisions of sections 5577.01 to 5577.09 of the Revised Code or the axle load limits of those sections. 3260
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(B) If a vehicle described in division (A) of this section exceeds the weight provisions of sections 5577.01 to 5577.09 of the Revised Code by more than the allowance provided for in division (A) of this section, both of the following apply: 3267
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(1) The applicable penalty prescribed in section 5577.99 of the Revised Code; 3271
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(2) The civil liability imposed by section 5577.12 of the Revised Code. 3273
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(C) Division (A) of this section does not apply to the 3275
operation of a vehicle on a highway, road, or bridge that is 3276
subject to reduced maximum weights under section 4513.33, 3277
5577.07, 5577.071, 5577.08, 5577.09, or 5591.42 of the Revised 3278
Code. 3279

Sec. 5595.01. As used in this chapter: 3280

(A) "Regional transportation improvement project" or 3281
"project" means a regional transportation improvement project 3282
undertaken pursuant to section 5595.02 of the Revised Code. 3283

(B) "Transportation improvement" ~~or "improvement"~~ means 3284
the construction, repair, maintenance, or expansion of streets, 3285
highways, parking facilities, rail tracks and necessarily 3286
related rail facilities, bridges, tunnels, overpasses, 3287
underpasses, interchanges, approaches, culverts, and other means 3288
of transportation, and the erection and maintenance of traffic 3289
signs, markers, lights, and signals. 3290

(C) "Opportunity corridor improvement" means a public 3291
infrastructure improvement, as defined by section 5709.40 of the 3292
Revised Code, the primary purpose of which is to enhance or 3293
assist one or more transportation improvements or to create or 3294
facilitate economic development opportunities described in the 3295
memorandum of understanding or to otherwise benefit real 3296
property located, or businesses that are operating or will 3297
operate, within the development area, and that is funded at 3298
least in part with private funds. "Opportunity corridor 3299
improvement" includes the establishment, acquisition, ownership, 3300
control, management, sale, or transfer of a business under 3301
division (E) of section 5595.041 of the Revised Code. 3302

(D) "Development area" means all parcels of real property 3303

located within two thousand five hundred feet of the outermost 3304
boundary of the right-of-way associated with any transportation 3305
improvement or economic development opportunity described in the 3306
memorandum of understanding. For the purpose of this division, a 3307
parcel is located within two thousand five hundred feet of the 3308
right-of-way if the distance between any portion of the parcel 3309
and any portion of the right-of-way is two thousand five hundred 3310
feet or less. 3311

(E) "Right-of-way" means land, property, or the interest 3312
therein, usually in the configuration of a strip, acquired for 3313
or devoted to transportation or economic development purposes. 3314
"Right-of-way" includes the roadway, shoulders or berm, ditch, 3315
and slopes extending to the right-of-way limits under the 3316
control of the state or local authority. 3317

(F) "Qualified RTIP" means a regional transportation 3318
improvement project undertaken before the effective date of this 3319
amendment. 3320

(G) "Memorandum of understanding" means a memorandum of 3321
understanding between the governing board of a qualified RTIP 3322
and the department of transportation under section 5595.041 of 3323
the Revised Code. 3324

Sec. 5595.03. (A) A resolution of a board of county 3325
commissioners undertaking a regional transportation improvement 3326
project must include a cooperative agreement containing all of 3327
the following: 3328

(1) A description or analysis of the deficiencies of the 3329
existing transportation system in the counties participating in 3330
the project and of projected needs or deficiencies of the system 3331
in ensuing years under reasonable assumptions about development, 3332

population trends, and other factors affecting transportation 3333
infrastructure in the counties; 3334

(2) A comprehensive list of the transportation 3335
improvements to be completed as part of the project, including a 3336
general description of each improvement, schedules of the 3337
projected beginning and end of each improvement, and the 3338
estimated cost of each improvement; 3339

(3) Directives regarding the operations and reporting 3340
requirements of the governing board; 3341

(4) Subject to division ~~(E)~~ (F) of this section, the 3342
period for which the agreement is to be in effect; 3343

(5) Any other terms the board of county commissioners 3344
considers necessary or conducive to communicate the intentions 3345
of the cooperative agreement and to ensure its effective 3346
implementation by the governing board. 3347

(B) The governing board of a qualified RTIP may negotiate 3348
and enter into a memorandum of understanding concerning the 3349
completion of opportunity corridor improvements. 3350

(C) A board of county commissioners that intends to 3351
undertake a regional transportation improvement project shall 3352
hold at least one public hearing on the proposed cooperative 3353
agreement before adopting a resolution approving the agreement. 3354
The board of county commissioners shall provide at least thirty 3355
days' public notice of the time and place of the public hearing 3356
in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. During the 3357
thirty-day period before the public hearing, the proposed 3358
cooperative agreement shall be made available for public 3359
inspection at the offices of each county that will be a party to 3360
the agreement. 3361

~~(C)~~ (D) If the cooperative agreement is approved by each 3362
county that will be a party to the agreement, one of the 3363
participating counties shall send a copy of the agreement to the 3364
director of transportation. The director shall evaluate the 3365
agreement and determine if the transportation improvements 3366
specified in the agreement are in the best interest of the 3367
transportation facilities of this state, as defined in section 3368
5501.01 of the Revised Code. If the director approves the 3369
agreement, the director shall send notice of approval to each 3370
county that is a party to the agreement. Unless otherwise 3371
provided in the cooperative agreement, the agreement is 3372
effective immediately upon approval by the director. If the 3373
director does not approve the agreement, the director shall send 3374
notice of denial to each county that is a party to the 3375
agreement. The notice of denial shall include the reason or 3376
reasons for the denial and recommendations for ways in which the 3377
agreement may be changed to meet the approval of the director. 3378
If the director does not make a determination within ninety days 3379
after receiving a cooperative agreement under this section, the 3380
director is deemed to have approved the agreement and, unless 3381
otherwise provided in the agreement, the agreement is effective 3382
immediately. No cooperative agreement is effective without 3383
actual or constructive approval by the director under this 3384
section. 3385

~~(D)~~ (E) The cooperative agreement governing a regional 3386
transportation improvement project may be amended at any time by 3387
majority vote of the governing board and of the boards of county 3388
commissioners of each of the participating counties and with the 3389
approval of the director of transportation obtained in the same 3390
manner as approval of the original agreement. 3391

~~(E)~~ (F) The period for which a cooperative agreement 3392

adopted or amended under this section is in effect shall not 3393
exceed fifteen years following the effective date of the 3394
original agreement or, if the agreement authorizes the governing 3395
board to issue securities, twenty years following the first 3396
issuance of securities by the governing board. 3397

Sec. 5595.04. The governing board of a regional 3398
transportation improvement project may do any of the following: 3399

(A) Make and enter into all contracts and agreements 3400
necessary or incidental to the performance of its functions and 3401
the execution of its powers under this chapter and in accordance 3402
with the cooperative agreement and, if applicable, the 3403
memorandum of understanding. The procuring of goods and awarding 3404
of contracts with a cost in excess of fifty thousand dollars 3405
shall be done in accordance with the competitive bidding 3406
procedures established for boards of county commissioners by 3407
sections 307.86 to 307.91 of the Revised Code. 3408

(B) Sue and be sued in its own name, plead and be 3409
impleaded, provided any actions against the governing board or 3410
the regional transportation improvement project shall be brought 3411
in the court of common pleas of a county that is a party to the 3412
cooperative agreement or in the court of common pleas of the 3413
county in which the cause of action arose, and all summonses, 3414
exceptions, and notices shall be served on the governing board 3415
by leaving a copy thereof at its principal office with a member 3416
of the governing board or an employee or agent thereof; 3417

(C) Employ or retain persons as are necessary in the 3418
judgment of the governing board to carry out the project, and 3419
fix their compensation; 3420

(D) Acquire by purchase, lease, lease-purchase, lease with 3421

option to purchase, or otherwise any property necessary, 3422
convenient, or proper for the construction, maintenance, repair, 3423
or operation of one or more transportation improvements and, if 3424
applicable, one or more opportunity corridor improvements. The 3425
governing board may pledge net revenues, to the extent permitted 3426
by this chapter with respect to bonds, to secure payments to be 3427
paid by the governing board under such a lease, lease-purchase 3428
agreement, or lease with option to purchase. Title to real and 3429
personal property shall be held in the name of the governing 3430
board. ~~The~~ Except as provided under section 5595.041 of the 3431
Revised Code, the governing board is not authorized to acquire 3432
property by appropriation. 3433

(E) Issue securities to pay for the costs of 3434
transportation improvements and opportunity corridor 3435
improvements pursuant to section 5595.05 of the Revised Code; 3436

(F) If the regional transportation project was undertaken 3437
pursuant to section 5595.02 of the Revised Code before March 23, 3438
2018, the effective date of the amendment of this section by 3439
S.B. 8 of the 132nd general assembly: 3440

(1) Create a transportation financing district and declare 3441
improvements to parcels within the district to be a public 3442
purpose and exempt from taxation as provided under section 3443
5709.48 of the Revised Code; 3444

(2) Negotiate and enter into voluntary agreements under 3445
section 5709.481 of the Revised Code that impose assessments on 3446
real property located in a transportation financing district. 3447

Sec. 5595.041. The governing board of a qualified RTIP may 3448
negotiate and enter into a memorandum of understanding with the 3449
department of transportation for the purpose of completing 3450

opportunity corridor improvements. The governing board, in 3451
carrying out the opportunity corridor improvements, may exercise 3452
all authority granted to it by this chapter and may additionally 3453
do all of the following: 3454

(A) Appropriate property, fully or partially located 3455
within the right-of-way associated with, or necessary as right- 3456
of-way for, any transportation improvement, provided both the 3457
improvement and appropriation authority are described in the 3458
memorandum of understanding and the appropriation is exclusively 3459
for that improvement. 3460

(B) Receive and reinvest any funds from development within 3461
the development area; 3462

(C) Contract for the use of digitalized procurement 3463
planning and permitting systems; 3464

(D) Request and receive grants and private contributions 3465
for any of the purposes described in division (A) of section 3466
5595.06 of the Revised Code; 3467

(E) Establish, acquire, own, control, manage, sell, or 3468
transfer a business, as defined in section 1354.01 of the 3469
Revised Code, as necessary, convenient, or proper for either of 3470
the following: 3471

(1) The construction, maintenance, repair, or operation of 3472
opportunity corridor improvements described in the memorandum of 3473
understanding; 3474

(2) Otherwise advancing the objectives of the qualified 3475
RTIP. 3476

(F) Form, participate in the management of, and contract 3477
with a public-private enterprise to assist in managing the 3478

development of opportunity corridor improvements to be located 3479
within rights of way and development areas acquired and owned by 3480
the RTIP. The governing documents of a proposed enterprise shall 3481
be submitted to the director of transportation for review and 3482
approval in the same manner as is required for approval of a 3483
cooperative agreement. 3484

As used in division (F) of this section, "public-private 3485
enterprise" means a business entity that is owned in part by a 3486
qualified RTIP and in part by one or more private persons. 3487

(G) Purchase real property fully or partially located 3488
within the development area, through means other than 3489
appropriation, that is necessary, convenient, or proper to 3490
provide a benefit to the public or for the construction, 3491
maintenance, repair, or operation of transportation improvements 3492
or opportunity corridor improvements. 3493

(H) Negotiate and enter into an agreement with the Ohio 3494
academic resources network to set up a point of presence for the 3495
purpose of establishing, expanding, or improving broadband 3496
service, or other digital capabilities or services, within the 3497
development area. 3498

Sec. 5595.042. A township, municipal corporation, or 3499
county may declare improvements made within the development area 3500
of a qualified RTIP to be for a public purpose and exempt from 3501
taxation pursuant to section 5709.40, 5709.41, 5709.73, or 3502
5709.78 of the Revised Code, as authorized under those sections. 3503

Sec. 5595.05. The governing board of a regional 3504
transportation improvement project may provide for the issuance 3505
of securities for the purpose of paying costs of transportation 3506
improvements and opportunity corridor improvements. The 3507

securities are Chapter 133. securities, and the issuance of the 3508
securities, the maturities and other details thereof, the rights 3509
of the holders thereof, and the rights, duties, and obligations 3510
of the governing board in respect to the securities is governed 3511
by the applicable bond proceedings, section 133.22 or 133.23, 3512
and other applicable sections of Chapter 133. of the Revised 3513
Code, notwithstanding that the transportation improvements or 3514
opportunity corridor improvements may result in permanent 3515
improvements for more than one purpose under that chapter. 3516

Such securities do not constitute a debt or a pledge of 3517
the faith and credit of the state or of any political 3518
subdivision of the state. Debt charges on outstanding securities 3519
are payable solely from revenues pledged to the regional 3520
transportation improvement project pursuant to section 5595.06 3521
of the Revised Code. All securities shall contain on their face 3522
a statement to that effect. Sections 9.98 to 9.983 of the 3523
Revised Code apply to the securities. 3524

