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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- 44  
effective, convenient method accessible to the auditor of state 45  
and the public offices; 46

(3) When conducting an audit under this chapter of a 47  
public office that undertakes force account projects, examine 48  
the forms and records of a sampling of the force account 49  
projects the public office completed since an audit was last 50  
conducted, to determine compliance with its force account 51  
limits. 52

(B) If the auditor of state receives a complaint from any 53  
person that a public office has violated the force account 54  
limits established for that office, the auditor of state may 55  
conduct an audit in addition to the audit provided in section 56  
117.11 of the Revised Code if the auditor of state has 57  
reasonable cause to believe that an additional audit is in the 58  
public interest. 59

(C) (1) If the auditor of state finds that a county, 60  
township, or municipal corporation violated the force account 61  
limits established by or for that political subdivision, as 62  
applicable, the auditor of state, in addition to any other 63  
action authorized by this chapter, shall notify the political 64  
subdivision that, for a period of one year from the date of the 65  
notification, the force account limits for the subdivision are 66  
reduced as follows: 67

(a) For a county, the limits shall be ~~ten thousand dollars~~ 68  
~~per mile~~ one-third of that county's force account limits for 69  
construction or reconstruction of a road and ~~forty thousand~~ 70

~~dollars one-third of that county's force account limits for~~ 71  
construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or repair of a bridge 72  
or culvert; 73

(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 134  
5575.01 of the Revised Code; 135

(3) For a municipal corporation, the amount established in 136  
section 723.52 of the Revised Code; 137

(4) For the department of transportation, the amount 138  
established in section 5517.02 of the Revised Code. 139

**Sec. 124.152.** (A) (1) Except as provided in division (A) (2) 140  
of this section, each exempt employee shall be paid a salary or 141  
wage in accordance with schedule E-1 or schedule E-2 of division 142  
(B) of this section. 143

(2) Each exempt employee who holds a position in the 144  
unclassified civil service pursuant to division (A) (26) or (30) 145  
of section 124.11 of the Revised Code may be paid a salary or 146  
wage in accordance with schedule E-1 or schedule E-2 of division 147  
(B) of this section, as applicable. 148

(B) (1) Each exempt employee who must be paid in accordance 149  
with schedule E-1 or schedule E-2 of this section shall be paid 150  
a salary or wage in accordance with the following schedule of 151  
rates as of the pay period that includes July 1, 2021: 152

Schedule E-1 153

A Pay Ranges and Step Values

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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			
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

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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



C Range

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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	40.79
X	Annually	59550	62889	66268	69929	73819	77854	81016	84843
Y	13 Hourly	31.56	33.29	35.11	37.00	39.09	41.19	42.88	44.90
Z	Annually	65644	69243	73028	76960	81307	85675	89190	93392
AA	14 Hourly	34.70	36.68	38.65	40.75	43.05	45.45	47.33	49.54
AB	Annually	72176	76294	80392	84760	89544	94536	98446	103043
AC	15 Hourly	38.13	40.27	42.54	44.88	47.37	49.97	52.02	54.47
AD	Annually	79310	83761	88483	93350	98529	103937	108201	113297
AE	16 Hourly	42.03	44.37	46.81	49.44	52.15	55.14	57.40	60.09
AF	Annually	87422	92289	97364	102835	108472	114691	119392	124987
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

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	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	
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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	1	2	3	4
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  
determine the hourly rates of pay that correspond to the annual  
salaries assigned to the steps.~~ 199  
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~~(2) The director of administrative services shall adopt  
rules identifying a (D) Notwithstanding any division of this  
section to the contrary, or division (E) or (G) of section  
124.15 of the Revised Code with respect to requirements for step  
placement and advancement, no exempt employee other than a  
captain or equivalent officer in the state highway patrol shall  
be placed in step value 7 in range 17 of schedule E-1 of  
division (B) (3) of this section. ~~In the rules, the director  
shall identify the hourly and annual pay for step value 7 in  
range 17, which shall be proportionally higher than the hourly  
and annual pay for step value 6 in range 17.~~ 202  
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**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  
For all these purposes, the board may divide all or any part of 360  
the unincorporated territory of the township into districts or 361  
zones of such number, shape, and area as the board determines. 362  
All such regulations shall be uniform for each class or kind of 363  
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

For any activities permitted and regulated under Chapter 367  
1513. or 1514. of the Revised Code and any related processing 368  
activities, the board of township trustees may regulate under 369  
the authority conferred by this section only in the interest of 370  
public health or safety. A zoning resolution authorized under 371  
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 dollars~~ 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 505  
Revised Code. A motor vehicle owner also may elect to apply for 506  
or renew a motor vehicle registration by electronic means using 507  
electronic signature in accordance with rules adopted by the 508  
registrar. Except as provided in division (J) of this section, 509  
applications for registration shall be made on blanks furnished 510  
by the registrar for that purpose, containing the following 511  
information: 512

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be 513  
registered, including the year, make, model, and vehicle 514  
identification number, and, in the case of commercial cars, the 515  
gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped computed in the 516  
manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code; 517

(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the 518  
township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides; 519

(3) The district of registration, which shall be 520  
determined as follows: 521

(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for 522  
hire or principally in connection with any established business 523  
or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the 524  
district of registration is the municipal corporation in which 525  
that place is located or, if not located in any municipal 526  
corporation, the county and township in which that place is 527  
located. 528

(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of 529  
registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the 530  
owner resides at the time of making the application. 531

