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A BILL

| То | amend sections 1901.08, 1901.261, 1907.261, | 1 |
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| | 2303.201, 3119.01, 3119.66, 3119.86, and 3119.88 | 2 |
| | and to enact sections 3109.20, 3119.10, 3119.11, | 3 |
| | 3119.12, 3119.861, 3119.862, and 3119.863 of the | 4 |
| | Revised Code to allow child support orders to be | 5 |
| | issued, modified, or extended for children over | 6 |
| | 18 with a disability, to change the status of | 7 |
| | the judge of the Lebanon Municipal Court from | 8 |
| | part-time to full-time, and to clarify | 9 |
| | disbursement of funds related to computerization | 10 |
| | fees. | 11 |

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

| Section 1. That sections 1901.08, 1901.261, 1907.261, | 12 |
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| 2303.201, 3119.01, 3119.66, 3119.86, and 3119.88 be amended and | 13 |
| sections 3109.20, 3119.10, 3119.11, 3119.12, 3119.861, 3119.862, | 14 |
| and 3119.863 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: | 15 |

| In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge |
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| shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington |
| municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge |
| of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until |
| the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. |

In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time 104 judges shall be elected in 2001.

In the Conneaut municipal court, one full-time judge shall 106 be elected in 1953.

In the Coshocton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.

In the Crawford county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977.

In the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967. Effective December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall cease to exist; however, the judges of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court who were elected pursuant to this section in 2003 and 2007 for terms beginning on January 1, 2004, and January 1, 2008, respectively, shall serve as full-time judges of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009, and December 31, 2013, respectively.

In the Darke county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the part-time judge of the Darke county county court that existed prior to that date whose term began on January 1, 2001, shall serve as the full-time judge of the Darke county municipal court until December 31, 2005.

In the Dayton municipal court, three full-time judges

| judges shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be | 182 |
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| elected in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981, | 183 |
| and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of | 184 |
| judges of the Hamilton county municipal court shall commence on | 185 |
| the first day of January next after their election, except that | 186 |
| the terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1981 shall | 187 |
| commence on January 2, 1982, and January 3, 1982, and that the | 188 |
| terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1983 shall | 189 |
| commence on January 4, 1984, and January 5, 1984. | 190 |
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In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1989.

In the Hillsboro municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2011. On and after December 30, 2008, the part-time judge of the Hillsboro municipal court who was elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011.

In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977.

In the Holmes county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2007. Beginning January 1, 2007, the part-time judge of the Holmes county court that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as the full-time judge of the Holmes county municipal court until December 31, 2007.

In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1967.

In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 208 be elected in 1951.

In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge

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January 2, 2005, shall serve as a full-time judge of the

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| Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2012. | 296 |
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| One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a full-time | 297 |
| judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2014. Beginning July | 298 |
| 1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county | 299 |
| court that existed before that date whose term commenced on | 300 |
| January 2, 2007, shall serve as a full-time judge of the | 301 |
| Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2014. | 302 |
| One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a judgeship for a | 303 |
| term to begin on January 1, 2014. If no other judgeship of the | 304 |
| court becomes vacant and is abolished by January 1, 2014, this | 305 |
| judgeship shall be a part-time judgeship. When one or more of | 306 |
| the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is | 307 |
| abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a | 308 |
| full-time judgeship. Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge | 309 |
| of the Montgomery county court that existed before that | 310 |
| date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as | 311 |
| this judge of the Montgomery county municipal court until | 312 |
| December 31, 2013. | 313 |
| If any one of the judgeships of the court becomes vacant | 314 |
| before December 31, 2021, that judgeship is abolished on the | 315 |
| date that it becomes vacant, and the other judges of the court | 316 |
| shall be or serve as full-time judges. The abolishment of | 317 |
| judgeships for the Montgomery county municipal court shall cease | 318 |
| when the court has two full-time judgeships. | 319 |
| In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge | 320 |
| shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part- | 321 |
| time judge of the Morrow county county court that existed prior | 322 |
| to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow | 323 |

county municipal court until December 31, 2005.

| In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953. | 380 381 |
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| In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957. | 382 383 |
| In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1957. | 384 385 |
| In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1995. | 386 387 |
| In the South Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge | 388 |
| shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, | 389 |
| whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until | 390 |
| December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on | 391 |
| January 1, 2000. | 392 |
| In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges | 393 |
| shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be | 394 |
| elected in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the | 395 |
| Springfield municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as | 396 |
| the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, | 397 |
| 1988, until the end of their respective terms. | 398 |
| In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge | 399 |
| shall be elected in 1953. | 400 |
| In the Stow municipal court, one full-time judge shall be | 401 |
| elected in 2009, and one full-time judge shall be elected in | 402 |
| 2013. Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls | 403 |
| municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term | 404 |
| commenced on January 1, 2008, shall serve as a full-time judge | 405 |
| of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2013. Beginning | 406 |
| January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court | 407 |
| that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January | 408 |

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| In the Washington Court House municipal court, one full- | 437 |
| time judge shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected | 438 |
| in 1993, whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve | 439 |
| until December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is | 440 |
| abolished on January 1, 2000. | 441 |
| In the Wayne county municipal court, one full-time judge | 442 |
| shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be | 443 |
| elected in 1979. | 444 |
| In the Willoughby municipal court, one full-time judge | 445 |
| shall be elected in 1951. | 446 |
| In the Wilmington municipal court, one full-time judge | 447 |
| shall be elected in 1991, who shall serve as the judge of the | 448 |
| Wilmington municipal court through June 30, 1992, and as the | 449 |
| judge of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, | 450 |
| until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. | 451 |
| In the Xenia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be | 452 |
| elected in 1977. | 453 |
| In the Youngstown municipal court, one full-time judge | 454 |
| shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be | 455 |
| elected in 2013. | 456 |
| In the Zanesville municipal court, one full-time judge | 457 |
| shall be elected in 1953. | 458 |
| Sec. 1901.261. (A) (1) A municipal court may determine that | 459 |
| for the efficient operation of the court additional funds are | 460 |
| required to computerize the court, to make available | 461 |
| computerized legal research services, or to do both. Upon making | 462 |
| a determination that additional funds are required for either or | 463 |

both of those purposes, the court shall include in its schedule

of fees and costs under section 1901.26 of the Revised Code one

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additional fee not to exceed three dollars on the filing of each

cause of action or appeal equivalent to one described in

division (A), (Q), or (U) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code

and shall direct the clerk of the court to charge the fee.

