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To amend sections 4503.03, 4503.10, 4503.102, 1
4503.12, 4510.036, 4511.75, 4511.751, and 2
4511.76 and to enact sections 5.501, 3327.18, 3
3327.19, 4511.752, 4511.753, 4511.754, 4511.755, 4
4511.756, and 4511.757 of the Revised Code to 5
address school bus safety, to designate this act 6
as the School Bus Safety Act, and to make an 7
appropriation. 8

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

Section 1. That sections 4503.03, 4503.10, 4503.102, 9
4503.12, 4510.036, 4511.75, 4511.751, and 4511.76 be amended and 10
sections 5.501, 3327.18, 3327.19, 4511.752, 4511.753, 4511.754, 11
4511.755, 4511.756, and 4511.757 of the Revised Code be enacted 12
to read as follows: 13

Sec. 5.501. The month of August is designated as "School 14

Bus Safety Awareness Month" to increase public awareness of the 15
need to properly stop when a stopped school bus is loading and 16
unloading passengers. 17

Sec. 3327.18. (A) The school bus safety fund is created in 18
the state treasury. The fund shall consist of the criminal fines 19
collected for violations of division (A) of section 4511.75 of 20
the Revised Code and a portion of the civil penalties collected 21
in accordance with sections 4511.753 to 4511.757 of the Revised 22
Code. 23

(B) The fund shall be administered by the director of 24
education and workforce. Money in the fund shall be used to make 25
grants to school districts for purposes of improving the safety 26
features on school buses in accordance with section 3327.19 of 27
the Revised Code. 28

(C) All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited 29
to the fund. 30

Sec. 3327.19. (A) As used in this section: 31

(1) "Eligible applicant" means a board of education of a 32
city school district, a local school district, an exempted 33
village school district, a cooperative education school 34
district, or a joint vocational school district, or a governing 35
board of an educational service center. 36

(2) "School bus safety feature" means any of the 37
following: 38

(a) External school bus cameras; 39

(b) Crossing arms; 40

(c) Lane departure warning systems; 41

<u>(d) Electronic stability control;</u>	42
<u>(e) Lighted crossover mirrors;</u>	43
<u>(f) Colorado rack test-approved bus frames;</u>	44
<u>(g) Fully illuminated stop arms located at the front and rear of a school bus;</u>	45 46
<u>(h) Fully illuminated "school bus" signs;</u>	47
<u>(i) Collision avoidance systems;</u>	48
<u>(j) All light-emitting diode lights;</u>	49
<u>(k) Ground wash lights;</u>	50
<u>(l) Reflective chevron;</u>	51
<u>(m) Occupant restraining devices that conform to the school bus seat belt requirements of 49 C.F.R. 571;</u>	52 53
<u>(n) Silent panic alert technology that connects the school bus to a public safety answering point to allow immediate contact with emergency service;</u>	54 55 56
<u>(o) Broadband push-to-talk capabilities, integrated with traditional land mobile radio, if necessary, for direct interoperability with public safety and other emergency service broadband applications;</u>	57 58 59 60
<u>(p) Additional safety features that become available through advancements in technology and that are approved by the department of public safety and the department of education and workforce.</u>	61 62 63 64
<u>(3) "Emergency service" and "public safety answering point" have the same meanings as in section 128.01 of the Revised Code.</u>	65 66 67

(B) The department of education and workforce shall 68
administer a school bus safety grant program. Under the grant 69
program, the department shall award grants to eligible 70
applicants who apply to the department for funding to do any of 71
the following: 72

(1) Purchase and install school bus safety features on an 73
eligible applicant's school buses that do not currently have 74
those features installed; 75

(2) Purchase and install school bus safety features to 76
replace old, broken, or outdated safety features on an eligible 77
applicant's current school buses; 78

(3) Purchase school bus safety features as additional 79
features to be included on new school buses being purchased by 80
the eligible applicant. 81

(C) The department shall use the school bus safety fund 82
created under section 3327.18 of the Revised Code to provide 83
grants to eligible applicants in accordance with this section. 84

(D) The director of education and workforce shall 85
establish any procedures and requirements necessary to 86
administer this section, including procedures and requirements 87
governing the form of grant applications and grant award 88
processes and amounts. 89

(E) An eligible applicant that receives a grant under this 90
section shall do both of the following: 91

(1) Use the funds only for the purchase and installation 92
of school bus safety features; 93

(2) Spend any grant funds awarded not later than two years 94
after the date the funds are distributed to the eligible 95

<u>applicant.</u>	96
Sec. 4503.03. (A) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (B)	97
of this section, the registrar of motor vehicles may designate	98
one or more of the following persons to act as a deputy	99
registrar in each county:	100
(i) The county auditor in any county;	101
(ii) The clerk of a court of common pleas in any county;	102
(iii) An individual;	103
(iv) A nonprofit corporation as defined in division (C) of	104
section 1702.01 of the Revised Code.	105
All fees collected and retained by a clerk for conducting	106
deputy registrar services shall be paid into the county treasury	107
to the credit of the certificate of title administration fund	108
created under section 325.33 of the Revised Code.	109
(b) As part of the selection process in awarding a deputy	110
registrar contract, the registrar shall consider the customer	111
service performance record of any person previously awarded a	112
deputy registrar contract pursuant to division (A) (1) of this	113
section.	114
(2) Deputy registrars shall accept applications for the	115
annual license tax for any vehicle not taxed under section	116
4503.63 of the Revised Code and shall assign distinctive numbers	117
in the same manner as the registrar. Such deputies shall be	118
located in such locations as the registrar sees fit. Except as	119
provided in division (A) (3) of this section, there shall be at	120
least one deputy registrar in each county.	121
(3) The registrar need not appoint a deputy registrar in a	122
county to which all of the following apply:	123

(a) No individual, nonprofit corporation, or, where applicable, clerk of court of common pleas participates in the competitive selection process to be designated as a deputy registrar;

(b) Neither the county auditor nor the clerk of court of common pleas agrees to be designated as a deputy registrar;

(c) No individual or nonprofit corporation agrees to be designated as a deputy registrar;

(d) No deputy registrar operating an existing deputy registrar agency in another county agrees to be designated as the deputy registrar for that county.

(4) The registrar may reestablish a deputy registrar in any county without a deputy registrar if any of the following apply:

(a) The county auditor requests to be designated as a deputy registrar;

(b) The clerk of court of common pleas requests to be designated as a deputy registrar;

(c) A deputy registrar operating an existing deputy registrar agency in another county requests to be designated as a deputy registrar for that county;

(d) A qualified individual or nonprofit corporation requests to be designated as a deputy registrar. In the event that two or more qualified individuals, nonprofit corporations, or a combination thereof, request to be designated as a deputy registrar, the registrar may make the designation through the competitive selection process.

Deputy registrar contracts are subject to the provisions

of division (B) of section 125.081 of the Revised Code. 152

(B) (1) The registrar shall not designate any person to act 153
as a deputy registrar under division (A) (1) of this section if 154
the person or, where applicable, the person's spouse or a member 155
of the person's immediate family has made, within the current 156
calendar year or any one of the previous three calendar years, 157
one or more contributions totaling in excess of one hundred 158
dollars to any person or entity included in division (A) (2) of 159
section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. As used in this division, 160
"immediate family" has the same meaning as in division (D) of 161
section 102.01 of the Revised Code, and "entity" includes any 162
political party and any "continuing association" as defined in 163
division (C) (4) of section 3517.01 of the Revised Code or 164
"political action committee" as defined in division (C) (8) of 165
that section that is primarily associated with that political 166
party. For purposes of this division, contributions to any 167
continuing association or any political action committee that is 168
primarily associated with a political party shall be aggregated 169
with contributions to that political party. 170

The contribution limitations contained in this division do 171
not apply to any county auditor or clerk of a court of common 172
pleas. A county auditor or clerk of a court of common pleas is 173
not required to file the disclosure statement or pay the filing 174
fee required under section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. The 175
limitations of this division also do not apply to a deputy 176
registrar who, subsequent to being awarded a deputy registrar 177
contract, is elected to an office of a political subdivision. 178

(2) The registrar shall not designate either of the 179
following to act as a deputy registrar: 180

(a) Any elected public official other than a county 181

auditor or, as authorized by division (A) (1) of this section, a 182
clerk of a court of common pleas, acting in an official 183
capacity, except that, the registrar shall continue and may 184
renew a contract with any deputy registrar who, subsequent to 185
being awarded a deputy registrar contract, is elected to an 186
office of a political subdivision; 187

(b) Any person holding a current, valid contract to 188
conduct motor vehicle inspections under section 3704.14 of the 189
Revised Code. 190

(3) As used in division (B) of this section, "political 191
subdivision" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 of the 192
Revised Code. 193

(C) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (2) of this 194
section, deputy registrars are independent contractors and 195
neither they nor their employees are employees of this state, 196
except that nothing in this section shall affect the status of 197
county auditors or clerks of courts of common pleas as public 198
officials, nor the status of their employees as employees of any 199
of the counties of this state, which are political subdivisions 200
of this state. Each deputy registrar shall be responsible for 201
the payment of all unemployment compensation premiums, all 202
workers' compensation premiums, social security contributions, 203
and any and all taxes for which the deputy registrar is legally 204
responsible. Each deputy registrar shall comply with all 205
applicable federal, state, and local laws requiring the 206
withholding of income taxes or other taxes from the compensation 207
of the deputy registrar's employees. Each deputy registrar shall 208
maintain during the entire term of the deputy registrar's 209
contract a policy of business liability insurance satisfactory 210
to the registrar and shall hold the department of public safety, 211

the director of public safety, the bureau of motor vehicles, and 212
the registrar harmless upon any and all claims for damages 213
arising out of the operation of the deputy registrar agency. 214

(2) For purposes of Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code, 215
determinations concerning the employment of deputy registrars 216
and their employees shall be made under Chapter 4141. of the 217
Revised Code. 218

(D) (1) With the approval of the director, the registrar 219
shall adopt rules governing deputy registrars. The rules shall 220
do all of the following: 221

(a) Establish requirements governing the terms of the 222
contract between the registrar and each deputy registrar and the 223
services to be performed; 224

(b) Establish requirements governing the amount of bond to 225
be given as provided in this section; 226

(c) Establish requirements governing the size and location 227
of the deputy's office; 228

(d) Establish requirements governing the leasing of 229
equipment necessary to conduct the vision screenings required 230
under section 4507.12 of the Revised Code and training in the 231
use of the equipment; 232

(e) Encourage every deputy registrar to inform the public 233
of the location of the deputy registrar's office and hours of 234
operation by means of public service announcements; 235