(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor 532  
vehicle; 533

(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle; 534

(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the 535  
registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the 536  
preceding registration year and during the preceding period of 537  
the current registration year, have been paid. Each application 538  
for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually 539  
or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited 540  
power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration, 541  
or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner 542  
elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with 543  
the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature 544  
is not required. 545

(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license 546  
number, or state identification number, or, where a motor 547  
vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in 548  
connection with any established business, the owner's federal 549  
taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles 550  
shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided 551  
under this section, but the bureau shall not place social 552  
security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration. 553

(8) Whether the applicant wishes to certify willingness to 554  
make an anatomical gift if an applicant has not so certified 555  
under section 2108.05 of the Revised Code. The applicant's 556  
response shall not be considered in the decision of whether to 557

approve the application for registration.	558
(B) (1) When an applicant first registers a motor vehicle	559
in the applicant's name, the applicant shall provide proof of	560
ownership of that motor vehicle. Proof of ownership may include	561
any of the following:	562
(a) The applicant may present for inspection a physical	563
certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing title to	564
the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the applicant.	565
(b) The applicant may present for inspection an electronic	566
certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle in a	567
manner prescribed by rules adopted by the registrar.	568
(c) The registrar or deputy registrar may electronically	569
confirm the applicant's ownership of the motor vehicle.	570
An applicant is not required to present a certificate of	571
title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a limited	572
authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules adopted by	573
the registrar.	574
(2) When a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance	575
program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code	576
and rules adopted under it, each application for registration	577
for a vehicle required to be inspected under that section and	578
those rules shall be accompanied by an inspection certificate	579
for the motor vehicle issued in accordance with that section.	580
(3) An application for registration shall be refused if	581
any of the following applies:	582
(a) The application is not in proper form.	583
(b) The application is prohibited from being accepted by	584
division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section	585

2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of 586  
section 4510.22, division (B)(1) of section 4521.10, or division 587  
(B) of section 5537.041 of the Revised Code. 588

(c) Proof of ownership is required but is not presented or 589  
confirmed in accordance with division (B)(1) of this section. 590

(d) All registration and transfer fees for the motor 591  
vehicle, for the preceding year or the preceding period of the 592  
current registration year, have not been paid. 593

(e) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection 594  
certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 595  
of the Revised Code, and rules adopted under it, if that section 596  
is applicable. 597

(4) This section does not require the payment of license 598  
or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, 599  
or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was 600  
not taxable for that preceding year or period under sections 601  
4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. 602  
of the Revised Code. 603

(5) When a certificate of registration is issued upon the 604  
first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the 605  
owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the 606  
issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum 607  
certificate or, in the case of an electronic certificate of 608  
title or electronic verification of ownership, an electronic 609  
stamp or other notation as specified in rules adopted by the 610  
registrar, and with a stamp on the inspection certificate for 611  
the motor vehicle, if any. 612

(6) The official also shall indicate, by a stamp or by 613  
other means the registrar prescribes, on the registration 614



certificate issued upon the first registration of a motor 615  
vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer reading of the 616  
motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement included in or 617  
attached to the certificate of title. Upon each subsequent 618  
registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same 619  
owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer reading 620  
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 980  
tax therefor. 981

(B) Except as provided by sections 4503.12 and 4503.16 of 982  
the Revised Code, the taxes payable on all applications made 983  
under sections 4503.10 and 4503.102 of the Revised Code shall be 984  
the sum of the tax due under division (B) (1) (a) or (b) of this 985  
section plus the tax due under division (B) (2) (a) or (b) of this 986  
section: 987

(1) (a) If the application is made before the second month 988  
of the current registration period to which the motor vehicle is 989  
assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the Revised Code, 990  
the tax due is the full amount of the tax provided in section 991  
4503.04 of the Revised Code; 992

(b) If the application is made during or after the second 993  
month of the current registration period to which the motor 994  
vehicle is assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the 995  
Revised Code, and prior to the beginning of the next such 996  
registration period, the amount of the tax provided in section 997  
4503.04 of the Revised Code shall be reduced by one-twelfth of 998  
the amount of such tax, rounded upward to the nearest cent, 999  
multiplied by the number of full months that have elapsed in the 1000  
current registration period. The resulting amount shall be 1001  
rounded upward to the next highest dollar and shall be the 1002  
amount of tax due. 1003

(2) (a) If the application is made before the sixth month 1004  
of the current registration period to which the motor vehicle is 1005

assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the Revised Code, 1006  
the amount of tax due is the full amount of local motor vehicle 1007  
license taxes levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code; 1008

(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, ~~and~~ 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 registrar, in the registrar's discretion determines that good and justifiable cause exists to approve the request for the additional placard.

(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 1304  
made, and any other information to be included thereon, and 1305  
shall adopt rules relating to the issuance, expiration, 1306  
revocation, surrender, and proper display of such placards. Any 1307  
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 Revised Code.

(M) All applications for registration of motor vehicles, removable windshield placards, and temporary removable windshield placards issued under this section, all renewal notices for such items, and all other publications issued by the bureau that relate to this section shall set forth the criminal penalties that may be imposed upon a person who violates any provision relating to special license plates issued under this section, the parking of vehicles displaying such license plates, and the issuance, procurement, use, and display of removable windshield placards and temporary removable windshield placards issued under this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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 tax will be levied, the date on which the tax will terminate, and whether the tax applies to trucks shall be identical for all the counties.