Sec. 5595.06. (A) The governing board of a regional 3525
transportation improvement project, pursuant to the cooperative 3526
agreement, may request and receive pledges of revenue from the 3527
state, the counties that are parties to the agreement, and any 3528
political subdivision or taxing unit located within any of those 3529
counties. Except as provided in division (B) of this section, 3530
the pledged revenues shall be used ~~solely~~ for the purpose of 3531
funding the transportation improvements prescribed by the 3532
cooperative agreement and, if applicable, the opportunity 3533
corridor improvements prescribed by the memorandum of 3534
understanding, the debt charges on any securities issued by the 3535
governing board under section 5595.05 of the Revised Code, and 3536
the expenses of the governing board. The state, the counties, 3537
and any political subdivision or taxing unit located within such 3538

a county may pledge revenue to the governing board from any of	3539
the following sources:	3540
(1) The general revenue fund of the state;	3541
(2) License tax revenue derived from an annual motor	3542
vehicle license tax imposed pursuant to section 4504.22 of the	3543
Revised Code;	3544
(3) Payments in lieu of taxes derived under section	3545
5709.42, 5709.45, 5709.48, 5709.74, or 5709.79 of the Revised	3546
Code if the real property for which such payments are made will	3547
benefit from the proposed transportation improvements <u>or</u>	3548
<u>opportunity corridor improvements;</u>	3549
(4) Income tax revenue derived from a joint economic	3550
development district or joint economic development zone	3551
established pursuant to section 715.69, <u>as that section existed</u>	3552
<u>before its repeal by H.B. 289 of the 130th General Assembly,</u>	3553
715.691, 715.70, 715.71, or 715.72 of the Revised Code if the	3554
district or zone will benefit from the proposed transportation	3555
improvements <u>or opportunity corridor improvements;</u>	3556
(5) Revenue derived from special assessments levied in a	3557
special improvement district created under Chapter 1710. of the	3558
Revised Code if the district will benefit from the proposed	3559
transportation improvements <u>or opportunity corridor</u>	3560
<u>improvements;</u>	3561
(6) Revenue from an income source of a new community	3562
district established pursuant to section 349.03 of the Revised	3563
Code if the district will benefit from the proposed	3564
transportation improvements <u>or opportunity corridor</u>	3565
<u>improvements;</u>	3566
(7) Income tax revenue derived from a tax levied by a	3567

municipal corporation in accordance with Chapter 718. of the 3568
Revised Code if the municipal corporation will benefit from the 3569
proposed transportation improvements or opportunity corridor 3570
improvements and revenue from the tax may lawfully be applied to 3571
~~that purpose~~ those purposes under the ordinance or resolution 3572
levying the tax; 3573

(8) Sales and use tax revenue derived from a tax levied 3574
under section 5739.021, 5739.023, 5739.026, 5741.021, 5741.022, 3575
or 5741.023 of the Revised Code if the county or transit 3576
authority will benefit from the proposed transportation 3577
improvements or opportunity corridor improvements and revenue 3578
from the tax may lawfully be applied to ~~that purpose~~ those 3579
purposes under the resolution levying the tax. 3580

(B) The governing board shall use license tax revenue 3581
pledged to the project under division (A) (2) of this section for 3582
the purpose of funding transportation improvements described in 3583
the cooperative agreement, opportunity corridor improvements 3584
described by the memorandum of understanding, and any other 3585
supplemental transportation improvements necessary to complete 3586
the project. If the board intends to use any of the license tax 3587
revenue for supplemental improvements not described in the 3588
agreement, the board, before submitting a request for license 3589
tax revenue to a board of county commissioners under section 3590
4504.22 of the Revised Code, shall adopt a resolution allocating 3591
the revenue among the transportation improvements described in 3592
the agreement, the opportunity corridor improvements described 3593
in the memorandum of understanding, and such supplemental 3594
improvements not described in the agreement or memorandum. The 3595
amount used for supplemental improvements may not exceed five 3596
dollars for each motor vehicle on which the motor vehicle 3597
license tax is collected. If the motor vehicle license tax is 3598

approved, the governing board shall allocate the revenue only in 3599
accordance with the resolution. The allocation may not be 3600
changed unless a proposition to change the allocation is 3601
approved by the majority of electors voting on the proposition 3602
in each county that is a party to the cooperative agreement. 3603
Such a proposition may be proposed by resolution of the 3604
governing board certified to the board of county commissioners 3605
of each county, and, upon receiving such a certified resolution, 3606
each board of county commissioners shall certify identical 3607
resolutions to the respective county board of elections for 3608
placement on the questions and issues ballot at the next 3609
succeeding election occurring at least ninety days after the 3610
resolution is certified to the board of elections. 3611

(C) Pledges of revenue under division (A) of this section 3612
may take any form and may be made subject to any terms that are 3613
mutually agreeable between the revenue contributor and the 3614
governing board. Pledges may be effectuated through periodic or 3615
one-time fixed payments, in variable installments based on 3616
estimated increases in tax revenue attributable to the 3617
activities of the regional transportation improvement project, 3618
or through any other means negotiated by the revenue contributor 3619
and the government board. 3620

As used in this division, "revenue contributor" means the 3621
state, the counties that are parties to the cooperative 3622
agreement, or any political subdivision or taxing unit located 3623
within any of those participating counties, that pledges revenue 3624
to a regional transportation improvement project under division 3625
(A) of this section. 3626

Sec. 5595.11. The exercise of the powers granted by this 3627
chapter is in all respects for the benefit of the people of the 3628

state, for the increase of their commerce and prosperity, and 3629
for the improvement of their health and living conditions, and, 3630
as the completion of transportation improvements and opportunity
corridor improvements by a regional transportation improvement 3631
project constitute the performance of essential governmental 3632
functions, neither the project nor the governing board may be 3633
required to pay any state or local taxes or assessments upon any 3634
such improvement, or upon revenue or any property acquired or 3635
used by the governing board of the project under this chapter, 3636
or upon the income therefrom. The securities issued under this 3637
chapter, their transfer, and the income therefrom, including any 3638
profit made on the sale thereof, shall at all times be free from 3639
taxation within the state. 3640
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Sec. 5709.48. (A) As used in this section and sections 3642
5709.481, 5709.49, and 5709.50 of the Revised Code: 3643

(1) "Regional transportation improvement project" has the 3644
same meaning as in section 5595.01 of the Revised Code. 3645

(2) "Improvements" means the increase in the assessed 3646
value of any real property that would first appear on the tax 3647
list and duplicate of real and public utility property after the 3648
effective date of the resolution adopted under this section were 3649
it not for the exemption granted by that resolution. 3650

(B) For the purposes described in division (A) of section 3651
5595.06 of the Revised Code, the governing board of a regional 3652
transportation improvement project that was undertaken pursuant 3653
to section 5595.02 of the Revised Code before March 23, 2018, 3654
may, by resolution, create a transportation financing district 3655
and declare improvements to parcels within the district to be a 3656
public purpose and exempt from taxation. 3657

(C) A transportation financing district ~~may include~~ shall 3658
consist of all territory ~~in more than one county as long as each~~ 3659
~~such county is a participant~~ of all counties that are 3660
participants in the regional transportation improvement project 3661
funded by the district. ~~A~~, except that the district shall not 3662
include parcels used primarily for residential purposes. ~~A~~ 3663
~~district shall not include any parcel that is~~, parcels that are 3664
currently exempt from taxation under this section or section 3665
5709.40, 5709.41, 5709.45, 5709.73, or 5709.77 of the Revised 3666
Code, or parcels excluded from the district under division (G) 3667
of this section. ~~The governing board may designate parcels~~ 3668
~~within the boundaries of a district that are not to be included~~ 3669
~~in the district. The governing board may designate noncontiguous~~ 3670
~~parcels located outside the boundaries of the district that are~~ 3671
~~to be included in the district.~~ 3672

~~The governing board may adopt more than one resolution~~ 3673
~~under division (B) of this section. A single such resolution may~~ 3674
~~create more than one transportation financing district.~~ 3675

(D) A resolution creating a transportation financing 3676
district shall specify all of the following: 3677

(1) ~~A description of the territory included in the~~ 3678
~~district;~~ 3679

~~(2)~~The county treasurer's permanent parcel number 3680
associated with each parcel included in the district; 3681

~~(3)~~(2) (a) The percentage of improvements to be exempted 3682
from taxation and the duration of the exemption, ~~which~~. 3683

(b) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, 3684
the percentage of improvements to be exempted shall not exceed 3685
seventy-five per cent, and the duration of the exemption shall 3686

not exceed ten years. 3687

(c) In no case may the life of the exemption exceed the 3688
remaining number of years the cooperative agreement for the 3689
regional transportation improvement district, described under 3690
section 5595.03 of the Revised Code, is in effect~~+~~. 3691

~~(4)~~(3) A plan for the district that describes the 3692
principal purposes and goals to be served by the district and 3693
explains how the use of service payments provided for by section 3694
5709.49 of the Revised Code will economically benefit owners of 3695
property within the district. 3696

~~(E) (1) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (E) (2)~~ 3697
~~and (3)~~ (E) Subject to division (D) (2) (c) of this section, the 3698
improvements to parcels located in a transportation financing 3699
district may be exempted from taxation for up to thirty years, 3700
and the percentage of improvements that may be exempted may 3701
equal up to one hundred per cent, if either of the following 3702
apply: 3703

(1) The governing board, before adopting a resolution 3704
under division (B) of this section, ~~shall notify and obtain~~ 3705
obtains the approval under division (F) of section of the board 3706
of education of each subdivision and taxing unit that levies a 3707
property tax city, local, and exempted village school district 3708
within the territory of the proposed transportation financing 3709
district. ~~A subdivision or taxing unit's approval or disapproval~~ 3710
~~of the proposed district shall be in the form of an ordinance or~~ 3711
~~resolution. The governing board may negotiate an agreement with~~ 3712
~~a subdivision or taxing unit~~ 3713

(2) In the resolution creating the transportation 3714
financing district, the governing board agrees to compensate 3715

each city, local, or exempted village, and joint vocational 3716
school district or districts in which the transportation 3717
financing district is located for the full amount of taxes that 3718
would have been payable to the school district or districts if 3719
the improvements had not been exempted from taxation. 3720

(F) (1) A governing board seeking the approval of a school 3721
district for the purpose of division (E) (1) of this section 3722
shall send notice of the proposed resolution to the school 3723
district not later than forty-five business days before it 3724
intends to adopt the resolution. The notice shall include a copy 3725
of the proposed resolution and shall indicate the date on which 3726
the governing board intends to adopt the resolution. 3727

The board of education, by resolution adopted by a 3728
majority of the board, may approve the exemption for the period 3729
or for the exemption percentage specified in the notice; may 3730
disapprove the exemption for the number of years in excess of 3731
ten, may disapprove the exemption for the percentage of the 3732
improvements to be exempted in excess of seventy-five per cent, 3733
or both; or may approve the exemption on the condition that the 3734
governing board and the board of education negotiate an 3735
agreement providing for compensation equal in value to a 3736
percentage of the amount of taxes exempted or some other 3737
mutually agreeable compensation. If a mutually acceptable 3738
compensation agreement is negotiated between the governing board 3739
and the board of education, the governing board shall compensate 3740
the joint vocational school district within which the district 3741
is located at the same rate and under the same terms received by 3742
the city, local, or exempted village school district. 3743

(2) The board of education shall certify a resolution 3744
adopted under division (F) (1) of this section to the governing 3745

board not later than fourteen days before the date the governing 3746
board intends to adopt the resolution as indicated in the 3747
notice. If the board of education approves the ordinance or 3748
negotiates a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the 3749
governing board may enact the resolution in its current form. If 3750
the board of education disapproves of the ordinance and fails to 3751
negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the 3752
resolution is subject to the limitations prescribed by divisions 3753
(D) (2) (b) and (c) of this section. If the board of education 3754
fails to certify a resolution within the time prescribed by this 3755
division, the governing board may adopt the resolution and 3756
declare the improvements a public purpose for the period of time 3757
specified in the resolution, or, in the case of exemption 3758
percentages proposed in excess of seventy-five per cent, for the 3759
exemption percentage specified in the resolution. 3760

The governing board may adopt the resolution at any time 3761
after the board of education certifies its resolution approving 3762
the exemption, or, if the board of education approves the 3763
exemption on the condition that a mutually acceptable 3764
compensation agreement be negotiated, at any time after the 3765
compensation agreement is agreed to by the board of education 3766
and the governing board. 3767

~~(2)-(3)~~ A subdivision or taxing unit board of education 3768
may adopt an ordinance or a resolution waiving its right to 3769
approve or receive notice of transportation financing districts 3770
proposed under this section. If a subdivision or taxing unit 3771
board of education has adopted such an ordinance or a 3772
resolution, the terms of that ordinance or resolution supersede 3773
the requirements of division (E) (1)-(F) (1) of this section. The 3774
governing board may negotiate an agreement with a subdivision or 3775
taxing unit board of education providing for some mutually 3776

agreeable compensation in exchange for the ~~subdivision or taxing~~ 3777
~~unit board of education~~ adopting such an ~~ordinance or a~~ 3778
resolution. If a ~~subdivision or taxing unit~~ board of education 3779
has adopted such an ordinance or resolution, it shall certify a 3780
copy to the governing board. If the ~~subdivision or taxing unit~~ 3781
board of education rescinds such an ~~ordinance or a~~ resolution, 3782
it shall certify notice of the rescission to the governing 3783
board. 3784

~~(3) The governing board need not obtain the approval of a~~ 3785
~~subdivision or taxing unit if the governing board agrees to~~ 3786
~~compensate that subdivision or unit for the full amount of taxes~~ 3787
~~exempted under the resolution creating the district.~~ 3788

~~(F) After complying with division (E) of this section, the~~ 3789

(4) If the governing board is not required by division (F) 3790
of this section to notify the board of education of the 3791
governing board's intent to create a transportation financing 3792
district, the governing board shall comply with the notice 3793
requirements imposed under section 5709.83 of the Revised Code, 3794
unless the board of education has adopted a resolution under 3795
that section waiving its right to receive such a notice. 3796

(G) The governing board shall notify and obtain the 3797
approval of every real property owner whose property is included 3798
in the proposed transportation financing district. The approval 3799
shall include a signed agreement between the property owner and 3800
the governing board that specifies the projects and purposes for 3801
which the service payments made by the owner under section 3802
5709.49 of the Revised Code will be used. Such an agreement does 3803
not supersede any compensation agreement between the governing 3804
board and a school district under division (F) of this section. 3805
If the property owner and the governing board do not reach an 3806

agreement under this division, the parcel shall be excluded from 3807
the district. 3808