(f) Allow any deputy registrar to advertise in regard to 236
the operation of the deputy registrar's office, including 237
allowing nonprofit corporations operating as a deputy registrar 238
to advertise that a specified amount of proceeds collected by 239

the nonprofit corporation are directed to a specified charitable organization or philanthropic cause;	240 241
(g) Specify the hours the deputy's office is to be open to the public and require as a minimum that one deputy's office in each county be open to the public for at least four hours each weekend, provided that if only one deputy's office is located within the boundary of the county seat, that office is the office that shall be open for the four-hour period each weekend;	242 243 244 245 246 247
(h) Specify that every deputy registrar, upon request, provide any person with information about the location and office hours of all deputy registrars in the county;	248 249 250
(i) Allow a deputy registrar contract to be awarded to a nonprofit corporation formed under the laws of this state;	251 252
(j) Establish procedures for a deputy registrar to request the authority to collect reinstatement fees under sections 4507.1612, 4507.45, 4509.101, 4509.81, 4510.10, 4510.22, 4510.72, and 4511.191 of the Revised Code and to transmit the reinstatement fees and two dollars of the service fee collected under those sections. The registrar shall ensure that at least one deputy registrar in each county has the necessary equipment and is able to accept reinstatement fees. The registrar shall deposit the service fees received from a deputy registrar under those sections into the public safety - highway purposes fund created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code and shall use the money for deputy registrar equipment necessary in connection with accepting reinstatement fees.	253 254 255 256 257 258 259 260 261 262 263 264 265
(k) Establish standards for a deputy registrar, when the deputy registrar is not a county auditor or a clerk of a court of common pleas, to sell advertising rights to third party	266 267 268

businesses to be placed in the deputy registrar's office;	269
(1) Allow any deputy registrar that is not a county auditor or a clerk of a court of common pleas to operate a vending machine;	270 271 272
(m) <u>Specify that each deputy registrar and driver examination location shall display at all times, in a prominent place on the premises, a graphic that instructs drivers to stop and yield to a stopped school bus when it is either loading or unloading passengers.</u>	273 274 275 276 277
<u>The registrar shall create and issue the graphic for distribution to and display at each deputy registrar and driver examination location. The registrar also shall display the graphic on the bureau of motor vehicle's web site.</u>	278 279 280 281
(n) <u>Establish such other requirements as the registrar and director consider necessary to provide a high level of service.</u>	282 283
(2) The rules may allow both of the following:	284
(a) The registrar to award a contract to a deputy registrar to operate more than one deputy registrar's office if determined by the registrar to be practical;	285 286 287
(b) A nonprofit corporation formed for the purposes of providing automobile-related services to its members or the public and that provides such services from more than one location in this state to operate a deputy registrar office at any location.	288 289 290 291 292
(3) As a daily adjustment, the bureau of motor vehicles shall credit to a deputy registrar the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code for each damaged license plate or validation sticker the deputy registrar replaces as a	293 294 295 296

service to a member of the public. 297

(4) (a) With the prior approval of the registrar, each 298
deputy registrar may conduct at the location of the deputy 299
registrar's office any business that is consistent with the 300
functions of a deputy registrar and that is not specifically 301
mandated or authorized by this or another chapter of the Revised 302
Code or by implementing rules of the registrar. 303

(b) In accordance with guidelines the director of public 304
safety shall establish, a deputy registrar may operate or 305
contract for the operation of a vending machine at a deputy 306
registrar location if products of the vending machine are 307
consistent with the functions of a deputy registrar. 308

(c) A deputy registrar may enter into an agreement with 309
the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure commission pursuant to 310
division (A) (11) of section 5537.04 of the Revised Code for the 311
purpose of allowing the general public to acquire from the 312
deputy registrar the electronic toll collection devices that are 313
used under the multi-jurisdiction electronic toll collection 314
agreement between the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure 315
commission and any other entities or agencies that participate 316
in such an agreement. The approval of the registrar is not 317
necessary if a deputy registrar engages in this activity. 318

(5) As used in this section and in section 4507.01 of the 319
Revised Code, "nonprofit corporation" has the same meaning as in 320
section 1702.01 of the Revised Code. 321

(E) (1) Unless otherwise terminated and except for interim 322
contracts lasting not longer than one year, contracts with 323
deputy registrars shall be entered into through a competitive 324
selection process and shall be limited in duration as follows: 325

(a) For contracts entered into between July 1, 1996 and 326
June 29, 2014, for a period of not less than two years, but not 327
more than three years; 328

(b) For contracts entered into on or after June 29, 2014, 329
for a period of five years, unless the registrar determines that 330
a shorter contract term is appropriate for a particular deputy 331
registrar. 332

(2) All contracts with deputy registrars shall expire on 333
the last Saturday of June in the year of their expiration. Prior 334
to the expiration of any deputy registrar contract, the 335
registrar, with the approval of the director, may award a one- 336
year contract extension to any deputy registrar who has provided 337
exemplary service based upon objective performance evaluations. 338

(3) (a) The auditor of state may examine the accounts, 339
reports, systems, and other data of each deputy registrar at 340
least every two years. The registrar, with the approval of the 341
director, shall immediately remove a deputy who violates any 342
provision of the Revised Code related to the duties as a deputy, 343
any rule adopted by the registrar, or a term of the deputy's 344
contract with the registrar. The registrar also may remove a 345
deputy who, in the opinion of the registrar, has engaged in any 346
conduct that is either unbecoming to one representing this state 347
or is inconsistent with the efficient operation of the deputy's 348
office. 349

(b) If the registrar, with the approval of the director, 350
determines that there is good cause to believe that a deputy 351
registrar or a person proposing for a deputy registrar contract 352
has engaged in any conduct that would require the denial or 353
termination of the deputy registrar contract, the registrar may 354
require the production of books, records, and papers as the 355

registrar determines are necessary, and may take the depositions 356
of witnesses residing within or outside the state in the same 357
manner as is prescribed by law for the taking of depositions in 358
civil actions in the court of common pleas, and for that purpose 359
the registrar may issue a subpoena for any witness or a subpoena 360
duces tecum to compel the production of any books, records, or 361
papers, directed to the sheriff of the county where the witness 362
resides or is found. Such a subpoena shall be served and 363
returned in the same manner as a subpoena in a criminal case is 364
served and returned. The fees of the sheriff shall be the same 365
as that allowed in the court of common pleas in criminal cases. 366
Witnesses shall be paid the fees and mileage provided for under 367
section 119.094 of the Revised Code. The fees and mileage shall 368
be paid from the fund in the state treasury for the use of the 369
agency in the same manner as other expenses of the agency are 370
paid. 371

In any case of disobedience or neglect of any subpoena 372
served on any person or the refusal of any witness to testify to 373
any matter regarding which the witness lawfully may be 374
interrogated, the court of common pleas of any county where the 375
disobedience, neglect, or refusal occurs or any judge of that 376
court, on application by the registrar, shall compel obedience 377
by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in the case of 378
disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from that 379
court, or a refusal to testify in that court. 380

(4) Nothing in division (E) of this section shall be 381
construed to require a hearing of any nature prior to the 382
termination of any deputy registrar contract by the registrar, 383
with the approval of the director, for cause. 384

(F) Except as provided in section 2743.03 of the Revised 385

Code, no court, other than the court of common pleas of Franklin 386
county, has jurisdiction of any action against the department of 387
public safety, the director, the bureau, or the registrar to 388
restrain the exercise of any power or authority, or to entertain 389
any action for declaratory judgment, in the selection and 390
appointment of, or contracting with, deputy registrars. Neither 391
the department, the director, the bureau, nor the registrar is 392
liable in any action at law for damages sustained by any person 393
because of any acts of the department, the director, the bureau, 394
or the registrar, or of any employee of the department or 395
bureau, in the performance of official duties in the selection 396
and appointment of, and contracting with, deputy registrars. 397

(G) The registrar shall assign to each deputy registrar a 398
series of numbers sufficient to supply the demand at all times 399
in the area the deputy registrar serves, and the registrar shall 400
keep a record in the registrar's office of the numbers within 401
the series assigned. Except as otherwise provided in section 402
3.061 of the Revised Code, each deputy shall be required to give 403
bond in the amount of at least twenty-five thousand dollars, or 404
in such higher amount as the registrar determines necessary, 405
based on a uniform schedule of bond amounts established by the 406
registrar and determined by the volume of registrations handled 407
by the deputy. The form of the bond shall be prescribed by the 408
registrar. The bonds required of deputy registrars, in the 409
discretion of the registrar, may be individual or schedule bonds 410
or may be included in any blanket bond coverage carried by the 411
department. 412

(H) Each deputy registrar shall keep a file of each 413
application received by the deputy and shall register that motor 414
vehicle with the name and address of its owner. 415

(I) Upon request, a deputy registrar shall make the physical inspection of a motor vehicle and issue the physical inspection certificate required in section 4505.061 of the Revised Code.

(J) Each deputy registrar shall file a report semiannually with the registrar of motor vehicles listing the number of applicants for licenses the deputy has served, the number of voter registration applications the deputy has completed and transmitted to the board of elections, and the number of voter registration applications declined.

Sec. 4503.10. (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be registered under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file an application for registration under section 4519.03 of the Revised Code. The owner of a motor vehicle, other than a snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, that is not designed and constructed by the manufacturer for operation on a street or highway may not register it under this chapter except upon certification of inspection pursuant to section 4513.02 of the Revised Code by the sheriff, or the chief of police of the municipal corporation or township, with jurisdiction over the political subdivision in which the owner of the motor vehicle resides. Except as provided in sections 4503.103 and 4503.107 of the Revised Code, every owner of every other motor vehicle not previously described in this section and every person mentioned as owner in the last certificate of title of a motor vehicle that is operated or driven upon the public roads or highways shall cause to be filed each year, by mail or otherwise, in the office of the registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar, a written or electronic application or a preprinted registration renewal notice issued under section

4503.102 of the Revised Code, the form of which shall be 447
prescribed by the registrar, for registration for the following 448
registration year, which shall begin on the first day of January 449
of every calendar year and end on the thirty-first day of 450
December in the same year. Applications for registration and 451
registration renewal notices shall be filed at the times 452
established by the registrar pursuant to section 4503.101 of the 453
Revised Code. A motor vehicle owner also may elect to apply for 454
or renew a motor vehicle registration by electronic means using 455
electronic signature in accordance with rules adopted by the 456
registrar. Except as provided in division (J) of this section, 457
applications for registration shall be made on blanks furnished 458
by the registrar for that purpose, containing the following 459
information: 460

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be 461
registered, including the year, make, model, and vehicle 462
identification number, and, in the case of commercial cars, the 463
gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped computed in the 464
manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code; 465

(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the 466
township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides; 467

(3) The district of registration, which shall be 468
determined as follows: 469

(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for 470
hire or principally in connection with any established business 471
or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the 472
district of registration is the municipal corporation in which 473
that place is located or, if not located in any municipal 474
corporation, the county and township in which that place is 475
located. 476

(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of 477
registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the 478
owner resides at the time of making the application. 479

(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor 480
vehicle; 481

(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle; 482

(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the 483
registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the 484
preceding registration year and during the preceding period of 485
the current registration year, have been paid. Each application 486
for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually 487
or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited 488
power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration, 489
or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner 490
elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with 491
the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature 492
is not required. 493

(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license 494
number, or state identification number, or, where a motor 495
vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in 496
connection with any established business, the owner's federal 497
taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles 498
shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided 499
under this section, but the bureau shall not place social 500
security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration. 501