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 1636  
operating in the counties in which the taxes would be imposed. 1637  
The governing board shall not submit a proposed tax to boards of 1638  
county commissioners under division (B) of this section unless 1639  
the tax is approved by the transportation advisory council or 1640  
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 1817  
system and local authorities with respect to highways under 1818  
their jurisdiction, upon application in writing, shall issue a 1819  
special regional heavy hauling permit authorizing the applicant 1820  
to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles as 1821  
follows: 1822

(a) At a size or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the 1823  
maximum specified in sections 5577.01 to 5577.09 of the Revised 1824  
Code, or otherwise not in conformity with sections 4513.01 to 1825  
4513.37 of the Revised Code; 1826

(b) Upon any highway under the jurisdiction of the 1827  
authority granting the permit except those highways with a 1828  
condition insufficient to bear the weight of the vehicle or 1829  
combination of vehicles as stated in the application. 1830

Issuance of a special regional heavy hauling permit is 1831  
subject to the payment of a fee established by the director or 1832  
local authority in accordance with this section. 1833

(2) In circumstances where a person is not eligible to 1834  
receive a permit under division (A) (1) of this section, the 1835  
director of transportation with respect to all highways that are 1836  
a part of the state highway system and local authorities with 1837  
respect to highways under their jurisdiction, upon application 1838  
in writing and for good cause shown, may issue a special permit 1839  
in writing authorizing the applicant to operate or move a 1840

vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight of 1841  
vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in sections 1842  
5577.01 to 5577.09 of the Revised Code, or otherwise not in 1843  
conformity with sections 4513.01 to 4513.37 of the Revised Code, 1844  
upon any highway under the jurisdiction of the authority 1845  
granting the permit. 1846

(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 1877  
permit under division (A) (2) of this section for: 1878

(a) A vehicle or combination of vehicles that haul farm 1879  
machinery, provided that the farm machinery otherwise qualifies 1880  
for the farm equipment permit or a similar permit offered by the 1881  
county for farm machinery or equipment; 1882

(b) A vehicle or combination of vehicles that haul 1883  
agricultural produce or agricultural production materials that 1884  
otherwise could be hauled by farm machinery or equipment under 1885  
the farm equipment permit or a similar permit offered by the 1886  
county for farm machinery or equipment. 1887

(4) In addition to the annual permit issued under (B) (3) 1888  
of this section, the director and every county may continue to 1889  
issue a permit under division (A) (2) of this section for the 1890  
vehicles specified in division (B) (3) of this section, for any 1891  
period of time up to one year. 1892

(C) (1) The application for a permit issued under this 1893  
section shall be in the form that the director or local 1894  
authority prescribes. The director or local authority may 1895  
prescribe a permit fee to be imposed and collected when any 1896  
permit described in this section is issued. The permit fee may 1897  
be in an amount sufficient to reimburse the director or local 1898  
authority for the administrative costs incurred in issuing the 1899  
permit, and also to cover the cost of the normal and expected 1900

damage caused to the roadway or a street or highway structure as 1901  
the result of the operation of the nonconforming vehicle or 1902  
combination of vehicles. The director, in accordance with 1903  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall establish a schedule of 1904  
fees for permits issued by the director under this section; 1905  
however, the fee to operate a triple trailer unit, at locations 1906  
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 performance under a permit that was previously issued to the applicant or previously failed to obtain a permit when such a permit was required;

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

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(6) Been convicted of a disqualifying offense as determined under section 9.79 of the Revised Code;

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(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;

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(8) Accumulated repeated convictions under a law, rule, or regulation governing the movement of traffic over the public streets and highways;

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(9) Failed to pay any fees associated with any permitted operation or move;

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(10) Deliberately or willfully submitted false or misleading information in connection with the application for, or performance under, a permit issued under this section.

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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.

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The director may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the debarment of an applicant.

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(G) When the director reasonably believes that grounds for

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debarment exist, the director shall send the person that is 1988  
subject to debarment a notice of the proposed debarment. A 1989  
notice of proposed debarment shall indicate the grounds for the 1990  
debarment of the person and the procedure for requesting a 1991  
hearing. The notice and hearing shall be in accordance with 1992  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. If the person does not respond 1993  
with a request for a hearing in the manner specified in that 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  
a local authority under this section for the operation of a  
vehicle or combination of vehicles is valid for the purposes of  
the vehicle operation in accordance with the conditions and  
limitations specified on the permit. Such a permit is voidable  
by law enforcement only for operation of a vehicle or  
combination of vehicles in violation of the weight, dimension,  
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: 2028

(1) "Motor vehicle dealer" includes any owner, partner,  
shareholder, officer, member, trustee, employee, or agent of the  
motor vehicle dealership. 2029  
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(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: 2032  
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(a) A motor vehicle's current ownership or a motor  
vehicle's certificate of title transfer history; 2036  
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(b) A brand on a motor vehicle's certificate of title; 2038

(c) A lien on a motor vehicle; 2039

(d) A motor vehicle's service, maintenance, or repair  
history; 2040  
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(e) A motor vehicle's condition; 2042