~~(G)(1)~~ (H)(1) Upon adopting a resolution creating a 3809
transportation financing district, the governing board shall 3810
send a copy of the resolution and documentation sufficient to 3811
prove that the requirements of divisions ~~(E)~~ (F) and ~~(F)~~ (G) of 3812
this section have been met to the director of development 3813
services. The director shall evaluate the resolution and 3814
documentation to determine if the governing board has fully 3815
complied with the requirements of this section. If the director 3816
approves the resolution, the director shall send notice of 3817
approval to the governing board. If the director does not 3818
approve the resolution, the director shall send a notice of 3819
denial to the governing board that includes the reason or 3820
reasons for the denial. If the director does not make a 3821
determination within ninety days after receiving a resolution 3822
under this section, the director is deemed to have approved the 3823
resolution. No resolution creating a transportation financing 3824
district is effective without actual or constructive approval by 3825
the director under this section. 3826

(2) An exemption from taxation granted under this section 3827
commences with the tax year specified in the resolution so long 3828
as the year specified in the resolution commences after the 3829
effective date of the resolution. If the resolution specifies a 3830
year commencing before the effective date of the resolution or 3831
specifies no year whatsoever, the exemption commences with the 3832
tax year in which an exempted improvement first appears on the 3833
tax list and that commences after the effective date of the 3834
resolution. 3835

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this division, the 3836

exemption ends on the date specified in the resolution as the 3837
date the improvement ceases to be a public purpose or the 3838
regional transportation improvement project funded by the 3839
service payments dissolves under section 5595.13 of the Revised 3840
Code, whichever occurs first. Exemptions shall be claimed and 3841
allowed in the same manner as in the case of other real property 3842
exemptions. If an exemption status changes during a year, the 3843
procedure for the apportionment of the taxes for that year is 3844
the same as in the case of other changes in tax exemption status 3845
during the year. 3846

~~(H)~~ (I) The resolution creating a transportation financing 3847
district may be amended at any time by majority vote of the 3848
governing board and with the approval of the director of 3849
development services obtained in the same manner as approval of 3850
the original resolution. Such an amendment may include adding a 3851
parcel to the district that was previously excluded under 3852
division (G) of this section, so long as the governing board and 3853
the owner of the parcel reach an agreement on the use of service 3854
payments as provided under that division. 3855

Sec. 5709.481. (A) The governing board of a regional 3856
transportation improvement project may negotiate and enter into 3857
a voluntary agreement with the owner or owners of any parcel 3858
located in a transportation financing district created by the 3859
board whereby the owner or owners agree to subject the parcel to 3860
an assessment levied by the governing board and the governing 3861
board agrees to use the proceeds of that assessment for the 3862
~~purposes of the project as described in the resolution creating~~ 3863
~~the district~~described in division (A) of section 5595.06 of the 3864
Revised Code. 3865

(B) The agreement shall specify the amount and duration of 3866

the assessment. The assessment may not be collected after the 3867
dissolution of the associated regional transportation 3868
improvement project under section 5595.13 of the Revised Code. 3869

(C) The governing board shall annually compute the amount 3870
of each assessment imposed by an agreement under this section 3871
and certify the amount to the owner or owners of the parcel and 3872
to the county auditor of the county in which the parcel is 3873
located. The county auditor shall enter the assessment on the 3874
tax list of real property opposite against which it is charged, 3875
and certify the assessment to the county treasurer. The 3876
assessment shall be charged and collected in the same manner as 3877
real property taxes and shall be treated in the same manner as 3878
real property taxes for all purposes of the lien described in 3879
section 323.11 of the Revised Code, including the priority and 3880
enforcement of the lien. Money collected from the assessment 3881
shall be paid immediately to the governing board. The county 3882
treasurer shall maintain a record of all payments of assessments 3883
under this section. 3884

(D) The governing board may negotiate and enter into as 3885
many agreements under this section as are necessary or useful in 3886
serving the principal purposes and goals described in the 3887
resolution creating the district. One agreement may impose an 3888
assessment on more than one parcel only if the owner or owners 3889
of all such parcels have approved the agreement. 3890

(E) An agreement may be amended for the purposes of 3891
subjecting additional parcels to the assessment by resolution 3892
adopted by the governing board and approved by the owner or 3893
owners of the additional parcels. An agreement may be rescinded 3894
or may be amended for any purpose other than subjecting 3895
additional parcels to the assessment by resolution adopted by 3896

the governing board and approved by the owner or owners of every 3897
parcel that is subject to the assessment imposed under the 3898
agreement. 3899

(F) An agreement under this section is hereby deemed to be 3900
a covenant running with each parcel of land that is subject to 3901
the agreement. The covenant is fully binding on behalf of and 3902
enforceable by the governing board against any person who 3903
subsequently acquires an interest in the land and all of that 3904
person's successors and assigns. No purchase agreement for real 3905
estate or any interest in real estate that is subject to such an 3906
agreement shall be enforceable by the seller or binding upon the 3907
purchaser unless the purchase agreement specifically refers to 3908
the agreement. If a conveyance of such real estate or interest 3909
in such real estate is made pursuant to a purchase agreement 3910
that does not make such a reference, the agreement shall 3911
continue to be a covenant running with the land fully binding on 3912
behalf of and enforceable by the governing board against the 3913
person accepting the conveyance pursuant to the purchase 3914
agreement. 3915

Sec. 5709.49. (A) The governing board of a regional 3916
transportation improvement project that has declared an 3917
improvement to be a public purpose under section 5709.48 of the 3918
Revised Code shall require the owner of any parcel located in 3919
the transportation financing district to make annual service 3920
payments in lieu of taxes to the county treasurer on or before 3921
the final dates for payment of real property taxes. Each such 3922
payment shall be charged and collected in the same manner and in 3923
the same amount as the real property taxes that would have been 3924
charged and payable against the improvement if it were not 3925
exempt from taxation. If any reduction in the levies otherwise 3926
applicable to such exempt property is made by the county budget 3927

commission under section 5705.31 of the Revised Code, the amount 3928
of the service payment in lieu of taxes shall be calculated as 3929
if such reduction in levies had not been made. 3930

(B) Moneys collected as service payments in lieu of taxes 3931
from a parcel shall be distributed at the same time and in the 3932
same manner as real property tax payments. If a resolution 3933
adopted under section 5709.48 of the Revised Code specifies that 3934
service payments shall be paid to ~~another subdivision or taxing~~ 3935
~~unit any city, local, or exempted village, and joint vocational~~ 3936
~~school district or districts~~ in which the parcel is located, the 3937
county treasurer shall distribute the portion of the service 3938
payments to ~~that subdivision or taxing unit~~ the district or 3939
districts in an amount equal to the property tax payments ~~the~~ 3940
~~subdivision or taxing unit~~ each such district would have 3941
received from the portion of the parcel's improvement exempted 3942
from taxation had the improvement not been exempted, or some 3943
other amount as directed in the resolution. The treasurer shall 3944
maintain a record of the service payments in lieu of taxes made 3945
from property in each transportation financing district. 3946

(C) Nothing in this section or section 5709.48 of the 3947
Revised Code affects the taxes levied against that portion of 3948
the value of any parcel of property that is not exempt from 3949
taxation. 3950

Sec. 5709.50. (A) The governing board of a regional 3951
transportation improvement project that grants a tax exemption 3952
under section 5709.48 of the Revised Code or enters into one or 3953
more voluntary agreements imposing assessments under section 3954
5709.481 of the Revised Code shall establish a regional 3955
transportation improvement project fund into which shall be 3956
deposited service payments in lieu of taxes distributed under 3957

section 5709.49 of the Revised Code and assessments collected 3958
pursuant to such agreements. Money in the regional 3959
transportation improvement project fund shall be used by the 3960
governing board for the purposes described in ~~the resolution~~ 3961
~~creating the transportation financing district~~division (A) of 3962
section 5595.06 of the Revised Code and in accordance with the 3963
agreements between the governing board and property owners under 3964
division (G) of section 5709.48 of the Revised Code. Money in 3965
the regional transportation improvement project fund shall be 3966
administered by the governing board in accordance with the 3967
requirements of section 5595.08 of the Revised Code and may be 3968
invested as provided in section 5595.09 of the Revised Code. 3969

(B) The regional transportation improvement project fund 3970
is dissolved by operation of law upon the dissolution of the 3971
associated regional transportation improvement project under 3972
section 5595.13 of the Revised Code. Any incidental surplus 3973
remaining in the fund, to the extent unencumbered, shall be 3974
divided and distributed by the county treasurer of the most 3975
populous county in which the district is located as follows: 3976

(1) To the general funds of the subdivisions and taxing 3977
units in which the district is located, an amount equal to the 3978
surplus revenue multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which 3979
is the amount of service payment revenue deposited to the fund 3980
after the most recent collection of property taxes and payments 3981
in lieu of taxes, and the denominator of which is the total 3982
amount deposited to the fund after the most recent collection of 3983
property taxes and payments in lieu of taxes. This amount shall 3984
be divided proportionally based on the property tax levy revenue 3985
foregone by each such subdivision and taxing unit due to the 3986
exemption of improvements to property within the district at the 3987
most recent collection of service payments in lieu of taxes. The 3988

division of revenue shall account for amounts returned to 3989
~~subdivisions city, local, or exempted village, and taxing units~~ 3990
joint vocational school districts through compensation 3991
~~agreements arrangements~~ entered into under division (E) of 3992
section 5709.48 of the Revised Code. The amount distributed to 3993
each subdivision or taxing unit shall be apportioned among its 3994
funds as if that amount had been levied and collected as taxes 3995
and distributed in the most recent settlement of taxes. 3996

(2) To the owners of parcels subject to a special 3997
assessment under section 5709.481 of the Revised Code, all 3998
remaining surplus revenue. This amount shall be divided 3999
proportionally based on the amount of the assessment levied 4000
against each such parcel at the most recent collection of such 4001
assessments. Owners of parcels that are delinquent in paying an 4002
assessment imposed by an agreement under section 5709.481 of the 4003
Revised Code may not receive surplus revenue under this 4004
division. The share of surplus revenue that such owner or owners 4005
would have otherwise received shall be divided proportionally 4006
among the owners of nondelinquent parcels. 4007

Sec. 5709.83. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division 4008
(B) or (C) of this section, prior to taking formal action to 4009
adopt or enter into any instrument granting a tax exemption 4010
under section 725.02, 1728.06, 5709.40, 5709.41, 5709.45, 4011
5709.48, 5709.62, 5709.63, 5709.632, 5709.73, 5709.78, 5709.84, 4012
or 5709.88 of the Revised Code or formally approving an 4013
agreement under section 3735.671 of the Revised Code, or prior 4014
to forwarding an application for a tax exemption for residential 4015
property under section 3735.67 of the Revised Code to the county 4016
auditor, the legislative authority of the political subdivision, 4017
governing board of a regional transportation improvement 4018
project, or housing officer shall notify the board of education 4019

of each city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational 4020
school district in which the proposed tax-exempted property is 4021
located. The notice shall include a copy of the instrument or 4022
application. The notice shall be delivered not later than 4023
fourteen days prior to the day the legislative authority or 4024
governing board takes formal action to adopt or enter into the 4025
instrument, or not later than fourteen days prior to the day the 4026
housing officer forwards the application to the county auditor. 4027
If the board of education comments on the instrument or 4028
application to the legislative authority, governing board, or 4029
housing officer, the legislative authority, governing board, or 4030
housing officer shall consider the comments. If the board of 4031
education of the city, local, exempted village, or joint 4032
vocational school district so requests, the legislative 4033
authority, governing board, or the housing officer shall meet in 4034
person with a representative designated by the board of 4035
education to discuss the terms of the instrument or application. 4036

(B) The notice otherwise required to be provided to boards 4037
of education under division (A) of this section is not required 4038
if the board has adopted a resolution waiving its right to 4039
receive such notices, and that resolution remains in effect. If 4040
a board of education adopts such a resolution, the board shall 4041
cause a copy of the resolution to be certified to the 4042
legislative authority or governing board. If the board of 4043
education rescinds such a resolution, it shall certify notice of 4044
the rescission to the legislative authority or governing board. 4045
A board of education may adopt such a resolution with respect to 4046
any one or more counties, townships, or municipal corporations 4047
situated in whole or in part within the school district. 4048

(C) If a legislative authority or governing board is 4049
required to provide notice to a city, local, or exempted village 4050

school district of its intent to adopt or enter into any 4051
instrument granting a tax exemption as required by section 4052
3735.671, 5709.40, 5709.41, 5709.45, 5709.48, 5709.62, 5709.63, 4053
5709.632, 5709.73, or 5709.78 of the Revised Code, the 4054
legislative authority, before adopting a resolution or ordinance 4055
or entering into an agreement under that section, shall notify 4056
the board of education of each joint vocational school district 4057
in which the property to be exempted is located using the same 4058
time requirements for the notice that applies to notices to 4059
city, local, and exempted village school districts. The content 4060
of the notice and procedures for responding to the notice are 4061
the same as required in division (A) of this section. 4062

Section 101.02. That existing sections 117.16, 124.152, 4063
303.02, 306.353, 519.02, 723.52, 723.53, 4503.10, 4503.103, 4064
4503.11, 4503.191, 4503.29, 4503.44, 4504.22, 4511.093, 4513.34, 4065
4981.02, 4981.04, 5503.031, 5517.011, 5525.16, 5540.01, 5540.02, 4066
5540.03, 5540.06, 5543.19, 5575.01, 5577.044, 5595.01, 5595.03, 4067
5595.04, 5595.05, 5595.06, 5595.11, 5709.48, 5709.481, 5709.49, 4068
5709.50, and 5709.83 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 4069

Section 105.01. That section 5501.09 of the Revised Code 4070
is hereby repealed. 4071

Section 201.10. Except as otherwise provided in this act, 4072
all appropriation items in this act are appropriated out of any 4073
moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the designated 4074
fund that are not otherwise appropriated. For all appropriations 4075
made in this act, the amounts in the first column are for fiscal 4076
year 2024 and the amounts in the second column are for fiscal 4077
year 2025. 4078