(8) Whether the applicant wishes to certify willingness to 502
make an anatomical gift if an applicant has not so certified 503
under section 2108.05 of the Revised Code. The applicant's 504
response shall not be considered in the decision of whether to 505

approve the application for registration. 506

(B) (1) When an applicant first registers a motor vehicle 507
in the applicant's name, the applicant shall provide proof of 508
ownership of that motor vehicle. Proof of ownership may include 509
any of the following: 510

(a) The applicant may present for inspection a physical 511
certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing title to 512
the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the applicant. 513

(b) The applicant may present for inspection an electronic 514
certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle in a 515
manner prescribed by rules adopted by the registrar. 516

(c) The registrar or deputy registrar may electronically 517
confirm the applicant's ownership of the motor vehicle. 518

An applicant is not required to present a certificate of 519
title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a limited 520
authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules adopted by 521
the registrar. 522

(2) When a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance 523
program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code 524
and rules adopted under it, each application for registration 525
for a vehicle required to be inspected under that section and 526
those rules shall be accompanied by an inspection certificate or 527
alternative emissions certificate for the motor vehicle issued 528
in accordance with that section. 529

(3) An application for registration shall be refused if 530
any of the following applies: 531

(a) The application is not in proper form. 532

(b) The application is prohibited from being accepted by 533

division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 534
4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, division (D) of 535
section 4503.234, division (D) of section 4511.756, division (B) 536
(1) of section 4521.10, or division (B) of section 5537.041 of 537
the Revised Code. 538

(c) Proof of ownership is required but is not presented or 539
confirmed in accordance with division (B) (1) of this section. 540

(d) All registration and transfer fees for the motor 541
vehicle, for the preceding year or the preceding period of the 542
current registration year, have not been paid. 543

(e) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection 544
certificate or alternative emissions certificate for the motor 545
vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, and 546
rules adopted under it, if that section is applicable. 547

(4) This section does not require the payment of license 548
or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, 549
or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was 550
not taxable for that preceding year or period under sections 551
4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. 552
of the Revised Code. 553

(5) When a certificate of registration is issued upon the 554
first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the 555
owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the 556
issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum 557
certificate or, in the case of an electronic certificate of 558
title or electronic verification of ownership, an electronic 559
stamp or other notation as specified in rules adopted by the 560
registrar, and with a stamp on the inspection certificate for 561
the motor vehicle, if any. 562

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

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

(C) (1) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect the following additional fees for each application for registration and registration renewal received:

(a) Except as provided in division (C) (1) (b) of this section, a fee of eleven dollars on or before December 31, 2025, and a fee of sixteen dollars on and after January 1, 2026;

(b) For vehicles specified in divisions (A) (1) to (21) of section 4503.042 of the Revised Code, a fee of thirty dollars on or before December 31, 2025, and a fee of thirty-five dollars on and after January 1, 2026.

No additional fee shall be charged for vehicles registered under section 4503.65 of the Revised Code. Each additional fee

is for the purpose of defraying the department of public 592
safety's costs associated with the administration and 593
enforcement of the motor vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each 594
deputy registrar shall transmit the fees collected under 595
divisions (C) (1) and (3) of this section in the time and manner 596
provided in this section. The registrar shall deposit all moneys 597
received under division (C) (1) of this section into the public 598
safety - highway purposes fund established in section 4501.06 of 599
the Revised Code. 600

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be 601
made for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a 602
single charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county 603
identification sticker or each set of county identification 604
stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of 605
producing the license plates and stickers, including material, 606
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in 607
addition to the license tax. If the total cost of producing the 608
plates is less than twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total 609
cost of producing the stickers is less than twenty-five cents 610
per sticker or per set issued, any excess moneys accruing from 611
the fees shall be distributed in the same manner as provided by 612
section 4501.04 of the Revised Code for the distribution of 613
license tax moneys. If the total cost of producing the plates 614
exceeds twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total cost of 615
producing the stickers exceeds twenty-five cents per sticker or 616
per set issued, the difference shall be paid from the license 617
tax moneys collected pursuant to section 4503.02 of the Revised 618
Code. 619

(3) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 620
the following additional fee, as applicable, for each 621
application for registration or registration renewal received 622

for any hybrid motor vehicle, plug-in hybrid electric motor 623
vehicle, or battery electric motor vehicle: 624

(a) One hundred dollars for a hybrid motor vehicle; 625

(b) One hundred fifty dollars for a plug-in hybrid 626
electric motor vehicle; 627

(c) Two hundred dollars for a battery electric motor 628
vehicle. 629

Each fee imposed under this division shall be prorated 630
based on the number of months for which the vehicle is 631
registered. The registrar shall transmit all money arising from 632
each fee to the treasurer of state for distribution in 633
accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 of the Revised 634
Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 of the Revised 635
Code. 636

(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to 637
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 638
Code for each application for registration and registration 639
renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which shall be for 640
the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for the deputy 641
registrar's services, and such office and rental expenses, as 642
may be necessary for the proper discharge of the deputy 643
registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and renewal 644
notices and the issuing of registrations. 645

(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county 646
sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates 647
erroneously or fraudulently issued. 648

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application 649
for registration or registration renewal notice, together with 650
the license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied 651

pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit 652
that fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this 653
section, together with the original and duplicate copy of the 654
application, to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the 655
approval of the director of public safety, may deposit the funds 656
collected by those deputies in a local bank or depository to the 657
credit of the "state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a 658
local bank or depository has been designated by the registrar, 659
each deputy registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the 660
deputy registrar into that bank or depository not more than one 661
business day after their collection and shall make reports to 662
the registrar of the amounts so deposited, together with any 663
other information, some of which may be prescribed by the 664
treasurer of state, as the registrar may require and as 665
prescribed by the registrar by rule. The registrar, within three 666
days after receipt of notification of the deposit of funds by a 667
deputy registrar in a local bank or depository, shall draw on 668
that account in favor of the treasurer of state. The registrar, 669
subject to the approval of the director and the treasurer of 670
state, may make reasonable rules necessary for the prompt 671
transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the interests of the 672
state and of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and 673
transportation improvement districts levying local motor vehicle 674
license taxes. The registrar may pay service charges usually 675
collected by banks and depositories for such service. If deputy 676
registrars are located in communities where banking facilities 677
are not available, they shall transmit the fees forthwith, by 678
money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule approved by 679
the director and the treasurer of state, may prescribe. The 680
registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for such service. 681

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making 682

an application for a motor vehicle license directly to the 683
registrar by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of 684
the registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee equal to 685
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 686
Code for each application. 687

(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the 688
district of registration in an application required by division 689
(A) of this section. Violation of this division is falsification 690
under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as 691
specified in that section. 692

(I) (1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) 693
of this section relating to the presentation of an inspection 694
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 695
rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a 696
license for failure to present an inspection certificate or 697
alternative emissions certificate, and the stamping of the 698
inspection certificate or alternative emissions certificate by 699
the official issuing the certificate of registration apply to 700
the registration of and issuance of license plates for a motor 701
vehicle under sections 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 702
4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 703
4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised 704
Code. 705

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 706
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 707
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 708
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 709
receives information about the requirements established in that 710
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 711
present an inspection certificate or an alternative emissions 712

certificate with an application for registration or 713
preregistration. 714

(b) Upon request, the registrar shall provide the director 715
of environmental protection, or any person that has been awarded 716
a contract under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, an on-line 717
computer data link to registration information for all passenger 718
cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars that are 719
subject to that section. The registrar also shall provide to the 720
director of environmental protection a magnetic data tape 721
containing registration information regarding passenger cars, 722
noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars for which a 723
multi-year registration is in effect under section 4503.103 of 724
the Revised Code or rules adopted under it, including, without 725
limitation, the date of issuance of the multi-year registration, 726
the registration deadline established under rules adopted under 727
section 4503.101 of the Revised Code that was applicable in the 728
year in which the multi-year registration was issued, and the 729
registration deadline for renewal of the multi-year 730
registration. 731

(J) Subject to division (K) of this section, application 732
for registration under the international registration plan, as 733
set forth in sections 4503.60 to 4503.66 of the Revised Code, 734
shall be made to the registrar on forms furnished by the 735
registrar. In accordance with international registration plan 736
guidelines and pursuant to rules adopted by the registrar, the 737
forms shall include the following: 738

(1) A uniform mileage schedule; 739

(2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined 740
gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by 741
the registrant; 742

(3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule.	743
(K) The registrar shall determine the feasibility of implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and management program that will enable the owners of commercial tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If the registrar determines that implementing such a program is feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as necessary in order to respond to advances in technology.	744 745 746 747 748 749 750 751 752
If international registration plan guidelines and provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for registrations under the international registration plan to be made via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this division shall permit such action.	753 754 755 756 757
Sec. 4503.102. (A) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles may adopt rules to establish a centralized system of motor vehicle registration for initial registration, registration renewal, and transfer of registration, by mail or by electronic means.	758 759 760 761
(2) Any person applying electronically for initial registration or for transfer of registration may submit all associated documents electronically through the centralized system of motor vehicle registration established under this section. The registrar or a deputy registrar shall verify and authenticate such documents.	762 763 764 765 766 767
(3) Any person owning a motor vehicle that was registered in the person's name during the preceding registration year shall renew the registration of the motor vehicle not more than ninety days prior to the expiration date of the registration	768 769 770 771

through one of the following: 772

(a) By mail or by electronic means through the centralized 773
system of registration established under this section; 774

(b) In person at any office of the registrar or at a 775
deputy registrar's office. 776

(B) (1) Except as provided in division (B) (2) of this 777
section, no less than forty-five days prior to the expiration 778
date of any motor vehicle registration, the registrar shall mail 779
a renewal notice to the person in whose name the motor vehicle 780
is registered. The renewal notice shall clearly state that the 781
registration of the motor vehicle may be renewed by mail or 782
electronic means through the centralized system of registration 783
or in person at any office of the registrar or at a deputy 784
registrar's office and shall be preprinted with information 785
including, but not limited to, the owner's name and residence 786
address as shown in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles, 787
a brief description of the motor vehicle to be registered, 788
notice of the license taxes and fees due on the motor vehicle, 789
the toll-free telephone number of the registrar as required 790
under division (D) (1) of section 4503.031 of the Revised Code, 791
and any additional information the registrar may require by 792
rule. The renewal notice shall not include the social security 793
number of either the owner of the motor vehicle or the person in 794
whose name the motor vehicle is registered. The renewal notice 795
shall be sent by regular mail to the owner's last known address 796
as shown in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles. 797

(2) The registrar is not required to mail a renewal notice 798
if either of the following applies: 799

(a) The owner of the vehicle has consented to receiving 800

the renewal notice by electronic means only. 801

(b) The application for renewal of the registration of a 802
motor vehicle is prohibited from being accepted by the registrar 803
or a deputy registrar by division (D) of section 2935.27, 804
division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 805
4510.22, division (D) of section 4503.234, division (D) of 806
section 4511.756, division (B) (1) of section 4521.10, or 807
division (B) of section 5537.041 of the Revised Code. 808