(f) A motor vehicle's accident or collision history; 2043



<u>(g) A motor vehicle's mileage.</u>	2044
<u>(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.</u>	2045 2046 2047 2048 2049 2050
<b><u>Sec. 4955.50.</u></b> (A) <u>As used in this section and section 4955.51 of the Revised Code:</u>	2051 2052
<u>(1) "Wayside detector system" means an electronic device or a series of connected devices that scan passing trains, rolling stock, on-track equipment, and their component equipment and parts for defects.</u>	2053 2054 2055 2056
<u>(2) "Defects" include hot wheel bearings, hot wheels, defective bearings that are detected through acoustics, dragging equipment, excessive height or weight, shifted loads, low hoses, rail temperature, and wheel condition.</u>	2057 2058 2059 2060
<u>(B) The public utilities commission in conjunction with the department of transportation shall work with each railroad company that does business in this state to ensure that wayside detector systems are installed and are operating along railroad tracks on which the railroad operates and to ensure that such systems meet all of following standards:</u>	2061 2062 2063 2064 2065 2066
<u>(1) The systems are properly installed, maintained, repaired, and operational in accordance with section 4955.51 of the Revised Code and the latest guidelines issued by the United States department of transportation, the federal railroad administration, and the association of American railroads.</u>	2067 2068 2069 2070 2071
<u>(2) Any expired, nonworking, or outdated wayside detector</u>	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~~ i 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~~ i 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, ~~one~~ 2169  
with the advice and consent of the senate; 2170

(a) One member, who shall serve as ~~chairman~~ chairperson of 2171  
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 development will be generated;	2276 2277
(9) The extent to which the proposed system will create an additional or reduced demand for sources of energy;	2278 2279
(10) Any changes in the law necessary to implement the proposed system;	2280 2281
(11) The proposed system's impact on the economy of the state and on the economic and other public policies of the state.	2282 2283 2284
The commission may revise any plan of the Ohio high speed rail authority or may submit a separate plan for construction and operation and a funding request to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and to the president of the senate. Any plan for an intercity conventional or high speed passenger transportation system submitted by the commission pursuant to this section shall not propose the operation of such a system by the state other than through the commission.	2285 2286 2287 2288 2289 2290 2291 2292
<u>Sec. 4999.09. (A) The requirements set forth in division (B) of this section are solely related to safety, including ensuring that no train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight in this state is left without a functional crew person as a result of a medical emergency.</u>	2293 2294 2295 2296 2297
<u>(B) A train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight shall have a crew that consists of at least two individuals. No superintendent, trainmaster, or other employee of a railroad shall order or otherwise require a train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight to be operated unless it has a crew that consists of at least</u>	2298 2299 2300 2301 2302 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 2367  
accordance with pay range 15. 2368

~~(2)~~ (C) A staff lieutenant or equivalent officer shall be 2369  
paid in accordance with pay range 16. 2370

~~(3)~~ (D) A captain or equivalent officer shall be paid in 2371  
accordance with pay range 17. 2372

~~(4)~~ (E) A major or equivalent officer shall be paid in 2373  
accordance with pay range 18. 2374

~~(5)~~ (F) A lieutenant colonel or equivalent officer shall 2375  
be paid in accordance with pay range 19 ~~established in rules~~ 2376  
~~adopted in accordance with division (D) of section 124.152 of~~ 2377  
~~the Revised Code.~~ 2378

**Sec. 5517.011.** (A) Notwithstanding section 5517.01 of the 2379  
Revised Code, the director of transportation may establish a 2380  
program to expedite the sale and construction of special 2381  
projects by combining the design and construction elements of a 2382  
~~highway or bridge project~~ projects for transportation facilities 2383  
as defined in section 5501.01 of the Revised Code into a single 2384  
contract. The director shall prepare and distribute a scope of 2385  
work document upon which the bidders shall base their bids. 2386  
Except in regard to those requirements relating to providing 2387  
plans, the director shall award contracts under this section in 2388  
accordance with Chapter 5525. of the Revised Code. 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 construction elements of a transportation project into a single contract. If award of a contract to the best-value bidder is not in the best interest of the state, the director may accept another bid or reject all bids and then advertise for other bids.

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

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

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

(b) The replacement, addition, improvement, or

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

<u>final bond premium amount.</u>	2478
<u>(2) A contractor shall provide the director with new</u>	2479
<u>surety bonds, in the form and amount required by this section,</u>	2480
<u>within twenty-one days of any of the following occurring to a</u>	2481
<u>surety providing a surety bond for the project:</u>	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
<u>sustained in the construction of any work, improvement, or</u>	2493
<u>project under this chapter and Chapters 5501., 5503., 5511.,</u>	2494
<u>5513., 5515., 5516., 5517., 5519., 5521., 5523., 5527., 5528.,</u>	2495
<u>5529., 5531., 5533., and 5535. of the Revised Code.</u>	2496
<u>(2) This section does not require the director to take</u>	2497
<u>bonds as described in division (A) <u>or</u> (B) of this section in</u>	2498
<u>connection with any force account work, but the director may</u>	2499
<u>require those bonds in connection with force account work.</u>	2500
<u>(3) If any bonds taken under this section are executed by</u>	2501
<u>a surety company, the director may not approve such bonds unless</u>	2502
<u>there is attached a certificate of the superintendent of</u>	2503
<u>insurance that the company is authorized to transact business in</u>	2504
<u>this state, and a copy of the power of attorney of the agent of</u>	2505



the company. The superintendent, upon request, shall issue to 2506  
any licensed agent of such company the certificate without 2507  
charge. 2508

(4) The bonds required to be taken under this section 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

<u>bonding amount equals one hundred per cent of the contract</u>	2535
<u>amount;</u>	2536
<u>(2) The issuance of contract performance bonds and</u>	2537
<u>contract payment bonds in succession to align with the phases of</u>	2538
<u>the contract to meet the requirement that the bonding amount</u>	2539
<u>equals one hundred per cent of the contract amount.</u>	2540
<u>(F) As used in this section, <del>"improvement,"</del>:</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
<b>Sec. 5540.01.</b> 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