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- (2) All fees collected under this section shall be paid on 470 or before the twentieth day of the month following the month in 471 which they are collected to the county treasurer if the court is 472 a county-operated municipal court or to the city treasurer if 473 the court is not a county-operated municipal court. The 474 treasurer shall place the funds from the fees in a separate fund 475 to be disbursed upon an order of the court, subject to an 476 appropriation by the board of county commissioners if the court 477 is a county-operated municipal court or by the legislative 478 authority of the municipal corporation if the court is not a 479 county-operated municipal court, or upon an order of the court, 480 subject to the court making an annual report available to the 481 482 public listing the use of all such funds, in an amount not greater than the actual cost to the court of computerizing the 483 court, procuring and maintaining computerized legal research 484 services, or both. 485
- (3) If the court determines that the funds in the fund 486 described in division (A)(2) of this section are more than 487 sufficient to satisfy the purpose for which the additional fee 488 described in division (A)(1) of this section was imposed, the 489 court may declare a surplus in the fund and, subject to an 490 appropriation by the board of county commissioners if the court 491 is a county-operated municipal court or by the legislative 492 authority of the municipal corporation if the court is not a 493 county-operated municipal court, expend those surplus funds, or 494

| upon an order of the court, subject to the court making an | 495 |
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| annual report available to the public listing the use of all | 496 |
| such funds, expend those surplus funds, for other appropriate | 497 |
| technological expenses of the court. | 498 |

- (B) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, the clerk of a municipal court may determine that, for the efficient operation of the office of the clerk of the municipal court, additional funds are required to computerize the office of the clerk of the court and, upon that determination, may authorize and direct that a computerization fee not to exceed twenty dollars be charged on the filing of each cause of action or appeal, on the filing, docketing, and endorsing of each certificate of judgment, or on the docketing and indexing of each aid in execution or petition to vacate, revive, or modify a judgment that is equivalent to one described in division (A), (P), (Q), (T), or (U) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code.
- (b) In a county court in which the clerk of the municipal 512 court is appointed, the municipal court may make the 513 determination described in division (B)(1)(a) of this section 514 and, upon that determination, may include such a computerization 515 fee in its schedule of fees and costs under section 1901.26 of 516 the Revised Code. 517
- (2) Subject to division (B)(3) of this section, all moneys

 collected under division (B)(1)(a) of this section shall be paid

 on or before the twentieth day of the month following the month

 in which they are collected to the county treasurer if the court

 is a county-operated municipal court or to the city treasurer if

 the court is not a county-operated municipal court. The

 treasurer shall place the funds from the fees in a separate fund

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| ooard of county commissioners if the court is a county-operated | 526 |
| municipal court or by the legislative authority of the municipal | 527 |
| corporation if the court is not a county-operated municipal | 528 |
| court, in an amount no greater than the actual cost to the court | 529 |
| of procuring and maintaining computer systems for the office of | 530 |
| the clerk of the municipal court. In a court in which the clerk | 531 |
| of the municipal court is elected, the clerk may disburse the | 532 |
| funds subject to an appropriation by the commissioners. In a | 533 |
| court in which the clerk of the municipal court is appointed, | 534 |
| the court may issue an order to disburse the funds subject to an | 535 |
| appropriation by the commissioners. | 536 |
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(3) If a municipal court or the clerk of a municipal court makes the determination described in division (B)(1)(a) of this section, the board of county commissioners of the county if the court is a county-operated municipal court or the legislative authority of the municipal corporation if the court is not a county-operated municipal court, may issue one or more general obligation bonds for the purpose of procuring and maintaining the computer systems for the office of the clerk of the municipal court. In addition to the purposes stated in division (B)(1)(a) of this section for which the moneys collected under that division may be expended, the moneys additionally may be expended to pay debt charges and financing costs related to any general obligation bonds issued pursuant to division (B)(3) of this section as they become due. General obligation bonds issued pursuant to division (B)(3) of this section are Chapter 133. securities.

Sec. 1907.261. (A) (1) A county court may determine that for the efficient operation of the court additional funds are required to computerize the court, to make available

computerized legal research services, or to do both. Upon making a determination that additional funds are required for either or both of those purposes, the court shall include in its schedule of fees and costs under section 1907.24 of the Revised Code one additional fee not to exceed three dollars on the filing of each cause of action or appeal equivalent to one described in division (A), (Q), or (U) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code and shall direct the clerk of the court to charge the fee.

- (2) All fees collected under this section shall be paid on or before the twentieth day of the month following the month in which they are collected to the county treasurer. The treasurer shall place the funds from the fees in a separate fund to be disbursed either upon an order of the court, subject to an appropriation by the board of county commissioners, or upon an order of the court, subject to the court making an annual report available to the public listing the use of all such funds, in an amount not greater than the actual cost to the court of computerizing the court, procuring and maintaining computerized legal research services, or both.
- (3) If the court determines that the funds in the fund described in division (A)(2) of this section are more than sufficient to satisfy the purpose for which the additional fee described in division (A)(1) of this section was imposed, the court may declare a surplus in the fund and, subject to an appropriation by the board of county commissioners, expend those surplus funds, or upon an order of the court, subject to the court making an annual report available to the public listing the use of all such funds, expend those surplus funds, for other appropriate technological expenses of the court.