Section 203.10. 4079

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A		DOT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION		
B		General Revenue Fund		
C	GRF 775470	Public Transportation - State	\$37,014,636	\$37,014,636
D		TOTAL General Revenue Fund	\$37,014,636	\$37,014,636
E		Highway Operating Fund Group		
F	2120 772426	Highway Infrastructure Bank - Federal	\$5,750,500	\$5,750,500
G	2120 772427	Highway Infrastructure Bank - State	\$15,099,500	\$15,099,500
H	2130 772431	Roadway Infrastructure Bank - State	\$3,750,000	\$3,750,000
I	2130 777477	Aviation Infrastructure Bank - State	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000
J	5XI0 772504	Ohio Highway Transportation Safety	\$2,736,000	\$1,600,000

K	7002	770003	Transportation Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments	\$23,000,000	\$23,000,000
L	7002	771411	Planning and Research - State	\$30,128,120	\$29,650,000
M	7002	771412	Planning and Research - Federal	\$57,095,074	\$57,095,074
N	7002	772421	Highway Construction - State	\$902,000,000	\$734,000,000
O	7002	772422	Highway Construction - Federal	\$2,120,000,000	\$1,950,000,000
P	7002	772424	Highway Construction - Other	\$83,500,000	\$83,500,000
Q	7002	772437	Major New State Infrastructure Bond Debt Service - State	\$18,500,000	\$18,500,000
R	7002	772438	Major New State Infrastructure Bond Debt Service - Federal	\$132,500,000	\$132,500,000

S	7002	772603	Brent Spence Bridge Corridor - State	\$182,800,000		\$0
T	7002	772604	Brent Spence Bridge Corridor - Federal	\$1,909,200,000		\$0
U	7002	772605	Brent Spence Bridge Corridor - Other	\$809,000,000		\$0
V	7002	773431	Highway Maintenance - State	\$635,000,000	\$640,427,010	
W	7002	775452	Public Transportation - Federal	\$57,445,919	\$63,004,296	
X	7002	775454	Public Transportation - Other	\$1,570,000	\$1,570,000	
Y	7002	776462	Grade Crossings - Federal	\$14,068,961	\$14,068,961	
Z	7002	777472	Airport Improvements - Federal	\$405,000	\$405,000	
AA	7002	777475	Aviation Administration	\$6,635,945	\$6,699,938	

AB 7002	779491	Administration - State	\$115,424,899	\$115,593,642
AC TOTAL	HOF	Highway Operating Fund Group	\$7,128,009,918	\$3,898,613,921
AD		Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		
AE 4N40	776664	Rail Transportation - Other	\$2,911,491	\$2,911,491
AF 5CV3	776672	Strategic Transportation and Development Analysis	\$10,000,000	\$0
AG 5W90	777615	County Airport Maintenance	\$620,000	\$620,000
AH TOTAL	DPF	Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	\$13,531,491	\$3,531,491
AI		Capital Projects Fund Group		
AJ 7042	772723	Highway Construction - Bonds	\$94,450,000	\$94,450,000
AK 7045	772428	Highway Infrastructure Bank - Bonds	\$83,950,000	\$83,950,000
AL TOTAL	CPF	Capital Projects Fund	\$178,400,000	\$178,400,000

as determined by the Director of Transportation, to understand 4107
incorrect driving patterns and other factors that lead to wrong 4108
way driving. The data may be used to propose safety 4109
interventions that mitigate the hazards of wrong way driving or 4110
prevent its occurrence. 4111

Section 203.30. ROADS FOR DNR, METROPOLITAN PARKS, 4112
CONSERVANCY DISTRICTS, EXPOSITIONS COMMISSION, AND HISTORY 4113
CONNECTION 4114

(A) Notwithstanding section 5511.06 of the Revised Code, 4115
in each fiscal year of the biennium ending June 30, 2025, the 4116
Director of Transportation shall determine portions of the 4117
foregoing appropriation item 772421, Highway Construction - 4118
State, which shall be used for the construction, reconstruction, 4119
or maintenance of public access roads, including support 4120
features, to and within state facilities owned or operated by 4121
the Department of Natural Resources. 4122

(B) Notwithstanding section 5511.06 of the Revised Code, 4123
of the foregoing appropriation item 772421, Highway Construction 4124
- State, \$2,562,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the 4125
construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of park drives or 4126
park roads within the boundaries of metropolitan parks. 4127

(C) Notwithstanding section 5511.06 of the Revised Code, 4128
of the foregoing appropriation item 772421, Highway Construction 4129
- State, \$500,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the 4130
construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of park drives or 4131
park roads within the boundaries of state parks and wildlife 4132
areas greater than 10,000 contiguous acres that were purchased 4133
in a single, or series, of transactions, and \$500,000 in each 4134
fiscal year shall be used for construction, reconstruction, or 4135
maintenance of drives and roads leading to such state parks and 4136

wildlife areas. 4137

(D) Of the foregoing appropriation item 772421, Highway 4138
Construction - State, \$500,000 in each fiscal year shall be used 4139
to assist conservancy districts with the construction, 4140
reconstruction, improvement, repair, or maintenance of roads in 4141
accordance with section 5511.04 of the Revised Code. 4142

(E) The Department of Transportation may use the foregoing 4143
appropriation item 772421, Highway Construction - State, to 4144
perform: 4145

(1) Related road work on behalf of the Ohio Expositions 4146
Commission at the state fairgrounds, including reconstruction or 4147
maintenance of public access roads and support features to and 4148
within fairgrounds facilities, as requested by the Commission 4149
and approved by the Director of Transportation; and 4150

(2) Related road work on behalf of the Ohio History 4151
Connection, including reconstruction or maintenance of public 4152
access roads and support features to and within Ohio History 4153
Connection facilities, as requested by the Ohio History 4154
Connection and approved by the Director of Transportation. 4155

Section 203.40. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS 4156

(A) Of the foregoing appropriation item 772421, Highway 4157
Construction - State, \$4,500,000 in each fiscal year shall be 4158
made available for distribution by the Director of 4159
Transportation to Transportation Improvement Districts that have 4160
facilitated funding for the cost of a project or projects in 4161
conjunction with and through other governmental agencies. 4162

(B) A Transportation Improvement District shall submit 4163
requests for project funding to the Director of Transportation 4164
by a day determined by the Director. The Department shall notify 4165

the Transportation Improvement District whether the Department 4166
has approved or disapproved the project funding request within 4167
ninety days after the day the request was submitted by the 4168
Transportation Improvement District. 4169

(C) Any funding provided to a Transportation Improvement 4170
District specified in this section shall not be used for the 4171
purposes of administrative costs or administrative staffing and 4172
must be used to fund a specific project or projects within that 4173
District's area. The total amount of a specific project's cost 4174
shall not be fully funded by the amount of funds provided under 4175
this section. The total amount of funding provided for each 4176
project is limited to \$500,000 per fiscal year. Transportation 4177
Improvement Districts that are co-sponsoring a specific project 4178
may individually apply for up to \$500,000 for that project per 4179
fiscal year. 4180

(D) Funding provided under this section may be used for 4181
preliminary engineering, detailed design, right-of-way 4182
acquisition, and construction of the specific project and such 4183
other project costs that are defined in section 5540.01 of the 4184
Revised Code and approved by the Director of Transportation. 4185
Upon receipt of a copy of an invoice for work performed on the 4186
specific project, the Director shall reimburse a Transportation 4187
Improvement District for the expenditures described above, 4188
subject to the requirements of this section. 4189

(E) A Transportation Improvement District that is 4190
requesting funds under this section shall register with the 4191
Director of Transportation. The Director shall register a 4192
Transportation Improvement District only if the district has a 4193
specific, eligible project and may cancel the registration of a 4194
Transportation Improvement District that is not eligible to 4195

receive funds under this section. The Director shall not provide 4196
funds to any Transportation Improvement District under this 4197
section if the district is not registered. The Director shall 4198
not register a Transportation Improvement District and may 4199
cancel the registration of a currently registered Transportation 4200
Improvement District unless at least one of the following 4201
applies: 4202

(1) The Transportation Improvement District, by a 4203
resolution or resolutions, designated a project or program of 4204
projects and facilitated, including in conjunction with and 4205
through other governmental agencies, funding for costs of a 4206
project or program of projects in an aggregate amount of not 4207
less than \$15,000,000 from the commencement date of the project 4208
or program of projects. 4209

(2) The Transportation Improvement District has 4210
designated, by a resolution or resolutions, a project or program 4211
of projects that has estimated aggregate costs in excess of 4212
\$10,000,000 and the County Engineer of the county in which the 4213
Transportation Improvement District is located has attested by a 4214
sworn affidavit that the costs of the project or program of 4215
projects exceeds \$10,000,000 and that the Transportation 4216
Improvement District is facilitating a portion of funding for 4217
that project or program of projects. 4218

(F) For the purposes of this section: 4219

(1) "Project" has the same meaning as in division (C) of 4220
section 5540.01 of the Revised Code. 4221

(2) "Governmental agency" has the same meaning as in 4222
division (B) of section 5540.01 of the Revised Code. 4223

(3) "Cost" has the same meaning as in division (D) of 4224

section 5540.01 of the Revised Code.	4225
Section 203.43. HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION - FEDERAL	4226
Of the foregoing appropriation item 772422, Highway	4227
Construction - Federal, \$33,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be	4228
used to support public transportation statewide through the	4229
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) flexible funding program.	4230
Section 203.45. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	4231
ORGANIZATIONS	4232
Of the foregoing appropriation item 772422 Highway	4233
Construction - Federal, \$2,600,000 in each fiscal year shall be	4234
used by Regional Transportation Planning Organizations to	4235
conduct a rural transportation planning grant program.	4236
OHIO WORKFORCE MOBILITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM	4237
Of the foregoing appropriation item 772422 Highway	4238
Construction - Federal, \$15,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be	4239
used by the Ohio Department of Transportation to administer the	4240
Ohio Workforce Mobility Partnership Program established in	4241
Section 755.20 of this act.	4242
Section 203.47. STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT	4243
ANALYSIS	4244
The foregoing appropriation item 776672, Strategic	4245
Transportation and Development Analysis, shall be used for a	4246
statewide study of the Ohio transportation system, in	4247
collaboration with the Department of Development and the	4248
Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation. The study shall	4249
analyze statewide and regional demographics, investigate	4250
economic development growth opportunities, examine current	4251
transportation systems and capacities, forecast passenger and	4252

freight travel needs over a ten, twenty, and thirty year 4253
timeframe, identify current and future transportation links, 4254
evaluate and rank current and potential risks of future system 4255
congestion, and make actionable recommendations for 4256
transportation system projects to support statewide economic 4257
growth, including improving links between Toledo and Columbus 4258
and between Sandusky and Columbus. At any time, individual 4259
hotspot locations may receive advanced analysis of conceptual 4260
remedies with planning-level costs. The Department of 4261
Transportation may contract with third parties as necessary to 4262
execute this study. The study shall be completed by December 31, 4263
2024. 4264

BRENT SPENCE BRIDGE CORRIDOR PROJECT 4265

All spending related to the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor 4266
Project shall be documented in the Ohio Administrative Knowledge 4267
System (OAKS) and made visible in the Ohio State and Local 4268
Government Expenditure Database pursuant to section 113.71 of 4269
the Revised Code. 4270

Section 203.50. BOND ISSUANCE AUTHORIZATION 4271

The Treasurer of State, upon the request of the Director 4272
of Transportation, is authorized to issue and sell, in 4273
accordance with Section 2m of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, 4274
and Chapter 151. and particularly sections 151.01 and 151.06 of 4275
the Revised Code, obligations, including bonds and notes, in the 4276
aggregate amount of \$251,000,000 in addition to the original 4277
issuance of obligations authorized by prior acts of the General 4278
Assembly. 4279

Of the \$251,000,000 aggregate obligation issuance 4280
authority listed above, \$100,000,000 of bond issuance authority 4281

shall be used exclusively for the financing of the Brent Spence 4282
Bridge Corridor project. This issuance authority is valid 4283
through December 31, 2029. At that time, the authority to issue 4284
any further obligations related to the Brent Spence Bridge 4285
Corridor project under this section expires. 4286

The obligations shall be issued and sold from time to time 4287
in amounts necessary to provide sufficient moneys to the credit 4288
of the Highway Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 7042) created by 4289
section 5528.53 of the Revised Code to pay costs charged to the 4290
fund when due as estimated by the Director of Transportation, 4291
provided, however, that not more than \$220,000,000 original 4292
principal amount of obligations, plus the principal amount of 4293
obligations that in prior fiscal years could have been, but were 4294
not, issued within the \$220,000,000 limit, may be issued in any 4295
fiscal year, and not more than \$1,200,000,000 original principal 4296
amount of such obligations are outstanding at any one time. 4297

Section 203.60. APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS, APPROPRIATION 4298
INCREASES, AND CASH TRANSFERS 4299

(A) TRANSFERS OF HIGHWAY OPERATING FUND APPROPRIATIONS: 4300
EMERGENCIES, INCLEMENT WEATHER, AND FEDERAL FUNDING CHANGES 4301

The Director of Transportation may request the Controlling 4302
Board to approve transfers between Highway Operating Fund (Fund 4303
7002) appropriations for planning and research (appropriation 4304
items 771411 and 771412), highway construction and debt service 4305
(appropriation items 772421, 772422, 772424, 772425, 772437, 4306
772438, and 770003), highway maintenance (appropriation item 4307
773431), public transportation - federal (appropriation item 4308
775452), rail grade crossings (appropriation item 776462), 4309
aviation (appropriation item 777475), airport improvement 4310
(appropriation item 777472), and administration (appropriation 4311

item 779491). The Director of Transportation may not seek 4312
requests of appropriation transfers out of debt service 4313
appropriation items unless the Director determines that the 4314
appropriated amounts exceed the actual and projected debt 4315
service requirements. 4316

This transfer request authorization is intended to provide 4317
for emergency situations or for the purchase of goods and 4318
services relating to dangerous inclement weather that arise 4319
during the biennium ending June 30, 2025. It also is intended to 4320
allow the Department to adjust to circumstances affecting the 4321
obligation and expenditure of federal funds. 4322