(V) "Qualifying regional transit authority," "qualifying 2719  
project," "qualifying bonds," and "sales and use tax" have the 2720  
same meanings as in section 306.353 of the Revised Code. 2721

**Sec. 5540.02.** (A) A transportation improvement district 2722  
may be created by the board of county commissioners of a county. 2723  
The board, by resolution, shall determine the structure of the 2724  
board of trustees of the transportation improvement district it 2725  
creates by adopting the structure contained either in division 2726  
(C) (1) or (2) of this section. 2727

(B) A transportation improvement district is a body both 2728  
corporate and politic, and the exercise by it of the powers 2729  
conferred by this chapter in the financing, construction, 2730  
maintenance, repair, and operation of a project are and shall be 2731  
held to be essential governmental functions. 2732

(C) (1) If the board of county commissioners so elects, a 2733  
transportation improvement district shall be governed by a board 2734  
of trustees consisting of the following members: 2735

(a) Two members appointed by the board of county 2736  
commissioners; 2737

(b) Three members appointed by the legislative authority 2738  
of the most populous municipal corporation in the district; 2739

(c) Two members appointed by the legislative authority of 2740



the second most populous municipal corporation in the district; 2741

(d) Two members appointed by the board of township 2742  
trustees of the township in the county that is most populous in 2743  
its unincorporated area; 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, <u>fund, finance,</u> 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 3008  
the bonds, or the trustee therefor, relating to the bonds or the 3009  
security for the bonds, including agreements for credit 3010  
enhancement facilities. 3011

(I) Any holder of bonds or a trustee under the bond 3012  
proceedings, except to the extent that the holder's or trustee's 3013  
rights are restricted by the bond proceedings, may by any 3014  
suitable form of legal proceedings, protect and enforce any 3015  
rights under the laws of this state or granted by the bond 3016  
proceedings. Those rights include the right to compel the 3017  
performance of all duties of the board required by this chapter 3018  
or the bond proceedings; to enjoin unlawful activities; and in 3019  
the event of default with respect to the payment of any bond 3020  
service charges on any bonds or in the performance of any 3021  
covenant or agreement on the part of the board contained in the 3022  
bond proceedings, to apply to a court having jurisdiction of the 3023  
cause to appoint a receiver to receive and administer the 3024  
revenues and the pledged revenues which are pledged to the 3025  
payment of the bond service charges on such bonds or that are 3026  
the subject of the covenant or agreement, with full power to 3027  
pay, and to provide for payment of, bond service charges on such 3028  
bonds, and with such powers, subject to the direction of the 3029  
court, as are accorded receivers in general equity cases, 3030  
excluding any power to pledge additional revenue or receipts or 3031  
other income, funds, or moneys of the board to the payment of 3032  
such bond service charges and excluding the power to take 3033

possession of, mortgage, or cause the sale or otherwise dispose 3034  
of any project or other property of the board. 3035

(J) Each duty of the board and the board's officers and 3036  
employees, undertaken pursuant to the bond proceedings, is 3037  
hereby established as a duty of the board, and of each such 3038  
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 3099  
Code. 3100

(B) The county engineer may, when authorized by the board 3101  
of county commissioners and not required by this section or 3102  
other law to use competitive bidding, employ such laborers and 3103  
vehicles, use such county employees and property, lease such 3104  
implements and tools, and purchase such materials as are 3105  
necessary in the construction, reconstruction, improvement, 3106  
maintenance, or repair of bridges and culverts by force account. 3107

In determining whether such construction, reconstruction, 3108  
improvement, maintenance, or repair of bridges or culverts may 3109  
be undertaken by force account, the county engineer shall first 3110  
cause to be made an estimate of the cost of such work using the 3111  
force account project assessment form. When the total estimated 3112  
cost of the work exceeds ~~one hundred thousand dollar~~the amount 3113  
specified in accordance with either division (C) or (D) of this 3114  
section, as applicable, the board of county commissioners shall 3115  
invite and receive competitive bids for furnishing all the 3116  
labor, materials, and equipment necessary to complete the work, 3117  
in accordance with sections 307.86 to 307.92 of the Revised 3118  
Code. The county engineer shall obtain the approval required by 3119  
section 5543.02 of the Revised Code. 3120

~~(C) On the first day of July of every odd-numbered year-~~ 3121  
~~beginning in 2021, the threshold amounts established in this-~~ 3122  
~~section shall increase by an amount not to exceed the lesser of-~~ 3123

~~three per cent, or the percentage amount of any increase in the~~ 3124  
~~department of transportation's construction cost index as~~ 3125  
~~annualized and totaled for the prior two calendar years. (C) (1)~~ 3126  
The board of county commissioners, in consultation with the 3127  
county engineer, may establish by resolution a threshold force 3128  
account limit for each of the following: 3129

(a) The construction, reconstruction, improvement, 3130  
maintenance, or repair of roads under division (A) of this 3131  
section; 3132

(b) The construction, reconstruction, improvement, 3133  
maintenance, or repair of bridges and culverts under division 3134  
(B) of this section. 3135

(2) The board may amend the threshold limits established 3136  
under division (C) (1) of this section at its discretion. 3137

(3) The board shall report the threshold limits 3138  
established under division (C) (1) or amended under division (C) 3139  
(2) of this section to the auditor of state. The threshold 3140  
limits are not effective until the board sends its report. 3141

(D) (1) If the board of county commissioners does not 3142  
establish threshold limits in accordance with division (C) of 3143  
this section, the threshold limits are as follows: 3144