(3) If the owner of a motor vehicle has consented to 809
receiving a renewal notice by electronic means only, the 810
registrar shall send an electronic renewal notice to the owner 811
that contains the information specified in division (B) (1) of 812
this section at the time specified under that division. 813

(C) The owner of the motor vehicle shall verify the 814
information contained in the notice, sign it either manually or 815
by electronic means, and return it, either by mail or electronic 816
means, or the owner may take it in person to any office of the 817
registrar or of a deputy registrar. The owner shall include with 818
the notice a financial transaction device number when renewing 819
in person or by electronic means but not by mail, check, or 820
money order in the amount of the registration taxes and fees 821
payable on the motor vehicle and a service fee equal to the 822
amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code, 823
plus postage as indicated on the notice if the registration is 824
renewed or fulfilled by mail, and an inspection certificate or 825
alternative emissions certificate for the motor vehicle as 826
provided in section 3704.14 of the Revised Code. If the motor 827
vehicle owner chooses to renew the motor vehicle registration by 828
electronic means, the owner shall proceed in accordance with the 829
rules the registrar adopts. 830

(D) If all registration and transfer fees for the motor vehicle for the preceding year or the preceding period of the current registration year have not been paid, if division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, division (D) of section 4503.234, division (D) of section 4511.756, division (B) (1) of section 4521.10, or division (B) of section 5537.041 of the Revised Code prohibits acceptance of the renewal notice, or if the owner or lessee does not have an inspection certificate or alternative emissions certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, if that section is applicable, the license shall be refused, and the registrar or deputy registrar shall so notify the owner. This section does not require the payment of license or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was not taxable for that preceding year or period under section 4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, or 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code.

(E) (1) Failure to receive a renewal notice does not relieve a motor vehicle owner from the responsibility to renew the registration for the motor vehicle. Any person who has a motor vehicle registered in this state and who does not receive a renewal notice as provided in division (B) of this section prior to the expiration date of the registration shall request an application for registration from the registrar or a deputy registrar and sign the application manually or by electronic means and submit the application and pay any applicable license taxes and fees to the registrar or deputy registrar.

(2) If the owner of a motor vehicle submits an application for registration and the registrar is prohibited by division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 4503.13, division

(B) of section 4510.22, division (D) of section 4503.234, 862
division (D) of section 4511.756, division (B)(1) of section 863
4521.10, or division (B) of section 5537.041 of the Revised Code 864
from accepting the application, the registrar shall return the 865
application and the payment to the owner. If the owner of a 866
motor vehicle submits a registration renewal application to the 867
registrar by electronic means and the registrar is prohibited 868
from accepting the application as provided in this division, the 869
registrar shall notify the owner of this fact and deny the 870
application and return the payment or give a credit on the 871
financial transaction device account of the owner in the manner 872
the registrar prescribes by rule adopted pursuant to division 873
(A) of this section. 874

(F) Every deputy registrar shall post in a prominent place 875
at the deputy's office a notice informing the public of the mail 876
registration system required by this section and also shall post 877
a notice that every owner of a motor vehicle and every chauffeur 878
holding a certificate of registration is required to notify the 879
registrar in writing of any change of residence within ten days 880
after the change occurs. The notice shall be in such form as the 881
registrar prescribes by rule. 882

(G) (1) The service fee equal to the amount established 883
under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code that is collected 884
from a person who renews a motor vehicle registration by 885
electronic means or by mail, plus postage collected by the 886
registrar and any financial transaction device surcharge 887
collected by the registrar, shall be paid to the credit of the 888
public safety - highway purposes fund established by section 889
4501.06 of the Revised Code. 890

(2) A person who submits an initial registration or a 891

transfer of registration by electronic means under this section 892
shall pay a service fee equal to the amount established under 893
section 4503.038 of the Revised Code, any necessary postage 894
costs, and any financial transaction device surcharge, as 895
applicable. The service fee collected shall be paid either to 896
the registrar or to the deputy registrar that verifies and 897
authenticates the submitted documents in accordance with 898
division (A) (2) of this section. If the registrar authorizes a 899
deputy registrar to mail the certificate of registration and any 900
associated license plate to the applicant, the postage costs 901
shall be paid to that deputy registrar. 902

(H) (1) Pursuant to section 113.40 of the Revised Code, the 903
registrar shall implement a program permitting payment of motor 904
vehicle registration taxes and fees, driver's license and 905
commercial driver's license fees, and any other taxes, fees, 906
penalties, or charges imposed or levied by the state by means of 907
a financial transaction device for transactions occurring 908
online, at any office of the registrar, and at all deputy 909
registrar locations. The program shall take effect not later 910
than July 1, 2016. The registrar shall adopt rules as necessary 911
for this purpose, but all such rules are subject to any action, 912
policy, or procedure of the board of deposit or treasurer of 913
state taken or adopted under section 113.40 of the Revised Code. 914

(2) The rules adopted under division (H) (1) of this 915
section shall require a deputy registrar to accept payments by 916
means of a financial transaction device beginning on the 917
effective date of the rules unless the deputy registrar contract 918
entered into by the deputy registrar prohibits the acceptance of 919
such payments by financial transaction device. However, 920
commencing with deputy registrar contract awards that have a 921
start date of July 1, 2016, and for all contract awards 922

thereafter, the registrar shall require that the proposer accept 923
payment by means of a financial transaction device, including 924
credit cards and debit cards, for all department of public 925
safety transactions conducted at that deputy registrar location. 926

The bureau and deputy registrars are not required to pay 927
any costs that result from accepting payment by means of a 928
financial transaction device. A deputy registrar may charge a 929
person who tenders payment for a department transaction by means 930
of a financial transaction device any cost the deputy registrar 931
incurs from accepting payment by the financial transaction 932
device, but the deputy registrar shall not require the person to 933
pay any additional fee of any kind in connection with the use by 934
the person of the financial transaction device. 935

(3) In accordance with division (H) (1) of this section and 936
rules adopted by the registrar under that division, a county 937
auditor or clerk of a court of common pleas that is designated a 938
deputy registrar shall accept payment by means of a financial 939
transaction device, including credit cards and debit cards, for 940
all department transactions conducted at the office of the 941
county auditor or clerk in the county auditor's or clerk's 942
capacity as deputy registrar. The bureau is not required to pay 943
any costs incurred by a county auditor or clerk that result from 944
accepting payment by means of a financial transaction device for 945
any department transaction. 946

(I) For persons who reside in counties where tailpipe 947
emissions inspections are required under the motor vehicle 948
inspection and maintenance program, the notice required by 949
division (B) of this section shall also include the toll-free 950
telephone number maintained by the Ohio environmental protection 951
agency to provide information concerning the locations of 952

emissions testing centers. The registrar also shall include a 953
statement in the notice that a battery electric motor vehicle is 954
not required to undergo emissions inspection under the motor 955
vehicle inspection and maintenance program established under 956
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code. 957

Sec. 4503.12. (A) Upon the transfer of ownership of a 958
motor vehicle, the registration of the motor vehicle expires, 959
and the original owner immediately shall remove the license 960
plates from the motor vehicle, except that: 961

(1) If a statutory merger or consolidation results in the 962
transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle from a constituent 963
corporation to the surviving corporation, or if the 964
incorporation of a proprietorship or partnership results in the 965
transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle from the proprietorship 966
or partnership to the corporation, the registration shall be 967
continued upon the filing by the surviving or new corporation, 968
within thirty days of such transfer, of an application for an 969
amended certificate of registration. Upon a proper filing, the 970
registrar of motor vehicles shall issue an amended certificate 971
of registration in the name of the new owner. 972

(2) If the death of the owner of a motor vehicle results 973
in the transfer of ownership of the motor vehicle to the 974
surviving spouse of the owner or if a motor vehicle is owned by 975
two persons under joint ownership with right of survivorship 976
established under section 2131.12 of the Revised Code and one of 977
those persons dies, the registration shall be continued upon the 978
filing by the survivor of an application for an amended 979
certificate of registration. In relation to a motor vehicle that 980
is owned by two persons under joint ownership with right of 981
survivorship established under section 2131.12 of the Revised 982

Code, the application shall be accompanied by a copy of the 983
certificate of title that specifies that the vehicle is owned 984
under joint ownership with right of survivorship. Upon a proper 985
filing, the registrar shall issue an amended certificate of 986
registration in the name of the survivor. 987

(3) If the death of the owner of a motor vehicle results 988
in the transfer of ownership of the motor vehicle to a transfer- 989
on-death beneficiary or beneficiaries designated under section 990
2131.13 of the Revised Code, the registration shall be continued 991
upon the filing by the transfer-on-death beneficiary or 992
beneficiaries of an application for an amended certificate of 993
registration. The application shall be accompanied by a copy of 994
the certificate of title that specifies that the owner of the 995
motor vehicle has designated the motor vehicle in beneficiary 996
form under section 2131.13 of the Revised Code. Upon a proper 997
filing, the registrar shall issue an amended certificate of 998
registration in the name of the transfer-on-death beneficiary or 999
beneficiaries. 1000

(4) If the original owner of a motor vehicle that has been 1001
transferred makes application for the registration of another 1002
motor vehicle at any time during the remainder of the 1003
registration period for which the transferred motor vehicle was 1004
registered, the owner may file an application for transfer of 1005
the registration and, where applicable, the license plates. The 1006
transfer of the registration and, where applicable, the license 1007
plates from the motor vehicle for which they originally were 1008
issued to a succeeding motor vehicle purchased by the same 1009
person in whose name the original registration and license 1010
plates were issued shall be done within a period not to exceed 1011
thirty days. During that thirty-day period, the license plates 1012
from the motor vehicle for which they originally were issued may 1013

be displayed on the succeeding motor vehicle, and the succeeding 1014
motor vehicle may be operated on the public roads and highways 1015
in this state. 1016

At the time of application for transfer, the registrar 1017
shall compute and collect the amount of tax due on the 1018
succeeding motor vehicle, based upon the amount that would be 1019
due on a new registration as of the date on which the transfer 1020
is made less a credit for the unused portion of the original 1021
registration beginning on that date. If the credit exceeds the 1022
amount of tax due on the new registration, no refund shall be 1023
made. In computing the amount of tax due and credits to be 1024
allowed under this division, the provisions of division (B) (1) 1025
(a) and (b) of section 4503.11 of the Revised Code shall apply. 1026
As to passenger cars, noncommercial vehicles, motor homes, and 1027
motorcycles, transfers within or between these classes of motor 1028
vehicles only shall be allowed. If the succeeding motor vehicle 1029
is of a different class than the motor vehicle for which the 1030
registration originally was issued, new license plates also 1031
shall be issued upon the surrender of the license plates 1032
originally issued and payment of the fees provided in divisions 1033
(C) and (D) of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code. 1034