(B) TRANSFERS OF FEDERAL AND LOCAL FUNDED APPROPRIATIONS: 4323
HIGHWAY, PLANNING, TRANSIT, RAIL, AND AVIATION 4324

The Director of Transportation may request the Controlling 4325
Board to approve the transfer of appropriations between 4326
appropriation items 772422, Highway Construction - Federal, 4327
771412, Planning and Research - Federal, 775452, Public 4328
Transportation - Federal, 775454, Public Transportation - Other, 4329
776475, Federal Rail Administration, 776462, Grade Crossing - 4330
Federal, and 777472, Airport Improvements - Federal. 4331

(C) TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CASH: STATE 4332
INFRASTRUCTURE BANK 4333

The Director of Transportation may request the Controlling 4334
Board to approve the transfer of appropriations and cash of the 4335
Infrastructure Bank funds created in section 5531.09 of the 4336
Revised Code, including transfers between fiscal years 2024 and 4337
2025. 4338

The Director of Transportation may request the Controlling 4339
Board to approve the transfer of appropriations and cash from 4340

the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) to the Infrastructure 4341
Bank funds created in section 5531.09 of the Revised Code. The 4342
Director of Budget and Management may transfer from the 4343
Infrastructure Bank funds to Fund 7002 up to the amounts 4344
originally transferred to the Infrastructure Bank funds under 4345
this section. However, the Director may not make transfers 4346
between modes or transfers between different funding sources. 4347

(D) TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CASH: TOLLING FUNDS 4348

The Director of Transportation may request the Controlling 4349
Board to approve the transfer of appropriations and cash of the 4350
Ohio Toll Fund and any subaccounts created in section 5531.14 of 4351
the Revised Code, including transfers between fiscal years 2024 4352
and 2025. 4353

(E) INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS: STATE FUNDS 4354

In the event that receipts or unexpended balances credited 4355
to the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) exceed the estimates 4356
upon which the appropriations have been made in this act, upon 4357
the request of the Director of Transportation, the Controlling 4358
Board may approve expenditures, in excess of the amounts 4359
appropriated, from the Highway Operating Fund in the manner 4360
prescribed in section 131.35 of the Revised Code. The amounts 4361
approved by the Controlling Board under this division are hereby 4362
appropriated. 4363

(F) INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS: FEDERAL AND LOCAL FUNDS 4364

In the event that receipts or unexpended balances credited 4365
to the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) or apportionments or 4366
allocations made available from the federal and local 4367
governments exceed the estimates upon which the appropriations 4368
have been made in this act, upon the request of the Director of 4369

Transportation, the Controlling Board may approve expenditures, 4370
in excess of the amounts appropriated, from the Highway 4371
Operating Fund in the manner prescribed in section 131.35 of the 4372
Revised Code. The amounts approved by the Controlling Board 4373
under this division are hereby appropriated. 4374

(G) TRANSFERS OF CASH BETWEEN THE HIGHWAY OPERATING FUND 4375
AND THE HIGHWAY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND 4376

Upon the request of the Director of Transportation, the 4377
Director of Budget and Management may transfer cash from the 4378
Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) to the Highway Capital 4379
Improvement Fund (Fund 7042) created in section 5528.53 of the 4380
Revised Code. The Director of Budget and Management may transfer 4381
cash from Fund 7042 to Fund 7002 up to the amount of cash 4382
previously transferred to Fund 7042 under this section. 4383

(H) DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR ODOT FUNDING 4384

On July 1 and January 1 of each year in the biennium 4385
ending June 30, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter, 4386
respectively, the Director of Budget and Management shall 4387
transfer \$200,000 cash, for each semiannual period, from the 4388
Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) to the Deputy Inspector 4389
General for ODOT Fund (Fund 5FA0). 4390

The Inspector General, with the consent of the Director of 4391
Budget and Management, may request the Controlling Board to 4392
approve additional transfers of cash and expenditures in excess 4393
of the amount appropriated under appropriation item 965603, 4394
Deputy Inspector General for ODOT, if additional amounts are 4395
necessary. The amounts approved by the Controlling Board are 4396
hereby appropriated. 4397

(I) LIQUIDATION OF UNFORESEEN LIABILITIES 4398

Any appropriation made from the Highway Operating Fund 4399
(Fund 7002) not otherwise restricted by law is available to 4400
liquidate unforeseen liabilities arising from contractual 4401
agreements of prior years when the prior year encumbrance is 4402
insufficient. 4403

(J) ELECTRIC VEHICLE EXPENDITURES 4404

The Director of Transportation shall request Controlling 4405
Board approval for any expenditure of funds received under the 4406
federal "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act," Pub. L. No. 4407
117-58, that are to be used for the construction or maintenance 4408
of electric vehicle charging stations. Any such expenditures 4409
approved by the Controlling Board are hereby appropriated. 4410

Section 203.65. REAPPROPRIATIONS 4411

In each year of the biennium ending June 30, 2025, the 4412
Director of Budget and Management may request the Controlling 4413
Board to approve the expenditure of any remaining unencumbered 4414
balances of prior years' appropriations to the Ohio Highway 4415
Transportation Safety Fund (Fund 5XI0), the Highway Operating 4416
Fund (Fund 7002), the Highway Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 4417
7042), and the Infrastructure Bank funds created in section 4418
5531.09 of the Revised Code for the same purpose in the 4419
following fiscal year. The amounts approved by the Controlling 4420
Board are hereby reappropriated. 4421

Prior to the Director of Budget and Management's seeking 4422
approval of the Controlling Board, the Director of 4423
Transportation shall develop a reappropriation request plan that 4424
identifies the appropriate fund and appropriation item of the 4425
reappropriation, and the reappropriation request amount and 4426
submit the plan to the Director of Budget and Management for 4427

evaluation. The Director of Budget and Management may request 4428
additional information necessary for evaluating the 4429
reappropriation request plan, and the Director of Transportation 4430
shall provide the requested information to the Director of 4431
Budget and Management. Based on the information provided by the 4432
Director of Transportation, the Director of Budget and 4433
Management shall determine amounts to be reappropriated by fund 4434
and appropriation item to submit to the Controlling Board for 4435
its approval. 4436

Any balances of prior years' unencumbered appropriations 4437
to the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002), the Highway Capital 4438
Improvement Fund (Fund 7042), the Ohio Highway Transportation 4439
Safety Fund (Fund 5XI0), and the Infrastructure Bank funds 4440
created in section 5531.09 of the Revised Code for which 4441
reappropriations are requested and approved are subject to the 4442
availability of revenue in the funds. 4443

Section 203.70. MAINTENANCE OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS 4444

The Department of Transportation has the responsibility to 4445
maintain all interstate highways in the state. The Director of 4446
Transportation may enter into an agreement with a political 4447
subdivision to allow the political subdivision to remove snow 4448
and ice and maintain, repair, improve, or provide lighting upon 4449
interstate highways that are located within the boundaries of 4450
the political subdivision, in a manner adequate to meet the 4451
requirements of federal law. 4452

When agreed in writing by the Director of Transportation 4453
and the legislative authority of a political subdivision and 4454
notwithstanding sections 125.01 and 125.11 of the Revised Code, 4455
the Department of Transportation may reimburse a political 4456
subdivision for all or any part of the costs, as provided by 4457

such agreement, incurred by the political subdivision in 4458
maintaining, repairing, lighting, and removing snow and ice from 4459
the interstate system. 4460

Section 203.80. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY PURPOSE 4461
GRANTS 4462

The Director of Transportation may use revenues from the 4463
state motor vehicle fuel tax to match approved federal grants 4464
awarded to the Department of Transportation, regional transit 4465
authorities, or eligible public transportation systems, for 4466
public transportation highway purposes, or to support local or 4467
state-funded projects for public transportation highway 4468
purposes. 4469

Public transportation highway purposes include (1) the 4470
construction or repair of high-occupancy vehicle traffic lanes, 4471
(2) the acquisition or construction of park-and-ride facilities, 4472
(3) the acquisition or construction of public transportation 4473
vehicle loops, (4) the construction or repair of bridges used by 4474
public transportation vehicles or that are the responsibility of 4475
a regional transit authority or other public transportation 4476
system, or (5) other similar construction that is designated as 4477
an eligible public transportation highway purpose. Motor vehicle 4478
fuel tax revenues may not be used for operating assistance or 4479
for the purchase of vehicles, equipment, or maintenance 4480
facilities. 4481

Section 203.90. AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES FOR 4482
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PURPOSES 4483

The Director of Transportation may enter into agreements 4484
as provided in this section with the United States or any 4485
department or agency of the United States, including, but not 4486

limited to, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the 4487
United States Forest Service, the United States Environmental 4488
Protection Agency, and the United States Fish and Wildlife 4489
Service. An agreement entered into pursuant to this section 4490
shall be solely for the purpose of dedicating staff to the 4491
expeditious and timely review of environmentally related 4492
documents submitted by the Director of Transportation, as 4493
necessary for the approval of federal permits. 4494

The agreements may include provisions for advance payment 4495
by the Director of Transportation for labor and all other 4496
identifiable costs of the United States or any department or 4497
agency of the United States providing the services, as may be 4498
estimated by the United States, or the department or agency of 4499
the United States. 4500

The Director shall submit a request to the Controlling 4501
Board indicating the amount of the agreement, the services to be 4502
performed by the United States or the department or agency of 4503
the United States, and the circumstances giving rise to the 4504
agreement. 4505

Section 203.100. INDEFINITE DELIVERY INDEFINITE QUANTITY 4506
CONTRACTS 4507

(A) As used in this section, "indefinite delivery 4508
indefinite quantity contract" means a contract for an indefinite 4509
quantity, within stated limits, of supplies or services that 4510
will be delivered by the awarded bidder over a defined contract 4511
period. 4512

(B) The Director of Transportation shall advertise and 4513
seek bids for, and shall award, indefinite delivery indefinite 4514
quantity contracts for not more than two projects in fiscal year 4515

2024 and for not more than two projects in fiscal year 2025. For 4516
purposes of entering into indefinite delivery indefinite 4517
quantity contracts, the Director shall do all of the following: 4518

(1) Prepare bidding documents; 4519

(2) Establish contract forms; 4520

(3) Determine contract terms and conditions, including the 4521
following: 4522

(a) The maximum overall value of the contract, which may 4523
include an allowable increase of one hundred thousand dollars or 4524
five per cent of the advertised contract value, whichever is 4525
less; 4526

(b) The duration of the contract, including a time 4527
extension of up to one year if determined appropriate by the 4528
Director; 4529

(c) The defined geographical area to which the contract 4530
applies, which shall be not greater than the size of one 4531
district of the Department of Transportation. 4532

(4) Develop and implement a work order process in order to 4533
provide the awarded bidder adequate notice of requested supplies 4534
or services, the anticipated quantities of supplies, and work 4535
location information for each work order; 4536

(5) Take any other action necessary to fulfill the duties 4537
and obligations of the Director under this section. 4538

(C) Section 5525.01 of the Revised Code applies to 4539
indefinite delivery indefinite quantity contracts. 4540

Section 207.10. 4541

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	1	2	3	4	5
A			DEV DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT		
B			Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		
C	4W00	195629	Roadwork Development	\$15,200,000	\$15,200,000
D			TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	\$15,200,000	\$15,200,000
E			TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$15,200,000	\$15,200,000

Section 207.20. ROADWORK DEVELOPMENT 4543

The foregoing appropriation item 195629, Roadwork Development, shall be used for road improvements associated with economic development opportunities that will retain or attract businesses for Ohio, including the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or repair of public roads that provide access to a public airport or are located within a public airport. "Road improvements" are improvements to public roadway facilities located on, or serving or capable of serving, a project site, and include the construction, reconstruction, maintenance or repair of public roads that provide access to a public airport or are located within a public airport. The appropriation item may be used in conjunction with any other state funds appropriated for infrastructure improvements.