(a) For the construction, reconstruction, improvement, 3145  
maintenance, or repair of roads under division (A) of this 3146  
section, seventy-five thousand eight hundred forty dollars per 3147  
mile. 3148

(b) For the construction, reconstruction, improvement, 3149  
maintenance, or repair of bridges and culverts under division 3150  
(B) of this section, two hundred fifty-two thousand eight 3151  
hundred dollars. 3152

(2) On the first day of July of every year, the threshold 3153  
amounts established in division (D) (1) of this section shall 3154  
increase by the percentage amount of any increase in the 3155  
national highway construction cost index for the previous 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 3247  
road under division (B) of this section, thirty-seven thousand 3248  
nine hundred twenty dollars per mile. 3249

(2) On the first day of July of every year, the threshold 3250  
amounts established in division (E) (1) of this section shall 3251  
increase by the percentage amount of any increase in the 3252  
national highway construction cost index for the previous 3253  
calendar year. 3254

(3) The director of transportation shall notify each 3255  
appropriate county engineer of the increased amount. 3256

~~(E)~~ (F) All force account work under this section shall be 3257  
done under the direction of a member of the board or the 3258  
township road superintendent. 3259

**Sec. 5577.044.** (A) Notwithstanding sections 5577.02 and 3260  
5577.04 of the Revised Code, a vehicle fueled solely by 3261  
compressed natural gas or liquid natural gas or powered 3262  
primarily by means of an electric battery may exceed by not more 3263  
than two thousand pounds the gross vehicle weight provisions of 3264  
sections 5577.01 to 5577.09 of the Revised Code or the axle load 3265  
limits of those sections. 3266

(B) If a vehicle described in division (A) of this section 3267  
exceeds the weight provisions of sections 5577.01 to 5577.09 of 3268  
the Revised Code by more than the allowance provided for in 3269  
division (A) of this section, both of the following apply: 3270

(1) The applicable penalty prescribed in section 5577.99	3271
of the Revised Code;	3272
(2) The civil liability imposed by section 5577.12 of the	3273
Revised Code.	3274
(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
<b>Sec. 5595.01.</b> 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" <del>or "improvement"</del> 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
<u>(C) "Opportunity corridor improvement" means a public</u>	3291
<u>infrastructure improvement, as defined by section 5709.40 of the</u>	3292
<u>Revised Code, the primary purpose of which is to enhance or</u>	3293
<u>assist one or more transportation improvements or to create or</u>	3294
<u>facilitate economic development opportunities described in the</u>	3295
<u>memorandum of understanding or to otherwise benefit real</u>	3296
<u>property located, or businesses that are operating or will</u>	3297
<u>operate, within the development area, and that is funded at</u>	3298
<u>least in part with private funds. "Opportunity corridor</u>	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 existing transportation system in the counties participating in the project and of projected needs or deficiencies of the system in ensuing years under reasonable assumptions about development, population trends, and other factors affecting transportation infrastructure in the counties;

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

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

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

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

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

(C) A board of county commissioners that intends to undertake a regional transportation improvement project shall hold at least one public hearing on the proposed cooperative agreement before adopting a resolution approving the agreement. The board of county commissioners shall provide at least thirty days' public notice of the time and place of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. During the

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 RTIP. 3475  
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(F) Form, participate in the management of, and contract with a public-private enterprise to assist in managing the development of opportunity corridor improvements to be located within rights of way and development areas acquired and owned by the RTIP. The governing documents of a proposed enterprise shall be submitted to the director of transportation for review and approval in the same manner as is required for approval of a cooperative agreement. 3477  
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As used in division (F) of this section, "public-private enterprise" means a business entity that is owned in part by a qualified RTIP and in part by one or more private persons. 3485  
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(G) Purchase real property fully or partially located within the development area, through means other than appropriation, that is necessary, convenient, or proper to provide a benefit to the public or for the construction, maintenance, repair, or operation of transportation improvements or opportunity corridor improvements. 3488  
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(H) Negotiate and enter into an agreement with the Ohio academic resources network to set up a point of presence for the purpose of establishing, expanding, or improving broadband service, or other digital capabilities or services, within the development area. 3494  
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Sec. 5595.042. A township, municipal corporation, or county may declare improvements made within the development area of a qualified RTIP to be for a public purpose and exempt from taxation pursuant to section 5709.40, 5709.41, 5709.73, or 5709.78 of the Revised Code, as authorized under those sections. 3499  
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**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 or 3548  
opportunity corridor improvements; 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, as that section existed 3552  
before its repeal by H.B. 289 of the 130th General Assembly, 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 or opportunity corridor improvements; 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 or opportunity corridor 3560  
improvements; 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 or opportunity corridor 3565  
improvements; 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 3631  
corridor improvements by a regional transportation improvement 3632  
project constitute the performance of essential governmental 3633  
functions, neither the project nor the governing board may be 3634  
required to pay any state or local taxes or assessments upon any 3635  
such improvement, or upon revenue or any property acquired or 3636  
used by the governing board of the project under this chapter, 3637  
or upon the income therefrom. The securities issued under this 3638  
chapter, their transfer, and the income therefrom, including any 3639  
profit made on the sale thereof, shall at all times be free from 3640  
taxation within the state. 3641

**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 auditor, the legislative authority of the political subdivision, governing board of a regional transportation improvement project, or housing officer shall notify the board of education of each city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district in which the proposed tax-exempted property is located. The notice shall include a copy of the instrument or application. The notice shall be delivered not later than fourteen days prior to the day the legislative authority or governing board takes formal action to adopt or enter into the instrument, or not later than fourteen days prior to the day the housing officer forwards the application to the county auditor. If the board of education comments on the instrument or application to the legislative authority, governing board, or housing officer, the legislative authority, governing board, or housing officer shall consider the comments. If the board of education of the city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district so requests, the legislative authority, governing board, or the housing officer shall meet in person with a representative designated by the board of education to discuss the terms of the instrument or application.