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| (b) of this section, the clerk of a county court may determine | 586 |
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| that, for the efficient operation of the office of the clerk of | 587 |
| the court, additional funds are required to computerize the | 588 |
| office of the clerk of the court and, upon that determination, | 589 |
| may authorize and direct that a computerization fee not to | 590 |
| exceed twenty dollars be charged on the filing of each cause of | 591 |
| action or appeal, on the filing, docketing, and endorsing of | 592 |
| each certificate of judgment, or on the docketing and indexing | 593 |
| of each aid in execution or petition to vacate, revive, or | 594 |
| modify a judgment that is equivalent to one described in | 595 |
| division (A), (P), (Q), (T), or (U) of section 2303.20 of the | 596 |
| Revised Code. | 597 |
| (b) In a court in which the clerk of the county court is | 598 |
| appointed, the court may make the determination described in | 599 |
| division (B)(1)(a) of this section and, upon that determination, | 600 |
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| may include such a computerization fee in its schedule of fees | |
| and costs under section 1907.24 of the Revised Code. | 602 |
| (2) Subject to division (B) (2) (B) (3) of this section, all | 603 |
| moneys collected under division $\frac{(B)(1)(B)(1)(a)}{(B)(1)(a)}$ of this section | 604 |
| shall be paid on or before the twentieth day of the month | 605 |
| following the month in which they are collected to the county | 606 |
| treasurer. The treasurer shall place the funds from the fees in | 607 |
| a separate fund to be disbursed, and subject to an appropriation | 608 |
| made by the board of county commissioners, in an amount no | 609 |
| greater than the actual cost to the court of procuring and | 610 |
| maintaining computer systems for the office of the clerk of the | 611 |
| county court. | 612 |
| (2) In a court in which the clerk of the county court is | 613 |
| elected, the clerk may disburse the funds subject to an | 614 |
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appropriation by the commissioners. In a court in which the

| clerk of the county court is appointed, the court may issue an | 616 |
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| order to disburse the funds subject to an appropriation by the | 617 |
| <pre>commissioners.</pre> | 618 |
| (3) If a clerk of a county court or the clerk of a county | 619 |
| <u>court</u> makes the determination described in division (B)(1)(B)(1) | 620 |
| (a) of this section, the board of county commissioners of that | 621 |
| county may issue one or more general obligation bonds for the | 622 |
| purpose of procuring and maintaining the computer systems for | 623 |
| the office of the clerk of the county court. In addition to the | 624 |
| purposes stated in division $\frac{(B)(1)(B)(1)(a)}{(B)(1)(a)}$ of this section for | 625 |
| which the moneys collected under that division may be expended, | 626 |
| the moneys additionally may be expended to pay debt charges and | 627 |
| financing costs related to any general obligation bonds issued | 628 |
| pursuant to division $\frac{(B)(2)(B)(3)}{(B)(3)}$ of this section as they become | 629 |
| due. General obligation bonds issued pursuant to division $\frac{(B)}{(2)}$ | 630 |
| (B)(3) of this section are Chapter 133. securities. | 631 |
| Sec. 2303.201. (A)(1) The court of common pleas of any | 632 |
| county may determine that for the efficient operation of the | 633 |
| court additional funds are required to computerize the court, to | 634 |
| make available computerized legal research services, or to do | 635 |
| both. Upon making a determination that additional funds are | 636 |
| required for either or both of those purposes, the court shall | 637 |
| authorize and direct the clerk of the court of common pleas to | 638 |
| charge one additional fee, not to exceed six dollars, on the | 639 |
| filing of each cause of action or appeal under divisions (A), | 640 |
| (Q), and (U) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code. | 641 |
| (2) All fees collected under division (A)(1) of this | 642 |
| section shall be paid to the county treasurer. The treasurer | 643 |
| shall place the funds from the fees in a separate fund to be | 644 |
| disbursed either upon an order of the court, subject to an | 645 |

appropriation by the board of county commissioners, or upon an 646 order of the court, subject to the court making an annual report 647 available to the public listing the use of all such funds, in an 648 amount not greater than the actual cost to the court of 649 procuring and maintaining computerization of the court, 650 computerized legal research services, or both.

(3) If the court determines that the funds in the fund 652 described in division (A)(2) of this section are more than 653 sufficient to satisfy the purpose for which the additional fee 654 655 described in division (A)(1) of this section was imposed, the court may declare a surplus in the fund and, subject to an 656 appropriation by the board of county commissioners, expend those 657 surplus funds, or upon an order of the court, subject to the 658 court making an annual report available to the public listing 659 the use of all such funds, expend those surplus funds, for other 660 appropriate technological expenses of the court. 661

(B)(1)(a) Except as provided in division (B)(1)(b) of this 662 section, the clerk of the court of common pleas of any county 663 may determine that, for the efficient operation of the office of 664 the clerk of the court of common pleas, additional funds are 665 required to make technological advances in or to computerize the 666 office of the clerk of the court of common pleas and, upon that 667 determination, authorize and direct that an additional fee, not 668 to exceed twenty dollars, on the filing of each cause of action 669 or appeal, on the filing, docketing, and endorsing of each 670 certificate of judgment, or on the docketing and indexing of 671 each aid in execution or petition to vacate, revive, or modify a 672 judgment under divisions (A), (P), (Q), (T), and (U) of section 673 2303.20 of the Revised Code and not to exceed one dollar each 674 for the services described in divisions (B), (C), (D), (F), (H), 675 and (L) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code, be charged. 676