(5) The owner of a commercial car having a gross vehicle 1035
weight or combined gross vehicle weight of more than ten 1036
thousand pounds may transfer the registration of that commercial 1037
car to another commercial car the owner owns without 1038
transferring ownership of the first commercial car. At any time 1039
during the remainder of the registration period for which the 1040
first commercial car was registered, the owner may file an 1041
application for the transfer of the registration and, where 1042
applicable, the license plates, accompanied by the certificate 1043
of registration of the first commercial car. The amount of any 1044

tax due or credit to be allowed for a transfer of registration 1045
under this division shall be computed in accordance with 1046
division (A) (4) of this section. 1047

No commercial car to which a registration is transferred 1048
under this division shall be operated on a public road or 1049
highway in this state until after the transfer of registration 1050
is completed in accordance with this division. 1051

(6) Upon application to the registrar or a deputy 1052
registrar, a person who owns or leases a motor vehicle may 1053
transfer special license plates assigned to that vehicle to any 1054
other vehicle that the person owns or leases or that is owned or 1055
leased by the person's spouse. As appropriate, the application 1056
also shall be accompanied by a power of attorney for the 1057
registration of a leased vehicle and a written statement 1058
releasing the special plates to the applicant. Upon a proper 1059
filing, the registrar or deputy registrar shall assign the 1060
special license plates to the motor vehicle owned or leased by 1061
the applicant and issue a new certificate of registration for 1062
that motor vehicle. 1063

(7) If a corporation transfers the ownership of a motor 1064
vehicle to an affiliated corporation, the affiliated corporation 1065
may apply to the registrar for the transfer of the registration 1066
and any license plates. The registrar may require the applicant 1067
to submit documentation of the corporate relationship and shall 1068
determine whether the application for registration transfer is 1069
made in good faith and not for the purposes of circumventing the 1070
provisions of this chapter. Upon a proper filing, the registrar 1071
shall issue an amended certificate of registration in the name 1072
of the new owner. 1073

(B) An application under division (A) of this section 1074

shall be accompanied by a service fee equal to the amount 1075
established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code, a 1076
transfer fee of one dollar, and the original certificate of 1077
registration, if applicable. 1078

(C) Neither the registrar nor a deputy registrar shall 1079
transfer a registration under division (A) of this section if 1080
the registration is prohibited by division (D) of section 1081
2935.27, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (D) of 1082
section 4503.234, division (B) of section 4510.22, division (D) 1083
of section 4511.756, division (B) (1) of section 4521.10, or 1084
division (B) of section 5537.041 of the Revised Code. 1085

(D) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is 1086
guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 1087

(E) As used in division (A) (6) of this section, "special 1088
license plates" means either of the following: 1089

(1) Any license plates for which the person to whom the 1090
license plates are issued must pay an additional fee in excess 1091
of the fees prescribed in section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, 1092
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, and the service fee 1093
prescribed in division (D) or (G) of section 4503.10 of the 1094
Revised Code; 1095

(2) License plates issued under section 4503.44 of the 1096
Revised Code. 1097

Sec. 4510.036. (A) The bureau of motor vehicles shall 1098
record within ten days of conviction or bail forfeiture and 1099
shall keep at its main office, all abstracts received under this 1100
section or section 4510.03, 4510.031, 4510.032, or 4510.034 of 1101
the Revised Code and shall maintain records of convictions and 1102
bond forfeitures for any violation of a state law or a municipal 1103

ordinance regulating the operation of vehicles, streetcars, and 1104
trackless trolleys on highways and streets, except a violation 1105
related to parking a motor vehicle. 1106

(B) Every court of record or mayor's court before which a 1107
person is charged with a violation for which points are 1108
chargeable by this section shall assess and transcribe to the 1109
abstract of conviction that is furnished by the bureau to the 1110
court the number of points chargeable by this section in the 1111
correct space assigned on the reporting form. A United States 1112
district court that has jurisdiction within this state and 1113
before which a person is charged with a violation for which 1114
points are chargeable by this section may assess and transcribe 1115
to the abstract of conviction report that is furnished by the 1116
bureau the number of points chargeable by this section in the 1117
correct space assigned on the reporting form. If the federal 1118
court so assesses and transcribes the points chargeable for the 1119
offense and furnishes the report to the bureau, the bureau shall 1120
record the points in the same manner as those assessed and 1121
transcribed by a court of record or mayor's court. 1122

(C) A court shall assess the following points for an 1123
offense based on the following formula: 1124

(1) Aggravated vehicular homicide, vehicular homicide, 1125
vehicular manslaughter, aggravated vehicular assault, or 1126
vehicular assault when the offense involves the operation of a 1127
vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley on a highway or street 1128
_____ 6 points 1129

(2) A violation of section 2921.331 of the Revised Code or 1130
any ordinance prohibiting the willful fleeing or eluding of a 1131
law enforcement officer _____ 6 points 1132

(3) A violation of section 4549.02 or 4549.021 of the Revised Code or any ordinance requiring the driver of a vehicle to stop and disclose identity at the scene of an accident _____ 6 points

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(4) A violation of section 4511.251 of the Revised Code or any ordinance prohibiting street racing, stunt driving, or street takeover _____ 6 points

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(5) A violation of section 4510.037 of the Revised Code or any ordinance prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while the driver's or commercial driver's license is under a twelve-point suspension _____ 6 points

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(6) A violation of section 4510.14 of the Revised Code, or any ordinance prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle upon the public roads or highways within this state while the driver's or commercial driver's license of the person is under suspension and the suspension was imposed under section 4511.19, 4511.191, or 4511.196 of the Revised Code or section 4510.07 of the Revised Code due to a conviction for a violation of a municipal OVI ordinance or any ordinance prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while the driver's or commercial driver's license is under suspension for an OVI offense _____ 6 points

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(7) A violation of division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code, any ordinance prohibiting the operation of a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or a combination of them, or any ordinance substantially equivalent to division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code prohibiting the operation of a vehicle with a prohibited concentration of alcohol, a controlled substance, or a metabolite of a controlled substance in the whole blood, blood

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serum or plasma, breath, or urine _____ 6 points	1163
(8) A violation of section 2913.03 of the Revised Code	1164
that does not involve an aircraft or motorboat or any ordinance	1165
prohibiting the operation of a vehicle without the consent of	1166
the owner _____ 6 points	1167
(9) Any offense under the motor vehicle laws of this state	1168
that is a felony, or any other felony in the commission of which	1169
a motor vehicle was used _____ 6 points	1170
(10) A violation of division (B) of section 4511.19 of the	1171
Revised Code or any ordinance substantially equivalent to that	1172
division prohibiting the operation of a vehicle with a	1173
prohibited concentration of alcohol in the whole blood, blood	1174
serum or plasma, breath, or urine _____ 4 points	1175
(11) A violation of section 4511.20 of the Revised Code or	1176
any ordinance prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle in	1177
willful or wanton disregard of the safety of persons or property	1178
_____ 4 points	1179
(12) A violation of any law or ordinance pertaining to	1180
speed:	1181
(a) Notwithstanding divisions (C) (12) (b) and (c) of this	1182
section, when the speed exceeds the lawful speed limit by thirty	1183
miles per hour or more _____ 4 points	1184
(b) When the speed exceeds the lawful speed limit of	1185
fifty-five miles per hour or more by more than ten miles per	1186
hour _____ 2 points	1187
(c) When the speed exceeds the lawful speed limit of less	1188
than fifty-five miles per hour by more than five miles per hour	1189
_____ 2 points	1190

(d) When the speed does not exceed the amounts set forth	1191
in divisions (C) (12) (a), (b), or (c) of this section _____	1192
0 points	1193
(13) A violation of division (A) of section 4511.204 of	1194
the Revised Code or any substantially similar municipal	1195
ordinance:	1196
(a) For a first offense within any two-year period	1197
_____ 2 points	1198
(b) For a second offense within any two-year period	1199
_____ 3 points	1200
(c) For a third or subsequent offense within any two-year	1201
period _____ 4 points.	1202
(14) <u>A violation of division (A) of section 4511.75 of the</u>	1203
<u>Revised Code:</u>	1204
(a) <u>For a first offense within any five-year period</u>	1205
<u>2 points</u>	1206
(b) <u>For a second or subsequent offense within any five-</u>	1207
<u>year period _____ 4 points.</u>	1208
(15) <u>Operating a motor vehicle in violation of a</u>	1209
<u>restriction imposed by the registrar _____ 2 points</u>	1210
(15) <u>(16) A violation of section 4510.11, 4510.111,</u>	1211
<u>4510.16, or 4510.21 of the Revised Code or any ordinance</u>	1212
<u>prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while the driver's</u>	1213
<u>or commercial driver's license is under suspension _____ 2</u>	1214
<u>points</u>	1215
(16) <u>(17) With the exception of violations under section</u>	1216
<u>4510.12 of the Revised Code where no points shall be assessed,</u>	1217

all other moving violations reported under this section 1218

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(D) Upon receiving notification from the proper court, 1220
including a United States district court that has jurisdiction 1221
within this state, the bureau shall delete any points entered 1222
for a bond forfeiture if the driver is acquitted of the offense 1223
for which bond was posted. 1224

(E) If a person is convicted of or forfeits bail for two 1225
or more offenses arising out of the same facts and points are 1226
chargeable for each of the offenses, points shall be charged for 1227
only the conviction or bond forfeiture for which the greater 1228
number of points is chargeable, and, if the number of points 1229
chargeable for each offense is equal, only one offense shall be 1230
recorded, and points shall be charged only for that offense. 1231

Sec. 4511.75. ~~(A)~~ (A) (1) The driver of a vehicle, 1232
streetcar, or trackless trolley upon meeting or overtaking from 1233
either direction any school bus stopped for the purpose of 1234
receiving or discharging any school child, person attending 1235
programs offered by community boards of mental health and county 1236
boards of developmental disabilities, or child attending a 1237
program offered by a head start agency, shall stop at least ten 1238
feet from the front or rear of the school bus and shall not 1239
proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until signaled 1240
by the school bus driver or a law enforcement officer to 1241
proceed. 1242

(2) It is no defense to a charge under ~~this~~ division (A) 1243
(1) of this section that the school bus involved failed to 1244
display or be equipped with an automatically extended stop 1245
warning sign as required by division (B) of this section. 1246

(B) Every school bus shall be equipped with amber and red 1247
visual signals meeting the requirements of section 4511.771 of 1248
the Revised Code, and an automatically extended stop warning 1249
sign of a type approved by the department of education and 1250
workforce, which shall be actuated by the driver of the bus 1251
whenever but only whenever the bus is stopped or stopping on the 1252
roadway for the purpose of receiving or discharging school 1253
children, persons attending programs offered by community boards 1254
of mental health and county boards of developmental 1255
disabilities, or children attending programs offered by head 1256
start agencies. A school bus driver shall not actuate the visual 1257
signals or the stop warning sign in designated school bus 1258
loading areas where the bus is entirely off the roadway or at 1259
school buildings when children or persons attending programs 1260
offered by community boards of mental health and county boards 1261
of developmental disabilities are loading or unloading at 1262
curbside or at buildings when children attending programs 1263
offered by head start agencies are loading or unloading at 1264
curbside. The visual signals and stop warning sign shall be 1265
synchronized or otherwise operated as required by rule of the 1266
board. 1267