(B) The notice otherwise required to be provided to boards of education under division (A) of this section is not required if the board has adopted a resolution waiving its right to receive such notices, and that resolution remains in effect. If a board of education adopts such a resolution, the board shall cause a copy of the resolution to be certified to the legislative authority or governing board. If the board of education rescinds such a resolution, it shall certify notice of the rescission to the legislative authority or governing board. A board of education may adopt such a resolution with respect to

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	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000

			Infrastructure Bank - State		
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	\$18,500,000	\$18,500,000

			- State		
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 -	\$94,450,000	\$94,450,000

	Bonds		
AK 7045	772428 Highway	\$83,950,000	\$83,950,000
	Infrastructure		
	Bank - Bonds		
AL TOTAL CPF Capital Projects Fund		\$178,400,000	\$178,400,000
Group			
AM TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$7,356,956,045	\$4,117,560,048

**Section 203.20. TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES LEASE RENTAL** 4081  
BOND PAYMENTS 4082

The foregoing appropriation item 770003, Transportation 4083  
Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, shall be used to meet all 4084  
payments during the period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 4085  
2025, pursuant to the leases and agreements for facilities made 4086  
under Chapter 154. of the Revised Code. These appropriations are 4087  
the source of funds pledged for bond service charges on related 4088  
obligations issued under Chapter 154. of the Revised Code. 4089

Should the appropriation in appropriation item 770003, 4090  
Transportation Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, exceed the 4091  
associated debt service payments in either fiscal year of the 4092  
biennium ending June 30, 2025, the balance may be transferred to 4093  
appropriation item 772421, Highway Construction - State, 773431, 4094  
Highway Maintenance - State, or 779491, Administration - State, 4095  
upon the written request of the Director of Transportation and 4096  
with the approval of the Director of Budget and Management. The 4097  
transfers are hereby appropriated and shall be reported to the 4098  
Controlling Board. 4099

**Section 203.25. PLANNING AND RESEARCH - STATE** 4100

Of the foregoing appropriation item 771411, Planning and 4101  
Research - State, up to \$50,000 in fiscal year 2024 shall be 4102  
used to contract with a third-party through a request for 4103  
proposal process and in coordination with the Department of 4104  
Administrative Services to conduct a wrong way driving study 4105  
across Ohio. The study shall collect data at specific locations, 4106  
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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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 4544  
Development, shall be used for road improvements associated with 4545  
economic development opportunities that will retain or attract 4546  
businesses for Ohio, including the construction, reconstruction, 4547  
maintenance, or repair of public roads that provide access to a 4548  
public airport or are located within a public airport. "Road 4549  
improvements" are improvements to public roadway facilities 4550  
located on, or serving or capable of serving, a project site, 4551  
and include the construction, reconstruction, maintenance or 4552  
repair of public roads that provide access to a public airport 4553  
or are located within a public airport. The appropriation item 4554  
may be used in conjunction with any other state funds 4555

appropriated for infrastructure improvements. 4556

The Director of Budget and Management, pursuant to a plan 4557  
submitted by the Director of Development or as otherwise 4558  
determined by the Director of Budget and Management, shall set a 4559  
cash transfer schedule to meet the cash needs of the Roadwork 4560  
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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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 Improvement Program	\$60,000,000	\$64,000,000
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  
Improvement Program Fund (Fund 7052) in H.B. 74 of the 134th  
General Assembly remaining unencumbered as of June 30, 2023, may  
be reappropriated for use during the period July 1, 2023,  
through June 30, 2024, for the same purpose.

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

**TEMPORARY TRANSFERS** 4594

Notwithstanding section 127.14 of the Revised Code, the  
Director of Budget and Management may transfer cash from the  
Local Transportation Improvement Fund (Fund 7052) to the State  
Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 7038) and the Clean Ohio  
Conservation Fund (Fund 7056). The Director of Budget and

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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A	RDF STATE REVENUE DISTRIBUTIONS				
B	Revenue Distribution Fund Group				
C	7060	110652	Gasoline Excise Tax Fund - Municipal	\$390,522,523	\$394,427,748
D	7060	110653	Gasoline Excise Tax Fund - Township	\$202,000,662	\$204,020,669
E	7060	110654	Gasoline Excise Tax Fund - County	\$336,676,815	\$340,043,583
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 Tax Fund - Municipal, shall be used to make payments to municipalities under sections 5735.051 and 5735.27 of the Revised Code. The foregoing appropriation item, 110653 Gasoline Excise Tax Fund - Township, shall be used to make payments to townships under those sections. The foregoing appropriation item, 110654 Gasoline Excise Tax Fund - County, shall be used to make payments to counties under those sections. The foregoing appropriation item, 110654 Gasoline Excise Tax Fund - County, shall also be used to make payments to the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission under section 5735.051 of the Revised Code.

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

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

**Section 305.10.**

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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  
fixtures, and all necessary utilities, ventilating, plumbing,  
sprinkling, water, and sewer systems, when such systems are  
authorized or necessary;

(C) Architectural, engineering, and professional services  
expenses directly related to the projects;

(D) Machinery that is a part of structures at the time of  
initial acquisition or construction;

(E) Acquisition, development, and deployment of new  
computer systems, including the redevelopment or integration of  
existing and new computer systems, but excluding regular or  
ongoing maintenance or support agreements;

(F) Furniture, fixtures, or equipment that meets all the  
following criteria:

(1) Is essential in bringing the facility up to its  
intended use or is necessary for the functioning of the  
particular facility or project;

(2) Has a unit cost, and not the individual parts of a  
unit, of about \$100 or more; and

(3) Has a useful life of five years or more.