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- (b) In a county in which the clerk of the court of common pleas is appointed, the county executive court may make the determination described in division (B)(1)(a) of this section and, upon that determination, may include such a computerization fee in the schedule of fees and costs.
- (2) Subject to division (B)(3) of this section, all moneys collected under division (B)(1)(a) of this section shall be paid to the county treasurer to be disbursed, subject to an appropriation made by the board of county commissioners, in an amount no greater than the actual cost to the court of procuring and maintaining technology and computer systems for the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas.
- (3) If the county executive court or the clerk of the 689 court of common pleas of a county makes the determination 690 described in division (B)(1)(a) of this section, the board of 691 county commissioners of that county may issue one or more 692 general obligation bonds for the purpose of procuring and 693 maintaining the technology and computer systems for the office 694 of the clerk of the court of common pleas. In addition to the 695 purposes stated in division (B)(1)(a) of this section for which 696 the moneys collected under that division may be expended, the 697 moneys additionally may be expended to pay debt charges on and 698 financing costs related to any general obligation bonds issued 699 pursuant to division (B)(3) of this section as they become due. 700 General obligation bonds issued pursuant to division (B)(3) of 701 this section are Chapter 133. securities. 702
- (C) The court of common pleas shall collect the sum of twenty-six dollars as additional filing fees in each new civil action or proceeding for the charitable public purpose of providing financial assistance to legal aid societies that

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| operate within the state and to support the office of the state | 707 |
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| public defender. This division does not apply to a juvenile | 708 |
| division of a court of common pleas, except that an additional | 709 |
| filing fee of fifteen dollars shall apply to custody, | 710 |
| visitation, and parentage actions; to a probate division of a | 711 |
| court of common pleas, except that the additional filing fees | 712 |
| shall apply to name change, guardianship, adoption, and | 713 |
| decedents' estate proceedings; or to an execution on a judgment, | 714 |
| proceeding in aid of execution, or other post-judgment | 715 |
| proceeding arising out of a civil action. The filing fees | 716 |
| required to be collected under this division shall be in | 717 |
| addition to any other filing fees imposed in the action or | 718 |
| proceeding and shall be collected at the time of the filing of | 719 |
| the action or proceeding. The court shall not waive the payment | 720 |
| of the additional filing fees in a new civil action or | 721 |
| proceeding unless the court waives the advanced payment of all | 722 |
| filing fees in the action or proceeding. All such moneys | 723 |
| collected during a month except for an amount equal to up to one | 724 |
| per cent of those moneys retained to cover administrative costs | 725 |
| shall be transmitted on or before the twentieth day of the | 726 |
| following month by the clerk of the court to the treasurer of | 727 |
| state in a manner prescribed by the treasurer of state or by the | 728 |
| Ohio access to justice foundation. The treasurer of state shall | 729 |
| deposit four per cent of the funds collected under this division | 730 |
| to the credit of the civil case filing fee fund established | 731 |
| under section 120.07 of the Revised Code and ninety-six per cent | 732 |
| of the funds collected under this division to the credit of the | 733 |
| legal aid fund established under section 120.52 of the Revised | 734 |
| Code. | 735 |

The court may retain up to one per cent of the moneys it collects under this division to cover administrative costs,

including the hiring of any additional personnel necessary to 738 implement this division. If the court fails to transmit to the 739 treasurer of state the moneys the court collects under this 740 division in a manner prescribed by the treasurer of state or by 741 the Ohio access to justice foundation, the court shall forfeit 742 the moneys the court retains under this division to cover 743 administrative costs, including the hiring of any additional 744 personnel necessary to implement this division, and shall 745 transmit to the treasurer of state all moneys collected under 746 this division, including the forfeited amount retained for 747 administrative costs, for deposit in the legal aid fund. 748

(D) On and after the thirtieth day after December 9, 1994, 749 750 the court of common pleas shall collect the sum of thirty-two dollars as additional filing fees in each new action or 751 proceeding for annulment, divorce, or dissolution of marriage 752 for the purpose of funding shelters for victims of domestic 753 violence pursuant to sections 3113.35 to 3113.39 of the Revised 754 Code. The filing fees required to be collected under this 755 division shall be in addition to any other filing fees imposed 756 in the action or proceeding and shall be collected at the time 757 of the filing of the action or proceeding. The court shall not 758 waive the payment of the additional filing fees in a new action 759 or proceeding for annulment, divorce, or dissolution of marriage 760 unless the court waives the advanced payment of all filing fees 761 in the action or proceeding. On or before the twentieth day of 762 each month, all moneys collected during the immediately 763 preceding month pursuant to this division shall be deposited by 764 the clerk of the court into the county treasury in the special 765 fund used for deposit of additional marriage license fees as 766 described in section 3113.34 of the Revised Code. Upon their 767 deposit into the fund, the moneys shall be retained in the fund 768

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and expended only as described in section 3113.34 of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) The court of common pleas may determine that, for 771 the efficient operation of the court, additional funds are 772 necessary to acquire and pay for special projects of the court, 773 including, but not limited to, the acquisition of additional 774 facilities or the rehabilitation of existing facilities, the 775 acquisition of equipment, the hiring and training of staff, 776 community service programs, mediation or dispute resolution 777 services, the employment of magistrates, the training and 778 education of judges, acting judges, and magistrates, and other 779 related services. Upon that determination, the court by rule may 780 charge a fee, in addition to all other court costs, on the 781 filing of each criminal cause, civil action or proceeding, or 782 judgment by confession. 783

If the court of common pleas offers or requires a special program or additional services in cases of a specific type, the court by rule may assess an additional charge in a case of that type, over and above court costs, to cover the special program or service. The court shall adjust the special assessment periodically, but not retroactively, so that the amount assessed in those cases does not exceed the actual cost of providing the service or program.