The Director of Budget and Management, pursuant to a plan submitted by the Director of Development or as otherwise determined by the Director of Budget and Management, shall set a cash transfer schedule to meet the cash needs of the Roadwork

Development Fund (Fund 4W00) used by the Department of 4561
 Development, less any other available cash. The Director of 4562
 Budget and Management shall transfer such cash amounts from the 4563
 Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) to Fund 4W00 at such times as 4564
 determined by the transfer schedule. 4565

The Director of Transportation, under the direction of the 4566
 Director of Development, shall provide these funds in accordance 4567
 with all guidelines and requirements established for other 4568
 Department of Development programs, including Controlling Board 4569
 review and approval, as well as the requirements for usage of 4570
 motor vehicle fuel tax revenue prescribed in Section 5a of 4571
 Article XII, Ohio Constitution. Should the Department of 4572
 Development require the assistance of the Department of 4573
 Transportation to bring a project to completion, the Department 4574
 of Transportation shall use its authority under Title 55 of the 4575
 Revised Code to provide such assistance and may enter into 4576
 contracts on behalf of the Department of Development. 4577

Section 209.10. 4578

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	1	2	3	4	5
A			PWC PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION		
B			Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		
C	7052	150402	Local Transportation Improvement Program - Operating	\$328,705	\$323,792
D	7052	150701	Local Transportation	\$60,000,000	\$64,000,000

Improvement Program

E	TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	\$60,328,705	\$64,323,792
F	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$60,328,705	\$64,323,792

Section 209.20. REAPPROPRIATIONS 4580

All capital appropriations from the Local Transportation 4581
Improvement Program Fund (Fund 7052) in H.B. 74 of the 134th 4582
General Assembly remaining unencumbered as of June 30, 2023, may 4583
be reappropriated for use during the period July 1, 2023, 4584
through June 30, 2024, for the same purpose. 4585

Notwithstanding division (B) of section 127.14 of the 4586
Revised Code, all capital appropriations and reappropriations 4587
from the Local Transportation Improvement Program Fund (Fund 4588
7052) in this act remaining unencumbered as of June 30, 2024, 4589
are reappropriated for use during the period July 1, 2024, 4590
through June 30, 2025, for the same purposes, subject to the 4591
availability of revenue as determined by the Director of the 4592
Public Works Commission. 4593

TEMPORARY TRANSFERS 4594

Notwithstanding section 127.14 of the Revised Code, the 4595
Director of Budget and Management may transfer cash from the 4596
Local Transportation Improvement Fund (Fund 7052) to the State 4597
Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 7038) and the Clean Ohio 4598
Conservation Fund (Fund 7056). The Director of Budget and 4599
Management may approve temporary cash transfers if such 4600
transfers are needed for capital outlays for which notes or 4601
bonds will be issued. When there is a sufficient cash balance in 4602
the fund that receives a cash transfer under this section, the 4603

Director of Budget and Management shall transfer cash from that 4604
fund to Fund 7052 in order to repay Fund 7052 for the amount of 4605
the temporary cash transfers made under this section. Any 4606
transfers executed under this section shall be reported to the 4607
Controlling Board by June 30 of the fiscal year in which the 4608
transfer occurred. 4609

Section 221.10. 4610

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1	2	3	4	5
A		RDF STATE REVENUE DISTRIBUTIONS		
B	Revenue Distribution Fund Group			
C	7060	110652 Gasoline Excise Tax	\$390,522,523	\$394,427,748
		Fund - Municipal		
D	7060	110653 Gasoline Excise Tax	\$202,000,662	\$204,020,669
		Fund - Township		
E	7060	110654 Gasoline Excise Tax	\$336,676,815	\$340,043,583
		Fund - County		
F	TOTAL Revenue Distribution Fund Group		\$929,200,000	\$938,492,000
G	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$929,200,000	\$938,492,000

The foregoing appropriation item, 110652 Gasoline Excise 4612
Tax Fund - Municipal, shall be used to make payments to 4613
municipalities under sections 5735.051 and 5735.27 of the 4614

Revised Code. The foregoing appropriation item, 110653 Gasoline 4615
Excise Tax Fund - Township, shall be used to make payments to 4616
townships under those sections. The foregoing appropriation 4617
item, 110654 Gasoline Excise Tax Fund - County, shall be used to 4618
make payments to counties under those sections. The foregoing 4619
appropriation item, 110654 Gasoline Excise Tax Fund - County, 4620
shall also be used to make payments to the Ohio Turnpike and 4621
Infrastructure Commission under section 5735.051 of the Revised 4622
Code. 4623

Appropriation items in Section 221.10 of this act shall be 4624
used for the purpose of administering and distributing the 4625
designated revenue distribution fund according to the Revised 4626
Code. If it is determined that additional appropriations are 4627
necessary for this purpose, such amounts are hereby 4628
appropriated. 4629

Section 301.10. All items in sections of this act prefixed 4630
with numbers in the 300s are hereby appropriated as designated 4631
out of any moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the 4632
designated fund. For all operating appropriations made in these 4633
sections, those in the first column are for fiscal year 2022 and 4634
those in the second column are for fiscal year 2023. The 4635
operating appropriations made in sections of this act prefixed 4636
in the 300s are in addition to any other operating 4637
appropriations made for these fiscal years. 4638

Section 305.10. 4639

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A	CSR CAPITOL SQUARE REVIEW AND ADVISORY BOARD			
B	General Revenue Fund			
C	GRF	874320	Maintenance and Equipment	\$0 \$100,000
D	TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			\$0 \$100,000
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$0 \$100,000

Section 350.10. Within the limits set forth in this act, 4641
the Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 4642
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 4643
made in sections of this act prefixed with numbers in the 300s, 4644
and shall determine the manner in which appropriation accounts 4645
shall be maintained. Expenditures from operating appropriations 4646
contained in sections of this act prefixed with numbers in the 4647
300s shall be accounted for as though made in, and are subject 4648
to, all applicable provisions of H.B. 110 of the 134th General 4649
Assembly. 4650

Section 501.10. LIMITATION ON USE OF CAPITAL 4651
APPROPRIATIONS 4652

The capital appropriations made in this act for buildings 4653
or structures, including remodeling and renovations, are limited 4654
to: 4655

(A) Acquisition of real property or interests in real 4656
property; 4657

(B) Buildings and structures, which includes construction, 4658
demolition, complete heating and cooling, lighting and lighting 4659
fixtures, and all necessary utilities, ventilating, plumbing, 4660
sprinkling, water, and sewer systems, when such systems are 4661

authorized or necessary;	4662
(C) Architectural, engineering, and professional services	4663
expenses directly related to the projects;	4664
(D) Machinery that is a part of structures at the time of	4665
initial acquisition or construction;	4666
(E) Acquisition, development, and deployment of new	4667
computer systems, including the redevelopment or integration of	4668
existing and new computer systems, but excluding regular or	4669
ongoing maintenance or support agreements;	4670
(F) Furniture, fixtures, or equipment that meets all the	4671
following criteria:	4672
(1) Is essential in bringing the facility up to its	4673
intended use or is necessary for the functioning of the	4674
particular facility or project;	4675
(2) Has a unit cost, and not the individual parts of a	4676
unit, of about \$100 or more; and	4677
(3) Has a useful life of five years or more.	4678
Furniture, fixtures, or equipment that is not an integral	4679
part of or directly related to the basic purpose or function of	4680
a project for which moneys are appropriated shall not be paid	4681
from these appropriations.	4682
Section 503.10. STATE ARBITRAGE REBATE AUTHORIZATION	4683
If it is determined that a payment is necessary in the	4684
amount computed at the time to represent the portion of	4685
investment income to be rebated or amounts in lieu of or in	4686
addition to any rebate amount to be paid to the federal	4687
government in order to maintain the exclusion from gross income	4688

for federal income tax purposes of interest on those state 4689
obligations under section 148(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, 4690
such amount is hereby appropriated from those funds designated 4691
by or pursuant to the applicable proceedings authorizing the 4692
issuance of state obligations. 4693

Payments for this purpose shall be approved and vouchered 4694
by the Office of Budget and Management. 4695

Section 509.10. AUTHORIZATION FOR TREASURER OF STATE AND 4696
OBM TO EFFECTUATE CERTAIN LEASE RENTAL PAYMENTS 4697

The Office of Budget and Management shall process payments 4698
from lease rental payment appropriation items during the period 4699
from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025, pursuant to the lease and 4700
other agreements relating to bonds or notes issued under Section 4701
2i of Article VIII of the Ohio Constitution and Chapters 152. 4702
and 154. of the Revised Code, and acts of the General Assembly. 4703
Payments shall be made upon certification by the Treasurer of 4704
State of the dates and amounts due on those dates. 4705

Section 509.20. LEASE AND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS 4706

Certain appropriations are in this act for the purpose of 4707
paying debt service and financing costs on general obligation 4708
bonds or notes of the state and for the purpose of making lease 4709
rental and other payments under leases and agreements relating 4710
to bonds or notes issued under the Ohio Constitution, Revised 4711
Code, and acts of the General Assembly. If it is determined that 4712
additional appropriations are necessary for this purpose, such 4713
amounts are hereby appropriated. 4714

Section 610.10. That Section 265.325 of H.B. 110 of the 4715
134th General Assembly be amended to read as follows: 4716

Sec. 265.325. SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE 4717

The foregoing appropriation item 200663, School Bus Purchase, shall be used to distribute bus purchasing grants to city, local, and exempted village school districts pursuant to section 3317.071 of the Revised Code.

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 200663, School Bus Purchase, at the end of fiscal year 2022 is hereby reappropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2023.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, awards under this section may be used by recipients through fiscal year 2024 according to guidelines established by the Department of Education.

Section 610.11. That existing Section 265.325 of H.B. 110 of the 134th General Assembly is hereby repealed.

Section 610.16. That Sections 223.15 (as amended by H.B. 45 of the 134th General Assembly), 243.10, and 243.20 of H.B. 687 of the 134th General Assembly be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 223.15. The foregoing appropriation item C725E2, Local Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Projects, shall be used to support the projects listed in this section. An amount equal to two per cent of the projects listed may be used by the Department of Natural Resources for the administration of local projects.

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B	Mentor Erosion Mitigation	\$3,000,000
C	Heritage Trail Extension	\$2,500,000
D	Lima Community Pool	\$2,400,000
E	Cleveland Zoo Primate Rainforest	\$1,700,000
F	Columbus Zoo	\$1,400,000
G	Cincinnati Findlay Community and Recreation Center	\$1,200,000
H	Gateway to Freedom Park	\$1,200,000
I	Akron Area YMCA Camp Y-Noah Capital Improvement	\$1,000,000
J	Euclid Waterfront Improvement Plan - Phase III	\$1,000,000
K	Franklin Park Conservatory Renovation of the Wolfe Palm House and the Davis Showhouse	\$1,000,000
L	Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden Pedestrian Bridge	\$900,000
M	The Wilds RV Park and Campground	\$900,000
N	Irishtown Bend and Canal Basin Park	\$850,000
O	Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park	\$800,000

P	Lima Rotary Community Stage and Park	\$800,000
Q	Copley Ridgewood Trail	\$750,000
R	Delhi Towne Square	\$750,000
S	Environmental Education Pavilion at Forest Lawn Stormwater Park	\$750,000
T	Glen Helen Nature Preserve Accessibility Improvements	\$750,000
U	Lebanon Scenic Railway Bridge	\$750,000
V	Strongsville Town Center Enhancement and Walkability Initiative	\$725,000
W	Salem City Village Green Park	\$700,000
X	Green Township Veterans Park Enhancement	\$650,000
Y	Ohio Bird Sanctuary	\$600,000
Z	Stark Parks Magnolia Flouring Mill Public Access	\$571,000
AA	ArtsinStark Park	\$500,000
AB	Indian Lake Maintenance	\$500,000
AC	North Ridgeville Mills Creek	\$500,000

AD	Sidney Feeder Canal Bike Trail	\$500,000
AE	Sylvania YMCA	\$500,000
AF	The Foundry	\$500,000
AG	Vienna Air Heritage Park	\$500,000
AH	Litzenberg Memorial Woods Improvement Project	\$498,000
AI	Geneva Township Park - Old Lake Road Shoreline Restoration	\$450,000
AJ	Hamilton-Clover Groff Trail Project	\$450,000
AK	Lake Erie Shoreline Erosion Mitigation	\$450,000
AL	McCord Park Renovations	\$450,000
AM	Mentor Marsh Observation Tower	\$450,000
AN	Replacement of Discovery Frontier Playground at Fryer Park	\$450,000
AO	Mosquito Creek Lake Park Improvements	\$404,000
AP	Avon Traxler Preserve	\$400,000
AQ	Chagrin Meadows Preserve	\$400,000

AR	Fort Colerain Phase III	\$400,000
AS	Kelleys Island East Lakeshore Shoreline Protection	\$400,000
AT	Lake Metroparks Lake Erie Shoreline Trail and Revetment Wall	\$400,000
AU	Mason Makino Park	\$400,000
AV	McDonald Commons Renovation and Construction	\$400,000
AW	Ripley Freedom Landing Riverfront Development	\$400,000
AX	Solon to Chagrin Falls Multi- Purpose Trail	\$400,000
AY	Hamilton Beltline Recreational Trail	\$380,000
AZ	Holbrook Hollows Park Expansion	\$375,000
BA	Alum Creek Pedestrian/Bike Bridge - Bexley	\$350,000
BB	Boeckling Building Pier	\$350,000
BC	CROWN Wasson Way Crossing Improvements	\$350,000
BD	Fairport Harbor Marina Boat	\$350,000

	Launch	
BE	Hiking Trails and Playground Refurbishment - Cincinnati	\$350,000
BF	Elyria Intergenerational Community Center	\$350,000
BG	Medina Recreation Center	\$350,000
BH	Project Playground Galena	\$350,000
BI	Wauseon Community Social and Recreational Center	\$350,000
BJ	Twinsburg Glen Chamberlin Park	\$338,000
BK	Botkins Community Park	\$300,000
BL	Camp Joy	\$300,000
BM	Canal Fulton Community Park	\$300,000
BN	Canton Township Faircrest Park	\$300,000
BO	Chagrin River Trail	\$300,000
BP	Creston Community Park Renovations	\$300,000
BQ	Edge Adventure Park	\$300,000
BR	Harbin Park ADA-Accessible Play Area and Splash Pad	\$300,000

BS	Kalida St. Michael Holy Name Ballpark	\$300,000
BT	Legacy Park Shelter House and Restrooms Project - Cridersville	\$300,000
BU	Liberty Landing Phase II	\$300,000
BV	Lincoln Heights Memorial Athletic Field Renovations	\$300,000
BW	Marysville Heritage Park	\$300,000
BX	Massillon Park Splash Pad	\$300,000
BY	Mayerson JCC Expansion	\$300,000
BZ	Meredith Park	\$300,000
CA	Niles Bike Path Bridge Improvements	\$300,000
CB	North Canton Dogwood Pool House	\$300,000
CC	Olmsted Township Nature Trail and Bark Park	\$300,000
CD	Plain Township Diamond Park Historic Barn	\$300,000
CE	Town Square Redevelopment - Blue Ash	\$300,000
CF	Willadale Trail- Boettler/Southgate Connector	\$275,000

CG	Fallen Timbers Family Recreation Center Pool Replacement <u>Capital</u> <u>Improvements</u>	\$275,000
CH	Grailville Park Improvements	\$260,000
CI	Streetsboro Industrial Park	\$250,000
CJ	Brunswick Recreation Center	\$250,000
CK	Chudzinski Johansen Conservancy Park	\$250,000
CL	Clearcreek Park Trail	\$250,000
CM	Coke Oven Community Civic Center Park	\$250,000
CN	Covington - Schoolhouse Park	\$250,000
CO	Girl Scouts of Western Ohio - EMPOWER HER	\$250,000
CP	Girl Scouts of Western Ohio Camp Libbey	\$250,000
CQ	Johnstown Splash Pad	\$250,000
CR	Lockington Trail Bridge	\$250,000
CS	Lodi Community Park	\$250,000
CT	Louisville Metzger Park	\$250,000
CU	Noble County Heritage Park	\$250,000