(C) Where a highway has been divided into four or more 1268
traffic lanes, a driver of a vehicle, streetcar, or trackless 1269
trolley need not stop for a school bus approaching from the 1270
opposite direction which has stopped for the purpose of 1271
receiving or discharging any school child, persons attending 1272
programs offered by community boards of mental health and county 1273
boards of developmental disabilities, or children attending 1274
programs offered by head start agencies. The driver of any 1275
vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley overtaking the school 1276
bus shall comply with division (A) of this section. 1277

(D) School buses operating on divided highways or on 1278
highways with four or more traffic lanes shall receive and 1279
discharge all school children, persons attending programs 1280
offered by community boards of mental health and county boards 1281
of developmental disabilities, and children attending programs 1282
offered by head start agencies on their residence side of the 1283
highway. 1284

(E) No school bus driver shall start the driver's bus 1285
until after any child, person attending programs offered by 1286
community boards of mental health and county boards of 1287
developmental disabilities, or child attending a program offered 1288
by a head start agency who may have alighted therefrom has 1289
reached a place of safety on the child's or person's residence 1290
side of the road. 1291

~~(F) (1) Whoever~~ (F) Except as provided in division (G) of 1292
this section, whoever violates division (A) of this section may 1293
be fined an amount is guilty of passing a stopped school bus, an 1294
unclassified misdemeanor. The court, including a mayor's court, 1295
shall punish the offender in accordance with divisions (F) (1) to 1296
(6) of this section. 1297

(1) (a) Except as provided in divisions (F) (1) (b) and (c) 1298
of this section, the court shall impose upon the offender a fine 1299
of not to exceed five less than two hundred fifty and not more 1300
than one thousand dollars. A- 1301

(b) If, within five years of the violation, the offender 1302
has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a prior violation of 1303
this section, the court shall impose upon the offender a fine of 1304
not less than three hundred fifty and not more than two thousand 1305
dollars. 1306

(c) In lieu of the fine range specified in division (F) (1) 1307
(a) of this section, the court may impose a fine of one hundred 1308
fifty dollars for an offender who has not been convicted of or 1309
pleaded guilty to a prior violation of this section if the 1310
offender attends and successfully completes the school bus 1311
safety course described in division (F) (4) of this section 1312
within a time frame specified by the court. 1313

(2) A person who is issued a criminal citation for a 1314
violation of division (A) of this section is not permitted to 1315
enter a written plea of guilty and waive the person's right to 1316
contest the citation in a trial but instead must appear in 1317
person in the proper court to answer the charge. 1318

~~(2) In addition to and independent of any other penalty~~ 1319
~~provided by law, the~~ (3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in 1320
division (F) (3) (b) of this section, the court or mayor may 1321
impose upon an the offender who violates this section a class 1322
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commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, 1324
probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege from 1325
the range specified in division ~~(A) (7)~~ (A) (6) of section 4510.02 1326
of the Revised Code. ~~When~~ 1327

(b) If, within five years of the violation, the offender 1328
has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a prior violation of 1329
this section, the court shall impose upon the offender a class 1330
five suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial 1331
driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary 1332
license, or nonresident operating privilege from the range 1333
specified in division (A) (5) of section 4510.02 of the Revised 1334
Code. 1335

(c) When a license is suspended under this section, the 1336

court ~~or mayor~~ shall cause the offender to deliver the license 1337
to the court, and the court or clerk of the court immediately 1338
shall forward the license to the registrar of motor vehicles, 1339
together with notice of the court's action. 1340

(4) If, within five years of the violation, the offender 1341
has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a prior violation of 1342
this section, the court shall require the offender to attend and 1343
successfully complete a school bus safety course. The director 1344
of public safety shall develop the contents and determine the 1345
duration of the course. 1346

(5) (a) Except as provided in division (F) (5) (b) of this 1347
section, the court shall assess points for the violation in 1348
accordance with section 4510.036 of the Revised Code. 1349

(b) The court may waive the assessment of points for an 1350
offender who has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a 1351
prior violation of this section if the offender attends and 1352
successfully completes the school bus safety course described in 1353
division (F) (4) of this section within a time frame specified by 1354
the court. 1355

(6) The court may impose any other penalty authorized 1356
under sections 2929.21 to 2929.28 of the Revised Code. However, 1357
except as provided in division (G) of this section, the court 1358
shall not impose a fine or a suspension not otherwise specified 1359
in division (F) of this section. The court also shall not impose 1360
a jail term or community residential sanction. 1361

(G) If the identity of the driver of a vehicle that is the 1362
subject of a violation of division (A) of this section cannot be 1363
established through investigation or otherwise, the registered 1364
owner of a vehicle may be fined a civil penalty of three hundred 1365

dollars in accordance with sections 4511.753 to 4511.757 of the 1366
Revised Code when that owner's vehicle is used to commit a 1367
violation of division (A) of this section. 1368

(H) Any fine collected under division (F) of this section 1369
shall be paid to the school bus safety fund created in section 1370
3327.18 of the Revised Code and shall be used for the purposes 1371
established under that section. 1372

(I) As used in this section: 1373

(1) "Head start agency" has the same meaning as in section 1374
3301.32 of the Revised Code. 1375

(2) "School bus," as used in relation to children who 1376
attend a program offered by a head start agency, means a bus 1377
that is owned and operated by a head start agency, is equipped 1378
with an automatically extended stop warning sign of a type 1379
approved by the department, is painted the color and displays 1380
the markings described in section 4511.77 of the Revised Code, 1381
and is equipped with amber and red visual signals meeting the 1382
requirements of section 4511.771 of the Revised Code, 1383
irrespective of whether or not the bus has fifteen or more 1384
children aboard at any time. "School bus" does not include a van 1385
owned and operated by a head start agency, irrespective of its 1386
color, lights, or markings. 1387

(3) "Registered owner" has the same meaning as in section 1388
4511.752 of the Revised Code. 1389

Sec. 4511.751. (A) As used in this section, ~~"license~~: 1390

(1) "License plate" includes, but is not limited to, any 1391
temporary motor vehicle license registration issued under 1392
section 4503.182 of the Revised Code or similar law of another 1393
jurisdiction. 1394

(2) "Entity responsible for operation of a school bus," 1395
"law enforcement agency," "notice of violation," "registered 1396
owner," and "school bus violation detection monitoring system" 1397
have the same meanings as in section 4511.752 of the Revised 1398
Code. 1399

(B) When the operator of a school bus believes that a 1400
motorist has violated division (A) of section 4511.75 of the 1401
Revised Code, the operator shall report the license plate number 1402
and a general description of the vehicle and of the operator of 1403
the vehicle to the law enforcement agency exercising 1404
jurisdiction over the area where the alleged violation occurred. 1405
The information contained in the report relating to the license 1406
plate number and to the general description of the vehicle and 1407
the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation 1408
may be supplied or corroborated by any person with first-hand 1409
knowledge of the information. ~~Information of which the operator~~ 1410
~~of the school bus has first-hand knowledge contained in the~~ 1411
report also may be supplied or corroborated by any other person, 1412
an entity responsible for operation of a school bus or its 1413
contracted private vendor, or through an image, images, or video 1414
captured by a school bus camera, including a school bus 1415
violation detection monitoring system, installed pursuant to 1416
section 4511.76 of the Revised Code. 1417

(C) (1) Upon receipt of the report of the alleged violation 1418
of division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code, the law 1419
enforcement agency shall conduct an investigation to attempt to 1420
determine or confirm the following: 1421

(a) The license plate number and the make and model of the 1422
vehicle; 1423

(b) The date, approximate time, and location of the 1424

alleged violation; 1425

(c) The identity of the operator of the vehicle at the 1426
time of the alleged violation. ~~If~~ 1427

(2) The law enforcement agency may use a sufficiently 1428
clear image, images, or video provided by a school bus camera, 1429
including a school bus violation detection monitoring system 1430
installed pursuant to section 4511.76 of the Revised Code, to 1431
determine the information specified in division (C)(1) of this 1432
section. 1433

(D) If the identity of the operator at the time of the 1434
alleged violation is established, the reporting of the license 1435
plate number of the vehicle shall establish probable cause for 1436
the law enforcement agency to issue a criminal citation for the 1437
violation of division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised 1438
Code. ~~However, if~~ 1439

(E) If the identity of the operator of the vehicle at the 1440
time of the alleged violation cannot be established and the 1441
recorded image, images, or video are sufficiently clear to 1442
identify the license plate of the vehicle that is the subject of 1443
the alleged violation, the law enforcement agency shall issue a 1444
warning may do one of the following, as applicable: 1445

(1) Issue a notice of violation for a civil penalty of 1446
three hundred dollars to the registered owner of the vehicle at 1447
the time of the alleged violation, ~~except in the case of a~~ 1448
~~leased or rented vehicle when the warning shall be issued to the~~ 1449
~~lessee at the time of the alleged violation~~in accordance with 1450
sections 4511.753 to 4511.757 of the Revised Code. A law 1451
enforcement agency shall not issue a notice of violation under 1452
this division unless both of the following apply: 1453

(a) The entity responsible for operation of the school bus that is the subject of the alleged violation has installed and monitors a school bus violation detection monitoring system pursuant to section 4511.76 of the Revised Code on all school buses actively operated by the entity for transportation routes. 1454
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(b) The recorded image meets all requirements necessary to issue a ticket under section 4511.753 of the Revised Code. 1459
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(2) Issue a warning to the registered owner of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation. 1461
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(F) A law enforcement agency shall not issue both a criminal citation and a civil notice of violation for a single instance of a violation of division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code. 1463
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(G) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles and deputy registrars shall provide access to, at the time of issuing license plates or a driver's license to any person, include with the license plate a summary of the following: 1467
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(a) The requirements of division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code and the; 1471
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(b) The procedures of and penalty in division (F) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code; 1473
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(c) The process, described in division (B) of this section, that allows any person with first-hand knowledge of a violation of division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code to corroborate the report made by the operator of a school bus. 1475
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(2) The registrar shall make the summaries required under division (G) (1) of this section available on the bureau of motor vehicles' web site. 1479
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(H) For purposes of enforcing section 4511.75 of the 1482
Revised Code under this section, the state highway patrol may 1483
issue a criminal citation under division (D) of this section, 1484
but shall not issue a notice of violation for a civil violation 1485
under division (E) of this section. If the identity of the 1486
operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation 1487
cannot be established, the state highway patrol may issue a 1488
warning to the registered owner of the vehicle at the time of 1489
the alleged violation. 1490

Sec. 4511.752. As used in sections 4511.752 to 4511.757 1491
and section 4511.76 of the Revised Code: 1492

(A) "Designated party" means the person whom a registered 1493
owner of a vehicle identifies as the person who was operating 1494
the owner's vehicle at the time of a school bus violation. 1495

(B) "Entity responsible for operation of the school bus" 1496
means the applicable board of education of a city, local or 1497
exempted village school district, the governing board of an 1498
educational service center, a county board of developmental 1499
disabilities, or the governing authority of a chartered 1500
nonpublic school, community school established under Chapter 1501
3314. of the Revised Code, STEM school established under Chapter 1502
3326. of the Revised Code, or head start program that is 1503
responsible for the operation of the school bus on which a 1504
school bus violation detection monitoring system is installed. 1505