All moneys collected under division (E) of this section 792 shall be paid to the county treasurer for deposit into either a 793 general special projects fund or a fund established for a 794 specific special project. Moneys from a fund of that nature 795 shall be disbursed upon an order of the court, subject to an 796 appropriation by the board of county commissioners, in an amount 797 no greater than the actual cost to the court of a project. If a 798

| specific fund is terminated because of the discontinuance of a | 799 |
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| program or service established under division (E) of this | 800 |
| section, the court may order, subject to an appropriation by the | 801 |
| board of county commissioners, that moneys remaining in the fund | 802 |
| be transferred to an account established under this division for | 803 |
| a similar purpose. | 804 |
| (2) As used in division (E) of this section: | 805 |
| (a) "Criminal cause" means a charge alleging the violation | 806 |
| of a statute or ordinance, or subsection of a statute or | 807 |
| ordinance, that requires a separate finding of fact or a | 808 |
| separate plea before disposition and of which the defendant may | 809 |
| be found guilty, whether filed as part of a multiple charge on a | 810 |
| single summons, citation, or complaint or as a separate charge | 811 |
| on a single summons, citation, or complaint. "Criminal cause" | 812 |
| does not include separate violations of the same statute or | 813 |
| ordinance, or subsection of the same statute or ordinance, | 814 |
| unless each charge is filed on a separate summons, citation, or | 815 |
| complaint. | 816 |
| (b) "Civil action or proceeding" means any civil | 817 |
| litigation that must be determined by judgment entry. | 818 |
| Sec. 3109.20. (A) For purposes of this section, "person | 819 |
| with a disability" has the same meaning as in section 3119.10 of | 820 |
| the Revised Code. | 821 |
| (B) Notwithstanding section 3109.01 of the Revised Code, a | 822 |
| court may issue, pursuant to a proceeding for divorce, | 823 |
| dissolution, legal separation, or annulment, an order of support | 824 |
| for the care and maintenance of the parties' child who is a | 825 |
| person with a disability, regardless of whether the child has | 826 |
| reached the age of majority. | 827 |

| (C) In determining the amount reasonable or necessary for | 828 |
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| child support, including the medical needs of the child, the | 829 |
| court shall comply with Chapter 3119. of the Revised Code. The | 830 |
| court shall comply with Chapters 3119., 3121., 3123., and 3125. | 831 |
| of the Revised Code when it makes or modifies an order for child | 832 |
| support under this section. | 833 |
| Sec. 3119.01. (A) As used in the Revised Code, "child | 834 |
| support enforcement agency" means a child support enforcement | 835 |
| agency designated under former section 2301.35 of the Revised | 836 |
| Code prior to October 1, 1997, or a private or government entity | 837 |
| designated as a child support enforcement agency under section | 838 |
| 307.981 of the Revised Code. | 839 |
| (B) As used in this chapter and Chapters 3121., 3123., and | 840 |
| 3125. of the Revised Code: | 841 |
| (1) "Administrative child support order" means any order | 842 |
| issued by a child support enforcement agency for the support of | 843 |
| a child pursuant to section 3109.19 or 3111.81 of the Revised | 844 |
| Code or former section 3111.211 of the Revised Code, section | 845 |
| 3111.21 of the Revised Code as that section existed prior to | 846 |
| January 1, 1998, or section 3111.20 or 3111.22 of the Revised | 847 |
| Code as those sections existed prior to March 22, 2001. | 848 |
| (2) "Child support order" means either a court child | 849 |
| support order or an administrative child support order. | 850 |
| (3) "Obligee" means the person who is entitled to receive | 851 |
| the support payments under a support order. | 852 |
| (4) "Obligor" means the person who is required to pay | 853 |
| support under a support order. | 854 |
| (5) "Support order" means either an administrative child | 855 |
| support order or a court support order. | 856 |

| (C) As used in this chapter: | 857 |
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| (1) "Caretaker" means any of the following, other than a | 858 |
| parent: | 859 |
| (a) A person with whom the child resides for at least | 860 |
| thirty consecutive days, and who is the child's primary | 861 |
| caregiver; | 862 |
| (b) A person who is receiving public assistance on behalf | 863 |
| of the child; | 864 |
| (c) A person or agency with legal custody of the child, | 865 |
| including a county department of job and family services or a | 866 |
| <pre>public children services agency;</pre> | 867 |
| (d) A guardian of the person or the estate of a child; | 868 |
| (e) Any other appropriate court or agency with custody of | 869 |
| the child. | 870 |
| "Caretaker" excludes a "host family" as defined under | 871 |
| section 2151.90 of the Revised Code. | 872 |
| (2) "Cash medical support" means an amount ordered to be | 873 |
| paid in a child support order toward the ordinary medical | 874 |
| expenses incurred during a calendar year. | 875 |
| (3) "Child care cost" means annual out-of-pocket costs for | 876 |
| the care and supervision of a child or children subject to the | 877 |
| order that is related to work or employment training. | 878 |
| (4) "Court child support order" means any order issued by | 879 |
| a court for the support of a child pursuant to Chapter 3115. of | 880 |
| the Revised Code, section 2151.23, 2151.231, 2151.232, 2151.33, | 881 |
| 2151.36, 2151.361, 2151.49, 3105.21, 3109.05, 3109.19, <u>3109.20,</u> | 882 |
| 3111.13, 3113.04, 3113.07, 3113.31, <u>3119.11,</u> 3119.65, or 3119.70 | 883 |