CV	Rotary Lodge at River Cliff Park Renovation	\$250,000
CW	Schoonover Observatory Improvements	\$250,000
CX	SPIRE Institute and Academy	\$250,000
CY	Timken Gatehouse Renovation	\$250,000
CZ	West Carrollton Whitewater Park	\$250,000
DA	Wooster Barnes Preserve	\$250,000
DB	Valleyview Park	\$240,000
DC	Cave Lake Dam	\$225,000
DD	Moonville Rail Trail	\$225,000
DE	Dan Beard Scout Camp Flooding and Erosion Mitigation	\$223,000
DF	Chillicothe Paint Creek Recreational Trail	\$215,000
DG	Ashtabula Township Park - Restoration	\$200,000
DH	Augusta Community Park	\$200,000
DI	Bryan Lincoln Park	\$200,000
DJ	Camp Oty'Okwa Capital Improvements	\$200,000

DK	Center Gateway Improvement Project - Rocky River	\$200,000
DL	Centerville Benham's Grove	\$200,000
DM	City of Monroe Lookout Point	\$200,000
DN	Coshocton County Connector	\$200,000
DO	Franklin Furnace Park	\$200,000
DP	Great Miami River Trail - Middletown to Monroe Segment Construction Project	\$200,000
DQ	Memorial Park All-Purpose Trail - North Royalton	\$200,000
DR	Mount Aloysius Community Rec Center	\$200,000
DS	Portage Bike and Hike Trail - Mill Race Segment	\$200,000
DT	Seven Gables Park Playground Replacement	\$200,000
DU	Sylvania Plummer Pool	\$200,000
DV	Tuscarawas Memorial Park Improvements	\$200,000
DW	Wellness at the Generational Recreation Complex- Construction	\$200,000

DX	West Farmington Park Improvements	\$200,000
DY	Shawnee West Buckeye Trail	\$195,000
DZ	Jim Terrell Park Canoe/Kayak Launch	\$190,000
EA	Racine Star Mill Park	\$190,000
EB	Darke County Art Trail	\$180,000
EC	Bryn Du Barn	\$175,000
ED	Erie MetroParks Nature Center	\$175,000
EE	Norton Bicentennial Park	\$175,000
EF	Ohio and Erie Canal Restoration	\$175,000
EG	Concord Township Park Renovation	\$172,000
EH	Ward Park Swimming Pool Filtration System Replacement	\$171,000
EI	Ashland County Corner Park	\$150,000
EJ	Brown County Board of Developmental Disabilities Resource and Community Center	\$150,000
EK	Buckeye Lake Boat Ramps and Pier Enabling Project	\$150,000
EL	Deer Park Chamberlin Park	\$150,000

EM	Elyria Holly Hall	\$150,000
EN	Forest Park Central Park Improvements	\$150,000
EO	Fostoria Splash Pad	\$150,000
EP	Geneva Township Park Commission - Handicap Accessible Ramp	\$150,000
EQ	Gibsonburg Logyard Park	\$150,000
ER	Greenville Downtown Park	\$150,000
ES	Hammertown Lake Improvements Project	\$150,000
ET	Kingsbury Riverfront Park Rehabilitation Project	\$150,000
EU	Lock Nine Riverfront Park	\$150,000
EV	MAGNET's Manufacturing Innovation, Technology and Job Center Park	\$150,000
EW	Mansfield B&O Trail Connector	\$150,000
EX	Mansfield Central Park	\$150,000
EY	Middle Point Recreation Center	\$150,000
EZ	Mount Gilead Park Site Preparations	\$150,000

FA	Navarre Park	\$150,000
FB	North Kingsville Village - Community Park	\$150,000
FC	North Olmsted Community Park Improvements	\$150,000
FD	Olmsted Falls East River Road Park	\$150,000
FE	Portsmouth Market Square Park	\$150,000
FF	Powhatan Point Municipal Park District	\$150,000
FG	Restore Rockefeller	\$150,000
FH	Richwood Splash Pad	\$150,000
FI	Rio Grande Reservoir and Park Improvements	\$150,000
FJ	Seven Hills Calvin Park Drainage Improvements	\$150,000
FK	Unger Park Multi-Use Loop Trail	\$150,000
FL	Urban Meadow Park Connector Trail	\$150,000
FM	Wellsville Marina Dredging	\$150,000
FN	Austintown Township Park Bandshell Replacement	\$140,000

FO	West Union SR 41 Shared Use Path Phase II	\$140,000
FP	Bellefontaine Blue Jacket Park	\$135,000
FQ	Alliance Memorial Park	\$250,000
FR	Antwerp Holly Kobee Memorial Splash Pad	\$125,000
FS	Carey Splash Pad	\$125,000
FT	Flight Line: East Dayton Rails- to-Trails	\$125,000
FU	Friedt Park	\$125,000
FV	Kirtland Community Center	\$125,000
FW	Miami Valley Research Park Bike Path and Pedestrian Bridge	\$125,000
FX	Old Murray City School Building Demolition	\$125,000
FY	Vermillion Main Street Beach and Harbor Access Project	\$125,000
FZ	Clepper Park Pickleball Courts	\$122,000
GA	Village of Fort Loramie Community Park Improvements	\$122,000
GB	North Fork Preserve of Bath	\$120,000

GC	Rootstown Community Park and Gracie Field Paving	\$120,000
GD	New Knoxville Splash Pad and Shelter House	\$110,000
GE	Sally Buffalo Park Stage	\$110,000
GF	South Lebanon Veteran's Park Playground	\$110,000
GG	Middleburg Heights Memorial Hall Courtyard	\$104,000
GH	Akron Zoo Additional Animal Housing Phase II	\$100,000
GI	Bay Village Green Improvements	\$100,000
GJ	Brecksville Field House	\$100,000
GK	Cobblestone Park - Medina	\$100,000
GL	Fairfield Township Veterans Memorial Project	\$100,000
GM	Gahanna Exploration Center	\$100,000
GN	Harmony Park	\$100,000
GO	Highland Heights Park Connector	\$100,000
GP	Holden Arboretum All-Season Trails	\$100,000

GQ	Kenton Saulisberry Park at France Lake	\$100,000
GR	Mansfield Sterkel Park	\$100,000
GS	Marion Lincoln Park	\$100,000
GT	Mecca Township Recreation Center	\$100,000
GU	Montgomery Cultural Arts and Performance Fountain	\$100,000
GV	Ottawa Memorial Pool Splash Pad	\$100,000
GW	Outdoor Theater and Performing Arts Community Park - Hillsboro	\$100,000
GX	Painesville Kiwanis Recreation Park	\$100,000
GY	Pickleball Courts at Patricia Allyn Park	\$100,000
GZ	Plain City Heritage Trail	\$100,000
HA	Plan4Health Perry Township Park Trail Improvement Plan	\$100,000
HB	Police and Fire Dedication Playground - Lyndhurst	\$100,000
HC	Sheffield Village James Day Park	\$100,000
HD	Syracuse Skatepark	\$100,000

HE	The Pony Wagon Trail	\$100,000
HF	The Wilds Shade and Shelter Improvements	\$100,000
HG	Veterans Memorial at Rose Run Park	\$100,000
HH	Village of Bellville Historic Bandstand Renovations	\$100,000
HI	Village of Bentleyville Riverview Community Park	\$100,000
HJ	Village of Middlefield Parks Upgrades	\$100,000
HK	Weatherstone Park - Wadsworth	\$100,000
HL	West Alexandria Smith Street Park	\$100,000
HM	Wintersville Recreation Complex	\$100,000
HN	Acres of Adventure Learning Center	\$90,000
HO	Byesville Patriot Park	\$90,000
HP	Malta Park Improvements	\$90,000
HQ	Parma Park Improvements	\$90,000
HR	Perrysville Weltmer Park - Playground	\$85,000

HS	4-H Camp Piedmont Upgrades	\$75,000
HT	Brook Park Central Park	\$75,000
HU	Cuyahoga Heights Willowbrook Connector Trail	\$75,000
HV	Fairborn Memorial Park	\$75,000
HW	Fairview Park Bain Park	\$75,000
HX	Havener Park Improvements	\$75,000
HY	Independence Pool Facility Improvements	\$75,000
HZ	Lancaster Nature Trail at AHA!	\$75,000
IA	Leipsic Buckeye Park	\$75,000
IB	Little Miami River Access and Park Development	\$75,000
IC	Loveland Heights Playground Improvements	\$75,000
ID	Middleport-Pomeroy Walking Path Project Phase IV	\$75,000
IE	Monroe Township Park Playground	\$75,000
IF	Mt. Sterling Mason Park	\$75,000
IG	New Concord Swimming Pool	\$75,000

IH	Outdoor Sports Court Revitalization - Springdale	\$75,000
II	Sharon Nature Preserve Trails Phase I	\$75,000
IJ	Wadsworth Safety Town Park	\$75,000
IK	Voice of America MetroPark Tylersville Road Entrance	\$70,000
IL	Wilhelmina Park Trail and Shelter Project	\$70,000
IM	Ellsworth Hills Learning Lab	\$65,000
IN	Roscoe Village Infrastructure Project	\$60,000
IO	Buckeye Trail East Fork Wildlife Area	\$57,000
IP	Caldwell Walking Track Expansion	\$55,000
IQ	Reservoir Park Pathway Pedestrian Bridge - Deshler	\$52,000
IR	McCulloughs Run - Newton	\$50,000
IS	Bellaire Walking Trail	\$50,000
IT	Big Walnut Trail Extension and Park	\$50,000
IU	Big Walnut Trail SE Columbus -	\$50,000

	Eastland Area	
IV	Brunswick Lake ADA Canoe/Kayak Launch	\$50,000
IW	Bryan George Bible Park	\$50,000
IX	Buckeye Lake Crystal Lagoon and Public Park	\$50,000
IY	Center Ice Foundation	\$50,000
IZ	Cleveland Botanical Garden Public Accessible Garden Path	\$50,000
JA	Concord Township Park Restroom Facility Project	\$50,000
JB	Doylestown Memorial Park	\$50,000
JC	Drews Track Memorial Pump Track Expansion	\$50,000
JD	Glass City Enrichment Center	\$50,000
JE	Greenwich Reservoir Park	\$50,000
JF	Leila McGuire Jeffrey Park Playground	\$50,000
JG	Levitt Pavilion Dayton	\$50,000
JH	Madison Village Dana's Park	\$50,000
JI	Madison Village Wetland Trail	\$50,000

JJ	Martins Ferry Recreation Center- Water Splash Park/Ice Rink	\$50,000
JK	Millersport Lions Park	\$50,000
JL	Moscow Ohio River Stabilization, Phase II	\$50,000
JM	Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum	\$50,000
JN	P&G MLB Cincinnati Reds Youth Academy	\$50,000
JO	Penney Nature Center Improvement Project	\$50,000
JP	Prairie Trail/Stitt Park Improvements	\$50,000
JQ	Caldwell Race Track Upgrades	\$50,000
JR	Richmond Heights Community Park Gazebo	\$50,000
JS	Richwood Park Lynn St. Shelterhouse and Parking	\$50,000
JT	Salt Fork State Park	\$50,000
JU	Shade Community Center Upgrades	\$50,000
JV	Tinker's Creek Trail	\$50,000
JW	Village of Bloomdale Reservoir Project	\$50,000

JX	Wapakoneta Waterpark	\$50,000
JY	Walton Hills Thomas Young Park	\$48,000
JZ	Byrd Township Community Center	\$45,000
KA	Selby Building Revitalization	\$45,000
KB	Village of Dunkirk Splash Pad and Storage Building	\$45,000
KC	Burr Oak State Park	\$44,000
KD	Veterans Memorial Park Accessibility Improvements - Liberty Center	\$42,000
KE	Chippewa Falls Rail Trail Parking Lot	\$40,000
KF	Chippewa Park Shelter House	\$40,000
KG	Gates Mills Community House Improvements	\$40,000
KH	Hartinger Park/Diles Park Playground Improvements	\$40,000
KI	Fifth Street Park Play Structure and Splash Pad	\$30,000
KJ	Keener Park Sledding Hill	\$30,000
KK	Alger Park Upgrades	\$25,000

KL	Blue Heron Park Trail Phase II	\$25,000
KM	Charlement Reservation Stable	\$25,000
KN	Gloria Glens Southwest Park Grading	\$25,000
KO	Pickerington Promenade	\$25,000
KP	Plymouth Mary Fate Park	\$25,000
KQ	Blue Heron Park Flood Mitigation	\$20,000
KR	Hardin County Veterans Memorial Park	\$20,000
KS	Malinta Community Park	\$20,000
KT	Zuck Riparian Preserve Trail	\$18,000
KU	Perrysville Weltmer Park - Electrical	\$15,000
KV	Sardinia Veteran's Community Park Revitalization	\$15,000
KW	Kokosing Gap Trail	\$14,000
KX	Paulding County Park District Floating Pier Addition	\$10,000
KY	Buckeye Trail Boesel Easement Bridge	\$2,800
KZ	Paulding County Park District	\$2,500

	Boat Launch Improvement		
LA	Paulding County Park District		\$1,000
LB	Paulding County Park District Pier		\$1,000
	Sec. 243.10.		4742
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A	PWC PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION		
B	State Capital Improvements Fund (Fund 7038)		
C	C15000	Local Public Infrastructure/State CIP	\$400,000,000
			<u>\$410,000,000</u>
D	TOTAL State Capital Improvements Fund		\$400,000,000
			<u>\$410,000,000</u>
E	State Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 7040)		
F	C15030	Revolving Loan	\$82,000,000
G	TOTAL State Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Fund		\$82,000,000
H	Clean Ohio Conservation Fund (Fund 7056)		
I	C15060	Clean Ohio Conservation Program	\$75,000,000