Furniture, fixtures, or equipment that is not an integral  
part of or directly related to the basic purpose or function of  
a project for which moneys are appropriated shall not be paid  
from these appropriations.

**Section 503.10. STATE ARBITRAGE REBATE AUTHORIZATION**

If it is determined that a payment is necessary in the  
amount computed at the time to represent the portion of



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 134th General Assembly be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 265.325.** SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE

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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A	Project List	
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	\$850,000

	Park	
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	\$350,000

Improvements		
BD	Fairport Harbor Marina Boat Launch	\$350,000
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	<del>Fallen Timbers Family Recreation</del> <del>Center Pool Replacement</del> <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	\$200,000

	Improvements	
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 - Eastland Area	\$50,000
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 Boat Launch Improvement	\$2,500
LA	Paulding County Park District	\$1,000
LB	Paulding County Park District Pier	\$1,000

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A	PWC PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION	
B	State Capital Improvements Fund (Fund 7038)	
C	C15000 Local Public Infrastructure/State CIP	<del>\$400,000,000</del> <u>\$410,000,000</u>
D	TOTAL State Capital Improvements Fund	<del>\$400,000,000</del> <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	<del>\$557,000,000</del>
		<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 Management shall determine if the project refunds are necessary to support existing appropriations. If the project refunds are available to support additional appropriations, these amounts are hereby appropriated to appropriation item C15000, Local Public Infrastructure/State CIP.

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

REVOLVING LOAN

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

If the Public Works Commission receives refunds due to project overpayments that are discovered during a post-project audit, the Director of the Public Works Commission may certify to the Director of Budget and Management that refunds have been received. In certifying the refunds, the Director of the Public Works Commission shall provide the Director of Budget and Management information on the project refunds. The certification shall detail by project the source and amount of project overpayments received and include any supporting documentation required or requested by the Director of Budget and Management. Upon receipt of the certification, the Director of Budget and Management shall determine if the project refunds are necessary to support existing appropriations. If the project refunds are available to support additional appropriations, these amounts

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 4799  
Ohio Conservation Fund (Fund 7056) shall be used in accordance 4800  
with sections 164.20 to 164.27 of the Revised Code. 4801

Any amount in grant repayments received by the Public 4802  
Works Commission and deposited into the Clean Ohio Conservation 4803  
Fund pursuant to section 164.261 of the Revised Code is hereby 4804  
appropriated through the foregoing appropriation item C15060, 4805  
Clean Ohio Conservation. 4806

**Sec. 243.20.** The Ohio Public Facilities Commission is 4807  
hereby authorized to issue and sell, in accordance with Sections 4808  
2p and 2s of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and Chapter 151. 4809  
and particularly sections 151.01 and 151.08 of the Revised Code, 4810  
original obligations, in an aggregate principal amount not to 4811  
exceed ~~\$300,000,000~~ \$310,000,000 in addition to the original 4812  
obligations heretofore authorized by prior acts of the General 4813  
Assembly. These authorized obligations shall be issued, subject 4814  
to applicable constitutional and statutory limitations, as 4815  
needed to provide sufficient moneys to the credit of the State 4816  
Capital Improvements Fund (Fund 7038) to pay costs of capital 4817  
improvement projects of local subdivisions. 4818

**Section 610.17.** That existing Sections 223.15 (as amended 4819  
by H.B. 45 of the 134th General Assembly), 243.10, and 243.20 of 4820  
H.B. 687 of the 134th General Assembly are hereby repealed. 4821

**Section 749.10.** (A) The Public Utilities Commission, in 4822  
collaboration with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, 4823  
shall examine current federal and state laws regarding both of 4824

the following: 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
<b>Section 755.20.</b> (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	4879

transit authorities that are established pursuant to sections 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, 4911  
2025, the Department of Transportation may close a rest area 4912  
that is under the Department's control and jurisdiction as 4913  
established under section 5515.07 of the Revised Code only if 4914  
the rest area's parking lot remains available for commercial 4915  
motor vehicles as defined in section 4506.01 of the Revised 4916  
Code. 4917

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

On the last day of each month in the biennium ending June 4920  
30, 2025, before making any of the distributions specified in 4921  
section 5735.051 of the Revised Code but after any transfers to 4922  
the tax refund fund as required by that section and section 4923  
5703.052 of the Revised Code, the Treasurer of State shall 4924  
deposit the first two per cent of the amount of motor fuel tax 4925  
received for the preceding calendar month to the credit of the 4926  
Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002). 4927

**Section 757.20.** MOTOR FUEL DEALER REFUNDS 4928

Notwithstanding Chapter 5735. of the Revised Code, the 4929  
following apply for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 4930  
2025: 4931

(A) For the discount under section 5735.06 of the Revised 4932  
Code, if the monthly report is timely filed and the tax is 4933  
timely paid, one per cent of the total number of gallons of 4934  
motor fuel received by the motor fuel dealer within the state 4935  
during the preceding calendar month, less the total number of 4936  
gallons deducted under divisions (B)(1)(a) and (b) of section 4937  
5735.06 of the Revised Code, less one-half of one per cent of 4938



the total number of gallons of motor fuel that were sold to a 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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