| of the Revised Code, or division (B) of former section 3113.21 | 884 |
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| of the Revised Code. | 885 |
| (5) "Court-ordered parenting time" means the amount of | 886 |
| parenting time a parent is to have under a parenting time order | 887 |
| or the amount of time the children are to be in the physical | 888 |
| custody of a parent under a shared parenting order. | 889 |
| (6) "Court support order" means either a court child | 890 |
| support order or an order for the support of a spouse or former | 891 |
| spouse issued pursuant to Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, | 892 |
| section 3105.18, 3105.65, or 3113.31 of the Revised Code, or | 893 |
| division (B) of former section 3113.21 of the Revised Code. | 894 |
| (7) "CPI-U" means the consumer price index for all urban | 895 |
| consumers, published by the United States department of labor, | 896 |
| bureau of labor statistics. | 897 |
| (8) "Extraordinary medical expenses" means any uninsured | 898 |
| medical expenses incurred for a child during a calendar year | 899 |
| that exceed the total cash medical support amount owed by the | 900 |
| parents during that year. | 901 |
| (9) "Federal poverty level" has the same meaning as in | 902 |
| section 5121.30 of the Revised Code. | 903 |
| (10) "Income" means either of the following: | 904 |
| (a) For a parent who is employed to full capacity, the | 905 |
| gross income of the parent; | 906 |
| (b) For a parent who is unemployed or underemployed, the | 907 |
| sum of the gross income of the parent and any potential income | 908 |
| of the parent. | 909 |
| (11) "Income share" means the percentage derived from a | 910 |
| comparison of each parent's appual income after allowable | 911 |

deductions and credits as indicated on the worksheet to the 912 total annual income of both parents. 913

- (12) "Insurer" means any person authorized under Title 914

 XXXIX of the Revised Code to engage in the business of insurance 915

 in this state, any health insuring corporation, and any legal 916

 entity that is self-insured and provides benefits to its 917

 employees or members. 918
- (13) "Gross income" means, except as excluded in division 919 (C) (13) of this section, the total of all earned and unearned 920 income from all sources during a calendar year, whether or not 921 the income is taxable, and includes income from salaries, wages, 922 923 overtime pay, and bonuses to the extent described in division (D) of section 3119.05 of the Revised Code; commissions; 924 royalties; tips; rents; dividends; severance pay; pensions; 925 interest; trust income; annuities; social security benefits, 926 including retirement, disability, and survivor benefits that are 927 not means-tested; workers' compensation benefits; unemployment 928 insurance benefits; disability insurance benefits; benefits that 929 are not means-tested and that are received by and in the 930 931 possession of the veteran who is the beneficiary for any service-connected disability under a program or law administered 932 by the United States department of veterans' affairs or 933 veterans' administration; spousal support actually received; and 934 all other sources of income. "Gross income" includes income of 935 members of any branch of the United States armed services or 936 national guard, including, amounts representing base pay, basic 937 allowance for quarters, basic allowance for subsistence, 938 supplemental subsistence allowance, cost of living adjustment, 939 specialty pay, variable housing allowance, and pay for training 940 or other types of required drills; self-generated income; and 941 potential cash flow from any source. 942

| "Gross income" does not include any of the following: | 943 |
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| (a) Benefits received from means-tested government | 944 |
| administered programs, including Ohio works first; prevention, | 945 |
| retention, and contingency; means-tested veterans' benefits; | 946 |
| supplemental security income; supplemental nutrition assistance | 947 |
| program; disability financial assistance; or other assistance | 948 |
| for which eligibility is determined on the basis of income or | 949 |
| assets; | 950 |
| (b) Benefits for any service-connected disability under a | 951 |
| program or law administered by the United States department of | 952 |
| veterans' affairs or veterans' administration that are not | 953 |
| means-tested, that have not been distributed to the veteran who | 954 |
| is the beneficiary of the benefits, and that are in the | 955 |
| possession of the United States department of veterans' affairs | 956 |
| or veterans' administration; | 957 |
| (c) Child support amounts received for children who are | 958 |
| not included in the current calculation; | 959 |
| (d) Amounts paid for mandatory deductions from wages such | 960 |
| as union dues but not taxes, social security, or retirement in | 961 |
| lieu of social security; | 962 |
| (e) Nonrecurring or unsustainable income or cash flow | 963 |
| items; | 964 |
| (f) Adoption assistance, kinship guardianship assistance, | 965 |
| and foster care maintenance payments made pursuant to Title IV-E | 966 |
| of the "Social Security Act," 94 Stat. 501, 42 U.S.C.A. 670 | 967 |
| (1980), as amended; | 968 |
| (g) State kinship guardianship assistance described in | 969 |
| section 5153.163 of the Revised Code and payment from the | 970 |
| kinship support program described in section 5101 881 of the | 971 |

Revised Code. 972 (14) "Nonrecurring or unsustainable income or cash flow 973 item" means an income or cash flow item the parent receives in 974 any year or for any number of years not to exceed three years 975 that the parent does not expect to continue to receive on a 976 regular basis. "Nonrecurring or unsustainable income or cash 977 flow item" does not include a lottery prize award that is not 978 paid in a lump sum or any other item of income or cash flow that 979 the parent receives or expects to receive for each year for a 980 981 period of more than three years or that the parent receives and invests or otherwise uses to produce income or cash flow for a 982 period of more than three years. 983 (15) "Ordinary medical expenses" includes copayments and 984 deductibles, and uninsured medical-related costs for the 985 children of the order. 986 (16) (a) "Ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in 987 generating gross receipts" means actual cash items expended by 988 the parent or the parent's business and includes depreciation 989 expenses of business equipment as shown on the books of a 990 991 business entity. (b) Except as specifically included in "ordinary and 992 necessary expenses incurred in generating gross receipts" by 993 division (C)(16)(a) of this section, "ordinary and necessary 994 expenses incurred in generating gross receipts" does not include 995 depreciation expenses and other noncash items that are allowed 996 as deductions on any federal tax return of the parent or the 997 parent's business. 998 (17) "Personal earnings" means compensation paid or 999