J	TOTAL Clean Ohio Conservation Fund	\$75,000,000
K	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$557,000,000
		<u>\$567,000,000</u>

LOCAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE 4744

Capital appropriations in this act made from the State 4745
Capital Improvements Fund (Fund 7038) shall be used in 4746
accordance with sections 164.01 to 164.12 of the Revised Code. 4747
The Director of the Public Works Commission may certify to the 4748
Director of Budget and Management that a need exists to 4749
appropriate investment earnings to be used in accordance with 4750
sections 164.01 to 164.12 of the Revised Code. If the Director 4751
of Budget and Management determines pursuant to division (D) of 4752
section 164.08 and section 164.12 of the Revised Code that 4753
investment earnings are available to support additional 4754
appropriations, such amounts are hereby appropriated. 4755

If the Public Works Commission receives refunds due to 4756
project overpayments that are discovered during a post-project 4757
audit, the Director of the Public Works Commission may certify 4758
to the Director of Budget and Management that refunds have been 4759
received. In certifying the refunds, the Director of the Public 4760
Works Commission shall provide the Director of Budget and 4761
Management information on the project refunds. The certification 4762
shall detail by project the source and amount of project 4763
overpayments received and include any supporting documentation 4764
required or requested by the Director of Budget and Management. 4765
Upon receipt of the certification, the Director of Budget and 4766
Management shall determine if the project refunds are necessary 4767
to support existing appropriations. If the project refunds are 4768

available to support additional appropriations, these amounts 4769
are hereby appropriated to appropriation item C15000, Local 4770
Public Infrastructure/State CIP. 4771

Of the foregoing appropriation item C15000, Local Public 4772
Infrastructure/State CIP, \$10,000,000 shall be used under the 4773
Emergency Program to provide grants to communities to assist 4774
with road-slip emergency projects on nonstate roads or locally 4775
maintained routes and portions of interstates. 4776

REVOLVING LOAN 4777

Capital appropriations in this act made from the State 4778
Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 7040) shall be 4779
used in accordance with sections 164.01 to 164.12 of the Revised 4780
Code. 4781

If the Public Works Commission receives refunds due to 4782
project overpayments that are discovered during a post-project 4783
audit, the Director of the Public Works Commission may certify 4784
to the Director of Budget and Management that refunds have been 4785
received. In certifying the refunds, the Director of the Public 4786
Works Commission shall provide the Director of Budget and 4787
Management information on the project refunds. The certification 4788
shall detail by project the source and amount of project 4789
overpayments received and include any supporting documentation 4790
required or requested by the Director of Budget and Management. 4791
Upon receipt of the certification, the Director of Budget and 4792
Management shall determine if the project refunds are necessary 4793
to support existing appropriations. If the project refunds are 4794
available to support additional appropriations, these amounts 4795
are hereby appropriated to appropriation item C15030, Revolving 4796
Loan. 4797

CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION GRANT REPAYMENTS	4798
Capital appropriations in this act made from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund (Fund 7056) shall be used in accordance with sections 164.20 to 164.27 of the Revised Code.	4799 4800 4801
Any amount in grant repayments received by the Public Works Commission and deposited into the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund pursuant to section 164.261 of the Revised Code is hereby appropriated through the foregoing appropriation item C15060, Clean Ohio Conservation.	4802 4803 4804 4805 4806
Sec. 243.20. The Ohio Public Facilities Commission is hereby authorized to issue and sell, in accordance with Sections 2p and 2s of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and Chapter 151, and particularly sections 151.01 and 151.08 of the Revised Code, original obligations, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$300,000,000 <u>\$310,000,000</u> in addition to the original obligations heretofore authorized by prior acts of the General Assembly. These authorized obligations shall be issued, subject to applicable constitutional and statutory limitations, as needed to provide sufficient moneys to the credit of the State Capital Improvements Fund (Fund 7038) to pay costs of capital improvement projects of local subdivisions.	4807 4808 4809 4810 4811 4812 4813 4814 4815 4816 4817 4818
Section 610.17. That existing Sections 223.15 (as amended by H.B. 45 of the 134th General Assembly), 243.10, and 243.20 of H.B. 687 of the 134th General Assembly are hereby repealed.	4819 4820 4821
Section 749.10. (A) The Public Utilities Commission, in collaboration with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, shall examine current federal and state laws regarding both of the following:	4822 4823 4824 4825
(1) The regulations and protocols pertaining to the	4826

transportation of hazardous materials and hazardous waste; 4827

(2) Any requirements pertaining to when, how, and to whom 4828
the transportation of hazardous materials and hazardous waste 4829
must be disclosed. 4830

(B) The Commission and Agency shall compile the 4831
information obtained under division (A) of this section into a 4832
written report. The report shall include recommendations related 4833
to all of the following: 4834

(1) Methods to strengthen Ohio's safety requirements for 4835
the transportation of hazardous materials and hazardous waste; 4836

(2) Appropriate enhancements to current civil and criminal 4837
penalties related to the transportation of hazardous materials 4838
and hazardous waste, including penalties related to: 4839

(a) The mishandling of hazardous materials and hazardous 4840
waste; 4841

(b) Failing to disclose or failing to meet all disclosure 4842
requirements related to the transportation of hazardous 4843
materials and hazardous waste. 4844

(C) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of 4845
this section, the Commission and the Agency shall submit the 4846
report required under division (B) of this section to the 4847
General Assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the 4848
Revised Code. 4849

Section 749.20. (A) The Public Utilities Commission shall 4850
examine both the current use of and the best practices for use 4851
of the following railroad technology: 4852

(1) Hot boxes and hot bearing detectors; 4853

(2) Acoustic bearing detectors;	4854
(3) Cameras installed on or alongside railroad tracks or wayside detector systems.	4855 4856
(B) In examining the technology specified under division (A) of this section, the Commission may consult with technical experts on the subject, including railroad companies that do business in Ohio, the Federal Railroad Administration, other professional railroad associations, and companies that manufacture and install such technology.	4857 4858 4859 4860 4861 4862
(C) The Commission shall compile the information obtained under division (A) of this section into a written report. Not later than ninety days after the effective date of this section, the Commission shall submit the report, in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, to the chairperson and the ranking member of the following legislative committees:	4863 4864 4865 4866 4867 4868
(1) The Senate Transportation Committee;	4869
(2) The Senate Finance Committee;	4870
(3) The House Transportation Committee;	4871
(4) The House Homeland Security Committee;	4872
(5) The House Finance Committee.	4873
Section 755.20. (A) As used in this section:	4874
(1) "Economically significant employment center" means a single site, multiple adjoining sites, or a business park where the employers located at the site or park employ not less than two hundred fifty full-time employees who work onsite.	4875 4876 4877 4878
(2) "Rural or urban transit authorities" means regional transit authorities that are established pursuant to sections	4879 4880

306.30 to 306.53 of the Revised Code and that serve either a 4881
rural population, an urban population, or both populations. 4882

(B) There is hereby established the Ohio Workforce 4883
Mobility Partnership Program. The Department of Transportation 4884
shall administer the Program. Under the Program, one or more 4885
boards of trustees of rural or urban transit authorities may 4886
either singularly or jointly apply for competitive grant funding 4887
for individual or collaborative projects. All grant funding 4888
shall be spent in accordance with division (C) of this section. 4889

(C) Any boards of trustees awarded grants under this 4890
section shall use the grant funding for purposes of transporting 4891
resident workforce members between the service territories of 4892
the joint rural or urban transit authorities. The boards shall 4893
also use the grant money to focus on transportation that 4894
supports the employment needs of economically significant 4895
employment centers located within or near the service 4896
territories of the rural or urban transit authorities. Such 4897
support shall include efforts to easily, efficiently, and 4898
economically transport a resident workforce that either lives 4899
within a service territory that has little or no public transit 4900
service to an employment center or lives within one service 4901
territory but is employed full-time within another service 4902
territory. 4903

(D) The Director of Transportation shall establish any 4904
procedures and requirements necessary to administer this 4905
section, including grant application, evaluation of 4906
applications, and award processes, and any conditions for the 4907
expenditure of grant funding awarded under the Program. 4908

(E) This section expires two years after its effective 4909
date. 4910

Section 755.40. Beginning July 1, 2023, until June 30, 2025, the Department of Transportation may close a rest area that is under the Department's control and jurisdiction as established under section 5515.07 of the Revised Code only if the rest area's parking lot remains available for commercial motor vehicles as defined in section 4506.01 of the Revised Code. 4911-4917

Section 757.10. MOTOR FUEL TAX DISTRIBUTIONS TO HIGHWAY OPERATING FUND 4918-4919

On the last day of each month in the biennium ending June 30, 2025, before making any of the distributions specified in section 5735.051 of the Revised Code but after any transfers to the tax refund fund as required by that section and section 5703.052 of the Revised Code, the Treasurer of State shall deposit the first two per cent of the amount of motor fuel tax received for the preceding calendar month to the credit of the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002). 4920-4927

Section 757.20. MOTOR FUEL DEALER REFUNDS 4928

Notwithstanding Chapter 5735. of the Revised Code, the following apply for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025: 4929-4931

(A) For the discount under section 5735.06 of the Revised Code, if the monthly report is timely filed and the tax is timely paid, one per cent of the total number of gallons of motor fuel received by the motor fuel dealer within the state during the preceding calendar month, less the total number of gallons deducted under divisions (B) (1) (a) and (b) of section 5735.06 of the Revised Code, less one-half of one per cent of the total number of gallons of motor fuel that were sold to a 4932-4939

retail dealer during the preceding calendar month. 4940

(B) For the semiannual periods ending December 31, 2023, 4941
June 30, 2024, December 31, 2024, and June 30, 2025, the refund 4942
provided to retail dealers under section 5735.141 of the Revised 4943
Code shall be one-half of one per cent of the Ohio motor fuel 4944
taxes paid on fuel purchased during those semiannual periods. 4945

Section 757.30. MONTHLY TRANSFERS TO GASOLINE EXCISE TAX 4946
FUND 4947

The Director of Budget and Management shall transfer cash 4948
in equal monthly increments totaling \$166,055,868 in fiscal year 4949
2024 and in equal monthly increments totaling \$168,885,288 in 4950
fiscal year 2025 from the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) to 4951
the Gasoline Excise Tax Fund (Fund 7060). The monthly amounts 4952
transferred under this section shall be distributed as follows: 4953

(A) 42.86 per cent shall be distributed among the 4954
municipal corporations within the state under division (A) (2) (b) 4955
(i) of section 5735.051 of the Revised Code; 4956

(B) 37.14 per cent shall be distributed among the counties 4957
within the state under division (A) (2) (b) (ii) of section 4958
5735.051 of the Revised Code; and 4959

(C) 20 per cent shall be distributed among the townships 4960
within the state under division (A) (2) (b) (iii) of section 4961
5735.051 of the Revised Code. 4962

Section 801.10. PROVISIONS OF LAW GENERALLY APPLICABLE TO 4963
APPROPRIATIONS 4964

Law contained in the main operating appropriations act of 4965
the 135th General Assembly that is generally applicable to the 4966
appropriations made in the main operating appropriations act 4967

also is generally applicable to the appropriations made in this 4968
act. 4969

Section 803.20. The amendment by this act of sections 4970
5709.48, 5709.49, 5709.50, and 5709.83 of the Revised Code 4971
applies to any resolution granting a tax exemption under section 4972
5709.48 of the Revised Code adopted on or after the effective 4973
date of this section. 4974

Section 806.10. SEVERABILITY 4975

The items of law contained in this act, and their 4976
applications, are severable. If any item of law contained in 4977
this act, or if any application of any item of law contained in 4978
this act, is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other 4979
items of law contained in this act and their applications that 4980
can be given effect without the invalid item or application. 4981

Section 809.10. An item of law, other than an amending, 4982
enacting, or repealing clause, that composes the whole or part 4983
of an uncodified section contained in this act has no effect 4984
after June 30, 2025, unless its context clearly indicates 4985
otherwise. 4986

Section 812.10. LAWS AND REFERENDUM 4987

Except as otherwise provided in this act, the amendment, 4988
enactment, or repeal by this act of a section of law is subject 4989
to the referendum under Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 4990
1c and therefore takes effect on the ninety-first day after this 4991
act is filed with the Secretary of State or, if a later 4992
effective date is specified below, on that date. 4993

Section 812.15. The Director of the Department of 4994
Administrative Services shall take no action with respect to the 4995
amendments to section 124.152 of the Revised Code contained in 4996

H.B. 462 of the 134th General Assembly. The amendments to 4997
sections 124.152 and 5503.031 of the Revised Code as made in 4998
this act shall become effective on July 1, 2023. 4999

Section 812.20. APPROPRIATIONS AND REFERENDUM 5000

In this section, an "appropriation" includes another 5001
provision of law in this act that relates to the subject of the 5002
appropriation. 5003

An appropriation of money made in this act is not subject 5004
to the referendum insofar as a contemplated expenditure 5005
authorized thereby is wholly to meet a current expense within 5006
the meaning of Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 1d and 5007
section 1.471 of the Revised Code. To that extent, the 5008
appropriation takes effect immediately when this act becomes 5009
law. Conversely, the appropriation is subject to the referendum 5010
insofar as a contemplated expenditure authorized thereby is 5011
wholly or partly not to meet a current expense within the 5012
meaning of Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 1d. To that 5013
extent, the appropriation takes effect on the ninety-first day 5014
after this act is filed with the Secretary of State. 5015

Section 812.25. Sections of this act prefixed with numbers 5016
in the 300s are exempt from the referendum under Ohio 5017
Constitution, Article II, Section 1d, and therefore take 5018
immediate effect when this act becomes law. 5019

Section 820.10. Section 4503.10 of the Revised Code is 5020
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 5021
by H.B. 21, H.B. 74, and S.B. 162, all of the 134th General 5022
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 5023
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 5024
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 5025

operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 5026
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 5027
as presented in this act. 5028
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