(C) "Law enforcement officer" means a sheriff, deputy 1506
sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal, school resource officer, 1507
police officer of a police department of any municipal 1508
corporation, police constable of any township, or police officer 1509
of a township or joint police district who is employed by a law 1510
enforcement agency. 1511

(D) "License plate" includes any temporary motor vehicle 1512
license registration issued under section 4503.182 of the 1513
Revised Code or similar law of another jurisdiction. 1514

(E) "Motor vehicle dealer" has the same meaning as in 1515
section 4517.01 of the Revised Code. 1516

(F) "Motor vehicle renting dealer" has the same meaning as 1517
in section 4549.65 of the Revised Code. 1518

(G) "Notice of violation" means a traffic ticket, 1519
citation, summons, or other ticket issued in response to an 1520
alleged school bus violation detected by a school bus violation 1521
detection monitoring system that represents a civil violation. 1522

(H) "Recorded images" means either of the following, 1523
recorded by a school bus violation detection monitoring system, 1524
when it is sufficiently clear and shows, on at least one image 1525
or on a portion of the videotape, the rear of a vehicle and the 1526
letters and numerals on the rear license plate of the vehicle: 1527

(1) Two or more photographs, microphotographs, electronic 1528
images, or digital images; 1529

(2) Videotape. 1530

(I) "Registered owner" means all of the following: 1531

(1) Any person or entity identified by the bureau of motor 1532
vehicles or any other state motor vehicle registration bureau, 1533
department, or office as the owner of a vehicle; 1534

(2) The lessee of a vehicle under a lease of six months or 1535
longer; 1536

(3) The renter of a vehicle pursuant to a written rental 1537
agreement with a motor vehicle renting dealer. 1538

(J) "School bus violation detection monitoring system" 1539
means a camera system affixed to a school bus that consists of 1540
two or more camera sensors or computers that can produce 1541
recorded images. 1542

(K) "School bus violation" means a violation of division 1543
(A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code, or a substantially 1544
equivalent municipal ordinance, when division (E) of section 1545
4511.751 of the Revised Code applies. 1546

Sec. 4511.753. (A) When a law enforcement agency receives 1547
a report under division (B) of section 4511.751 of the Revised 1548
Code, and the identity of the operator of the vehicle at the 1549
time of the alleged violation cannot be established, the law 1550
enforcement agency may use any lawful means to identify the 1551
registered owner for purposes of issuing a notice of violation 1552
under this section to that owner if all of the following are 1553
shown on the image recorded by a school bus violation detection 1554
monitoring system: 1555

(1) The school bus violation; 1556

(2) The date and time of the violation; 1557

(3) The electronic red light visual signals or stop 1558
warning sign to demonstrate that such signals and sign were 1559
actuated; 1560

(4) The letter and numerals on the license plate of the 1561
vehicle involved and the state that issued the license plate. 1562

(B) (1) After the identification of the registered owner 1563
under division (A) of this section and within thirty days of the 1564
school bus violation, the law enforcement agency or the agency's 1565
agent may issue and send by regular mail in a clearly marked 1566
envelope that includes the citing law enforcement agency on the 1567

envelope a notice of violation charging the registered owner 1568
with the violation. Proof of such mailing, conducted through the 1569
ordinary course of business, is prima facie evidence of 1570
notification to the registered owner. 1571

(2) A school bus violation for which a notice of violation 1572
is issued by or on behalf of a law enforcement agency based on 1573
evidence recorded by a school bus violation detection monitoring 1574
system is a civil violation. The law enforcement agency or the 1575
agency's agent shall issue the notice of violation in accordance 1576
with the requirements of section 4511.754 of the Revised Code. 1577
The civil penalty for the notice of violation shall be three 1578
hundred dollars. 1579

(C) (1) A law enforcement agency or the agency's agent that 1580
mails a notice of violation charging the registered owner with 1581
the school bus violation shall, without unnecessary delay, file 1582
a certified copy of the notice of violation with the municipal 1583
court or county court with jurisdiction over the civil action. 1584

(2) The municipal court or county court with jurisdiction 1585
may designate an agent to collect any civil penalties imposed in 1586
accordance with sections 4511.753 to 4511.757 of the Revised 1587
Code. The agent may be the private vendor contracted by the 1588
entity responsible for operation of a school bus in accordance 1589
with section 4511.76 of the Revised Code to purchase, install, 1590
operate, and maintain the school bus violation detection 1591
monitoring system. 1592

(D) A certified copy of the notice of violation alleging a 1593
school bus violation, sworn to or affirmed by a law enforcement 1594
officer employed by the law enforcement agency, including by 1595
electronic means, and the recorded images produced by the school 1596
bus violation detection monitoring system, is prima facie 1597

evidence of the facts contained therein and is admissible in a 1598
civil action or proceeding concerning the notice of violation 1599
issued under this section. Such prima facie evidence creates a 1600
rebuttable presumption that the registered owner was the 1601
operator of the vehicle at the time of the violation. 1602

Sec. 4511.754. A law enforcement agency or the agency's 1603
agent shall ensure that a notice of violation for a school bus 1604
violation sent under section 4511.753 of the Revised Code 1605
contains all of the following: 1606

(A) The name and address of the registered owner; 1607

(B) The letters and numerals appearing on the license 1608
plate issued to the vehicle; 1609

(C) The school bus violation charged; 1610

(D) A statement that the violation was recorded by a 1611
school bus violation detection monitoring system; 1612

(E) The date and time of the violation; 1613

(F) A copy of the recorded images; 1614

(G) The amount of the civil penalty imposed, the date by 1615
which the civil penalty is required to be paid, and the address 1616
of the municipal court or county court with jurisdiction over 1617
the civil action or the court's designated agent to which the 1618
payment is to be sent; 1619

(H) A statement signed by a law enforcement officer 1620
indicating that, based on an inspection of the recorded images, 1621
the vehicle was involved in a school bus violation and the 1622
recorded images are prima facie evidence of that school bus 1623
violation. The law enforcement officer may sign the statement 1624
electronically. 1625

(I) Information advising the person or entity alleged to 1626
be liable of the options prescribed in section 4511.755 of the 1627
Revised Code, including the time, place, and manner in which the 1628
person or entity may appear in court to contest the violation 1629
and notice of violation and the procedure for disclaiming 1630
liability by submitting a notarized affidavit to the municipal 1631
court or county court as prescribed in section 4511.755 of the 1632
Revised Code; 1633

(J) A warning that failure to exercise one of the options 1634
prescribed in section 4511.755 of the Revised Code is deemed to 1635
be an admission of liability and waiver of the opportunity to 1636
contest the violation. 1637

Sec. 4511.755. A person or entity who receives a notice of 1638
violation for a civil violation sent under section 4511.753 of 1639
the Revised Code shall elect to do one of the following: 1640

(A) In accordance with instructions on the notice of 1641
violation, pay the civil penalty, thereby admitting liability 1642
and waiving the opportunity to contest the violation; 1643

(B) (1) Within thirty days after receipt of the notice of 1644
violation, provide the municipal court or county court with 1645
jurisdiction over the civil action with either of the following 1646
affidavits: 1647

(a) A notarized affidavit executed by the registered owner 1648
identifying the operator of the vehicle at the time of the 1649
violation as the designated party who may be held liable for the 1650
violation, and containing at a minimum the name and address of 1651
that designated party; 1652

(b) A notarized affidavit executed by the registered owner 1653
stating that at the time of the violation, the vehicle or the 1654

license plates issued to the vehicle were stolen and therefore 1655
were in the care, custody, or control of some person or entity 1656
to whom the registered owner did not grant permission to use the 1657
vehicle. To demonstrate that the vehicle or the license plates 1658
were stolen prior to the school bus violation and therefore were 1659
not under the control or possession of the registered owner at 1660
the time of the violation, the registered owner shall submit 1661
proof that a report about the stolen vehicle or license plates 1662
was filed with the appropriate law enforcement agency prior to 1663
the violation or within forty-eight hours after the violation 1664
occurred. 1665

(2) A registered owner is not responsible for a school bus 1666
violation if, within thirty days after the date of mailing of 1667
the notice of violation, the registered owner furnishes an 1668
affidavit specified in division (B) (1) (a) or (b) of this section 1669
to the court with jurisdiction in a form established by the 1670
court and the following conditions are met: 1671

(a) If the registered owner submits an affidavit as 1672
specified in division (B) (1) (a) of this section and the operator 1673
of the vehicle at the time of the violation, as the designated 1674
party, either accepts liability for the violation by paying the 1675
civil penalty or by failing to request a court hearing within 1676
thirty days or is determined liable in a court hearing. 1677

(b) If the registered owner submits an affidavit as 1678
specified in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, the affidavit 1679
is supported by a stolen vehicle or stolen license plate report 1680
as required in that division. 1681

(C) If the registered owner is a motor vehicle dealer or a 1682
motor vehicle renting dealer, notify the court with jurisdiction 1683
of the name and address of the customer, lessee, or renter of 1684

the vehicle at the time of the school bus violation. The court 1685
may establish the form of the notice or use a standard form of 1686
notice. A motor vehicle dealer or motor vehicle renting dealer 1687
who receives a notice of violation for an alleged school bus 1688
violation detected by a school bus violation detection 1689
monitoring system is not liable for a notice of violation issued 1690
for a vehicle that was in the care, custody, or control of a 1691
customer, lessee, or renter at the time of the alleged 1692
violation. The dealer shall not pay the fine specified on the 1693
notice of violation and subsequently attempt to collect a fee or 1694
assess the customer, lessee, or renter a charge for any payment 1695
of such a notice of violation made on behalf of the customer, 1696
lessee, or renter. 1697

(D) If the vehicle involved in the school bus violation is 1698
a commercial motor vehicle and the notice of violation is issued 1699
to a corporate entity, provide to the court with jurisdiction an 1700
affidavit, sworn to or affirmed by an agent of the corporate 1701
entity, that provides the name and address of the employee who 1702
was operating the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation 1703
and who is the designated party; 1704

(E) Contest the notice of violation by filing a written 1705
request for a court hearing to review the notice of violation in 1706
a form established by the court. The person shall file the 1707
written request not later than thirty days after receipt of the 1708
notice of violation. The failure to request a hearing within 1709
this time period constitutes a waiver of the right to contest 1710
the violation and notice of violation and is deemed to 1711
constitute an admission of liability. 1712

Sec. 4511.756. (A) (1) A court with jurisdiction that 1713
receives an affidavit described in division (B) (1) (a) or (D) of 1714

section 4511.755 of the Revised Code or a notification under 1715
division (C) of that section from a registered owner may proceed 1716
to notify the law enforcement agency to send a notice of 1717
violation that conforms with this section and section 4511.754 1718
of the Revised Code to the designated party. 1719