payable for personal services, however denominated, and includes

| wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, draws against commissions, | 1001 |
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| profit sharing, vacation pay, or any other compensation. | 1002 |
| (18) "Potential income" means both of the following for a | 1003 |
| parent who the court pursuant to a court support order, or a | 1004 |
| child support enforcement agency pursuant to an administrative | 1005 |
| child support order, determines is voluntarily unemployed or | 1006 |
| voluntarily underemployed: | 1007 |
| (a) Imputed income that the court or agency determines the | 1008 |
| parent would have earned if fully employed as determined from | 1009 |
| the following criteria: | 1010 |
| (i) The parent's prior employment experience; | 1011 |
| (ii) The parent's education; | 1012 |
| (iii) The parent's physical and mental disabilities, if | 1013 |
| any; | 1014 |
| (iv) The availability of employment in the geographic area | 1015 |
| in which the parent resides; | 1016 |
| (v) The prevailing wage and salary levels in the | 1017 |
| geographic area in which the parent resides; | 1018 |
| (vi) The parent's special skills and training; | 1019 |
| (vii) Whether there is evidence that the parent has the | 1020 |
| ability to earn the imputed income; | 1021 |
| (viii) The age and special needs of the child for whom | 1022 |
| child support is being calculated under this section; | 1023 |
| (ix) The parent's increased earning capacity because of | 1024 |
| experience; | 1025 |
| (x) The parent's decreased earning capacity because of a | 1026 |
| felony conviction; | 1027 |
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(xi) Any other relevant factor. 1028 (b) Imputed income from any nonincome-producing assets of 1029 a parent, as determined from the local passbook savings rate or 1030 another appropriate rate as determined by the court or agency, 1031 not to exceed the rate of interest specified in division (A) of 1032 section 1343.03 of the Revised Code, if the income is 1033 significant. 1034 (19) "Schedule" means the basic child support schedule 1035 created pursuant to section 3119.021 of the Revised Code. 1036 (20) "Self-generated income" means gross receipts received 1037 by a parent from self-employment, proprietorship of a business, 1038 joint ownership of a partnership or closely held corporation, 1039 and rents minus ordinary and necessary expenses incurred by the 1040 parent in generating the gross receipts. "Self-generated income" 1041 includes expense reimbursements or in-kind payments received by 1042 a parent from self-employment, the operation of a business, or 1043 rents, including company cars, free housing, reimbursed meals, 1044 and other benefits, if the reimbursements are significant and 1045 reduce personal living expenses. 1046 (21) "Self-sufficiency reserve" means the minimal amount 1047 necessary for an obligor to adequately subsist upon, as 1048 determined under section 3119.021 of the Revised Code. 1049 (22) "Split parental rights and responsibilities" means a 1050 situation in which there is more than one child who is the 1051 subject of an allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1052 and each parent is the residential parent and legal custodian of 1053 at least one of those children. 1054

(23) "Worksheet" means the applicable worksheet created in

rules adopted under section 3119.022 of the Revised Code that is

| used to calculate a parent's child support obligation. | 1057 |
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| Sec. 3119.10. For purposes of sections 3119.11 and 3119.12 | 1058 |
| of the Revised Code, "person with a disability" means a person | 1059 |
| with a mental or physical disability, whose disability began | 1060 |
| before the person reached the age of majority, and whose | 1061 |
| disability makes the person incapable of supporting or | 1062 |
| maintaining oneself. | 1063 |
| Sec. 3119.11. Notwithstanding section 3109.01 of the | 1064 |
| Revised Code, when issuing or modifying a court child support | 1065 |
| order, a court may provide for the care and maintenance of a | 1066 |
| child who is a person with a disability and the subject of the | 1067 |
| order, to be issued or continue after the date the child reaches | 1068 |
| the age of majority. This section applies regardless of whether | 1069 |
| the child is younger or older than the age of majority when the | 1070 |
| court issues or modifies the order. The court shall comply with | 1071 |
| Chapters 3119., 3121., 3123., and 3125. of the Revised Code when | 1072 |
| it makes or modifies an order under this section. | 1073 |
| Sec. 3119.12. Nothing in the Revised Code authorizes a | 1074 |
| child support enforcement agency to issue an administrative | 1075 |
| child support order for a person who has reached the age of | 1076 |
| eighteen, including a person with a disability. In all cases in | 1077 |
| which the agency is prohibited from issuing an administrative | 1078 |
| child support order, the agency may request the appropriate | 1079 |
| court with jurisdiction to take action under section 3119.11 of | 1080 |
| the Revised Code to provide for the care and maintenance of the | 1081 |
| person with a disability. | 1082 |
| Sec. 3119.66. If the obligor or the obligee requests a | 1083 |
| court hearing on the revised amount of child support calculated | 1084 |
| by the child support enforcement agency, the court shall | 1085 |
| schedule and conduct a hearing to determine whether the revised | 1086 |

| amount of child support is the appropriate amount and whether | 1087 |
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| the amount of child support being paid under the court child | 1088 |
| support order should be revised. | 1089 |
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| Sec. 3119.86. (A) Notwithstanding section 3109.01 of the | 1090 |
| Revised Code, both of the following apply: | 1091 |
| $\frac{(1)-(A)}{(A)}$ The duty of support to a child imposed pursuant to | 1092 |
| a court child support order shall continue beyond the child's | 1093 |
| eighteenth birthday only under the following circumstances: | 1094 |
| (a) The (1) Under an order issued or modified pursuant to | 1095 |
| section 3109.20 or 3119.11 of the Revised Code for a child who | 1096 |
| is mentally or physically disabled and is incapable of | 1097 |
| supporting or maintaining himself or herselfoneself. | 1098 |
| (b) (2) The child's parents have agreed to continue | 1099 |
| support beyond the child's eighteenth birthday pursuant to a | 1100 |
| separation agreement that was incorporated into a decree of | 1101 |
| divorce or dissolution. | 1102 |
| (c) (3) The child continuously attends a recognized and | 1103 |
| accredited high school on a full-time basis on and after the | 1104 |
| child's eighteenth birthday. | 1105 |
| $\frac{(2)-(B)}{(B)}$ The duty of support to a child imposed pursuant to | 1106 |
| an administrative child support order shall continue beyond the | 1107 |
| child's eighteenth birthday only if the child continuously | 1108 |
| attends a recognized and accredited high school on a full-time | 1109 |
| basis on and after the child's eighteenth birthday. | 1110 |
| (B) A court child support order shall not remain in effect | 1111 |
| after the child reaches nineteen years of age unless the order- | 1112 |
| provides that the duty of support continues under circumstances | 1113 |
| described in division (A)(1)(a) or (b) of this section for any | 1114 |
| period after the child reaches age nineteen. An administrative | 1115 |

| child support order shall not remain in effect after the child | 1116 |
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| reaches age nineteen. | 1117 |
| (C) If a court incorporates a separation agreement | 1118 |
| described in division (A)(1)(b) of this section into a decree of | 1119 |
| divorce or dissolution, the court may not require the duty of | 1120 |
| support to continue beyond the date the child's parents have | 1121 |
| agreed support should terminate. | 1122 |
| (D) A parent ordered to pay support under a child support | 1123 |
| order shall continue to pay support under the order, including | 1124 |
| during seasonal vacation periods, until the order terminates. | 1125 |
| Sec. 3119.861. A court child support order shall not | 1126 |
| remain in effect after the child reaches nineteen years of age | 1127 |
| unless the order provides that the duty of support continues | 1128 |
| under circumstances described in division (A)(1) or (2) of | 1129 |
| section 3119.86 of the Revised Code for any period after the | 1130 |
| child reaches age nineteen. An administrative child support | 1131 |
| order shall not remain in effect after the child reaches age | 1132 |
| nineteen. | 1133 |
| Sec. 3119.862. Except as provided in division (A)(1) of | 1134 |
| section 3119.86 of the Revised Code, if a court incorporates a | 1135 |
| separation agreement described in division (A)(2) of section | 1136 |
| 3119.86 of the Revised Code into a decree of divorce or | 1137 |
| dissolution, the court may not require the duty of support to | 1138 |
| continue beyond the date the child's parents have agreed support | 1139 |
| should terminate. | 1140 |
| Sec. 3119.863. A parent ordered to pay support under a | 1141 |
| child support order shall continue to pay support under the | 1142 |
| order, including during seasonal vacation periods, until the | 1143 |
| order terminates. | 1144 |

| Sec. 3119.88. (A) Reasons for which a child support order | 1145 |
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| should terminate through the administrative process under | 1146 |
| section 3119.89 of the Revised Code include all of the | 1147 |
| following: | 1148 |
| (1) The child attains the age of majority if the child no | 1149 |
| longer attends an accredited high school on a full-time basis | 1150 |
| and the child support order requires support to continue past | 1151 |
| the age of majority only if the child continuously attends such | 1152 |
| a high school after attaining that age; | 1153 |
| (2) The child ceases to attend an accredited high school | 1154 |
| on a full-time basis after attaining the age of majority, if the | 1155 |
| child support order requires support to continue past the age of | 1156 |
| majority only if the child continuously attends such a high | 1157 |
| school after attaining that age; | 1158 |
| (3) A termination condition specified in the court child | 1159 |
| support order has been met for a child who reaches nineteen | 1160 |
| years of age; | 1161 |
| (4) The child's death; | 1162 |
| (5) The child's marriage; | 1163 |
| (6) The child's emancipation; | 1164 |
| (7) The child's enlistment in the armed services; | 1165 |
| (8) The child's deportation; | 1166 |
| (9) Change of legal custody of the child; | 1167 |
| (10) The child's adoption; | 1168 |
| (11) The obligor's death; | 1169 |
| (12) The grandparent to whom support is being paid or a | 1170 |
| grandparent who is paying support reports that the grandparent's | 1171 |

| support order should terminate as a result of one of the events | 1172 |
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| described in division (D) of section 3109.19 of the Revised | 1173 |
| Code; | 1174 |
| (13) Marriage of the obligor under a child support order | 1175 |
| to the obligee, if the obligor and obligee reside together with | 1176 |
| the child. | 1177 |
| (B) A child support order may be terminated by the court | 1178 |
| or child support enforcement agency for any reasons listed in | 1179 |
| division (A) of this section. A court may also terminate an | 1180 |
| order -for- : | 1181 |
| (1) Issued under section 3109.20 or 3119.11 of the Revised | 1182 |
| Code upon satisfactory proof that the person who is the subject | 1183 |
| of the order is no longer mentally or physically disabled or is | 1184 |
| <pre>capable of supporting or maintaining oneself;</pre> | 1185 |
| (2) For any other appropriate reasons brought to the | 1186 |
| attention of the court, unless otherwise prohibited by law. | 1187 |
| Section 2. That existing sections 1901.08, 1901.261, | 1188 |
| 1907.261, 2303.201, 3119.01, 3119.66, 3119.86, and 3119.88 of | 1189 |
| the Revised Code are hereby repealed. | 1190 |
| Section 3. Section 3119.01 of the Revised Code as | 1191 |
| presented in this act takes effect on the later of April 3, | 1192 |
| 2024, or the effective date of this section. April 3, 2024, is | 1193 |
| the effective date of an earlier amendment to that section by | 1194 |
| H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly. | 1195 |
| Section 4. On and after the effective date of this | 1196 |
| section, the full-time judge of the Lebanon Municipal Court, who | 1197 |
| prior to the effective date of this section was the part-time | 1198 |
| judge of that court, shall perform the duties of a full-time | 1199 |
| judge of a municipal court and is subject to any restriction | 1200 |

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specified in law for a full-time judge of a municipal court.

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