(2) The law enforcement agency shall send the conforming 1720
notice of violation to the designated party by ordinary mail not 1721
later than thirty days after receipt of the notification from 1722
the court. 1723

(B) (1) The person named in the original or any subsequent 1724
notice of violation that requests a hearing under division (E) 1725
of section 4511.755 of the Revised Code has the burden of 1726
proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that either the 1727
alleged school bus violation did not occur or that that person 1728
was not the person who was operating the vehicle at the time of 1729
the violation. 1730

(2) If, after conducting a hearing requested under 1731
division (E) of section 4511.755 of the Revised Code, the court 1732
finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the alleged school 1733
bus violation did not occur or did in fact occur but the person 1734
named in the original or any subsequent notice of violation is 1735
not the person who was operating the vehicle at the time of the 1736
violation, the court shall issue a written decision finding that 1737
the individual is not liable for the violation and submit it to 1738
the law enforcement agency and the person named in the notice of 1739
violation. 1740

(3) If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence 1741
that the alleged school bus violation did in fact occur and that 1742
the person named in the original or any subsequent notice of 1743
violation is or was likely the person who was operating the 1744

vehicle at the time of the violation, the court shall issue a 1745
written decision imposing liability for the violation upon the 1746
individual and submit it to the law enforcement agency and the 1747
person named in the notice of violation. 1748

(4) If the person who requested the court hearing fails to 1749
appear, the court may determine that the person is liable for 1750
the violation or grant a continuance of the hearing. If the 1751
court determines that the person is liable, the court shall 1752
issue a written decision imposing liability for the violation 1753
upon the individual and submit it to the law enforcement agency 1754
and the person named in the notice of violation. 1755

(C) The court shall charge the applicable court costs and 1756
fees for the civil action to the party that does not prevail in 1757
the action. 1758

(D) (1) If a person liable for a school bus violation fails 1759
to pay the civil penalty or any applicable court costs and fees, 1760
the court may notify the registrar of motor vehicles. 1761

(2) If the registrar receives a notice from a court under 1762
division (D) (1) of this section, neither the registrar nor any 1763
deputy registrar shall accept any application for the 1764
registration or transfer of registration of any motor vehicle 1765
owner or leased by the person named in the notice, until the 1766
registrar receives notice from the court that the civil penalty 1767
and any court costs and fees has been paid or dismissed. 1768

Sec. 4511.757. (A) The civil penalty charged and collected 1769
in accordance with sections 4511.753 to 4511.757 of the Revised 1770
Code shall be paid as follows: 1771

(1) Fifty dollars to the school bus safety fund created in 1772
section 3327.18 of the Revised Code; 1773

(2) Two hundred fifty dollars to the entity responsible 1774
for operation of the school bus. 1775

(B) The entity responsible for operation of the school bus 1776
shall use the proceeds it receives for school bus safety 1777
technology initiatives. As part of those initiatives, the entity 1778
may use proceeds for the purpose of defraying the costs of 1779
purchasing, installing, operating, and maintaining the school 1780
bus violation detection monitoring systems and offsetting a law 1781
enforcement agency's costs related to reviewing recorded images 1782
and issuing the notices of violation. 1783

Sec. 4511.76. (A) The department of public safety, by and 1784
with the advice of the department of education and workforce, 1785
shall educate the public regarding the laws pertaining to school 1786
bus safety and shall adopt and enforce rules relating to the 1787
construction, design, and equipment of all school buses both 1788
publicly and privately owned and operated in this state, 1789
including ~~lighting~~ rules governing both of the following: 1790

(1) ~~Lighting~~ equipment required by section 4511.771 of the 1791
Revised Code, ~~of all school buses both publicly and privately~~ 1792
~~owned and operated in this state;~~ 1793

(2) School bus cameras, including school bus violation 1794
detection monitoring systems, that provide an image, images, or 1795
video for purposes of recording a violation of division (A) of 1796
section 4511.75 of the Revised Code. 1797

(B) The department of education and workforce, by and with 1798
the advice of the director of public safety, shall adopt and 1799
enforce rules relating to the operation of all vehicles used for 1800
pupil transportation. 1801

(C) No person shall operate a vehicle used for pupil 1802

transportation within this state in violation of the rules of 1803
the department of education and workforce or the department of 1804
public safety. No person, being the owner thereof or having the 1805
supervisory responsibility therefor, shall permit the operation 1806
of a vehicle used for pupil transportation within this state in 1807
violation of the rules of the department of education and 1808
workforce or the department of public safety. 1809

(D) The department of public safety shall adopt and 1810
enforce rules relating to the issuance of a license under 1811
section 4511.763 of the Revised Code. The rules may relate to 1812
the condition of the equipment to be operated; the liability and 1813
property damage insurance carried by the applicant; the posting 1814
of satisfactory and sufficient bond; and such other rules as the 1815
director of public safety determines reasonably necessary for 1816
the safety of the pupils to be transported. 1817

(E) A chartered nonpublic school or a community school may 1818
own and operate, or contract with a vendor that supplies, 1819
alternative vehicles to transport students to and from regularly 1820
scheduled school sessions, school-related activities, and 1821
school-sanctioned events when one of the following applies: 1822

(1) A student's school district of residence has declared 1823
the transportation of the student impractical pursuant to 1824
section 3327.02 of the Revised Code; 1825

(2) A student does not live within thirty minutes of the 1826
chartered nonpublic school or the community school, as 1827
applicable, and the student's school district is not required to 1828
transport the student under section 3327.01 of the Revised Code; 1829

(3) The governing authority of the chartered nonpublic 1830
school or the community school has offered to provide the 1831

transportation for its students in lieu of the students being 1832
transported by their school district of residence. 1833

(F) A school district may own and operate, or contract 1834
with a vendor that supplies, alternative vehicles to transport 1835
students to and from regularly scheduled school sessions, 1836
school-related activities, and school-sanctioned events. 1837

(G) A school district or the governing authority of a 1838
chartered nonpublic school or community school that uses an 1839
alternative vehicle in accordance with division (E) or (F) of 1840
this section, shall ensure that all of the following apply to 1841
the operation of that vehicle: 1842

(1) A qualified mechanic inspects the vehicle not fewer 1843
than two times each year and determines that it is safe for 1844
pupil transportation; 1845

(2) The driver of the vehicle does not stop on the roadway 1846
to load or unload passengers; 1847

(3) The driver of the vehicle meets the requirements 1848
specified for a driver of a school bus or motor van under 1849
section 3327.10 of the Revised Code and any corresponding rules 1850
adopted by the department of education and workforce. 1851
Notwithstanding that section or any department rules to the 1852
contrary, the driver is not required to have a commercial 1853
driver's license but shall have a current, valid driver's 1854
license, and shall be accustomed to operating the vehicle used 1855
to transport the students. 1856

(4) The driver and all passengers in the vehicle comply 1857
with the requirements of sections 4511.81 and 4513.263 of the 1858
Revised Code, as applicable. 1859

(H) (1) A school district, a chartered nonpublic school, or 1860

a community school may own and operate, or contract with a vendor that supplies, a multifunction school activity bus to transport students between school and school functions or activities.

(2) A multifunction school activity bus shall not be used to transport students between school and home or between school and designated school bus stops.

~~(I)~~(I) (1) An entity responsible for operation of a school bus may purchase, install, operate, and maintain school bus cameras, including school bus violation detection monitoring systems, on its new or currently owned and operated school buses. Alternatively, the entity may contract with a private vendor to purchase, install, operate, and maintain such cameras and systems on the school buses.

(2) An entity that uses school bus violation detection monitoring systems, either on its own or through a contract with a private vendor, shall do all of the following:

(a) Ensure that the contract entered into with a private vendor, if applicable, requires payment of any costs or fees to the vendor for the vendor's services as a whole and is not based exclusively on the number of notices of violation generated or collected from use of the school bus violation detection monitoring systems. If the contract requires that a portion of the costs and fees owed to the vendor are based on the notices of violation generated or collected, those costs and fees shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars per notice of violation;

(b) Ensure that all of the entity's school buses with a regular transportation route are outfitted with a school bus violation detection monitoring system before commencing a civil

<u>penalty system in accordance with sections 4511.753 to 4511.757</u>	1890
<u>of the Revised Code;</u>	1891
<u>(c) Ensure that all of the school bus violation detection</u>	1892
<u>monitoring systems equipped on the school buses are regularly</u>	1893
<u>monitored for purposes of enforcing the civil penalty system in</u>	1894
<u>accordance with sections 4511.753 to 4511.757 of the Revised</u>	1895
<u>Code;</u>	1896
<u>(d) Enter into a memorandum of understanding with the</u>	1897
<u>appropriate local law enforcement agency to ensure review of the</u>	1898
<u>recorded images captured by the school bus violation detection</u>	1899
<u>monitoring systems, reimbursement of review expenses, and</u>	1900
<u>appropriate enforcement support.</u>	1901
<u>(J) As used in this section:</u>	1902
(1) "Alternative vehicle" means a motor vehicle originally	1903
manufactured and designed for not more than twelve passengers,	1904
not including the driver.	1905
(2) "Vehicle used for pupil transportation" means any	1906
vehicle that is identified as such by the department of	1907
education and workforce by rule and that is subject to Chapter	1908
3301-83 of the Administrative Code.	1909
(J) (K) Except as otherwise provided in this division,	1910
whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.	1911
If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded	1912
guilty to one or more violations of this section or section	1913
4511.63, 4511.761, 4511.762, 4511.764, 4511.77, or 4511.79 of	1914
the Revised Code or a municipal ordinance that is substantially	1915
similar to any of those sections, whoever violates this section	1916
is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.	1917
Section 2. That existing sections 4503.03, 4503.10,	1918

4503.102, 4503.12, 4510.036, 4511.75, 4511.751, and 4511.76 of 1919
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1920

Section 3. All items in this act are hereby appropriated 1921
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 1922
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 1923
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 1924
2026 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2027. 1925
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 1926
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years. 1927

Section 4. 1928
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A	EDU DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE				
B	State Lottery Fund Group				
C	7017	200413	School Bus Safety	\$10,000,000	\$0
D	State Lottery Fund Group Total			\$10,000,000	\$0
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$10,000,000	\$0

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY 1930

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200413, School Bus 1931
Safety, up to \$100,000 in fiscal year 2026 may be used by the 1932
Department of Education and Workforce to administer the school 1933
bus safety grant program under section 3327.19 of the Revised 1934
Code. 1935

The remainder of the foregoing appropriation item 200413, 1936
School Bus Safety, shall be used to award school bus safety 1937

grants pursuant to section 3327.19 of the Revised Code. 1938

Any unexpended and unencumbered portion of the foregoing 1939
appropriation item 200413, School Bus Safety, at the end of 1940
fiscal year 2026 is hereby reappropriated for the same purpose 1941
in fiscal year 2027. 1942

Section 5. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 1943
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 1944
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 1945
made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which 1946
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 1947
operating appropriations contained in this act shall be 1948
accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all 1949
applicable provisions of, the main operating appropriations act 1950
of the 136th General Assembly. 1951

Section 6. This act shall be known as the School Bus 1952
Safety Act. 1953