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To amend section 121.17 and to enact section  
121.171 of the Revised Code to create the State  
Government Efficiency Commission.

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

**Section 1.** That section 121.17 be amended and section  
121.171 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

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**Sec. 121.17.** (A) Under the direction of the governor, the  
directors of departments shall devise a practical and working  
basis for co-operation and co-ordination of work and for the  
elimination of duplication and overlapping functions. They shall  
co-operate with each other in the employment of services and the  
use of quarters and equipment. The director of any department  
may empower or require an employee of another department,  
subject to the consent of the superior officer of the employee,  
to perform any duty which ~~he~~ the director might require of ~~his~~ the director's  
own subordinates.

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(B) The directors of departments shall provide assistance  
to the state government efficiency commission established under  
section 121.171 of the Revised Code and shall cooperate and  
coordinate to eliminate duplication and overlapping functions  
identified by the commission.

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<u>Sec. 121.171. (A) The state government efficiency</u>	21
<u>commission is created to review state government services and to</u>	22
<u>eliminate duplication and overlapping functions among state</u>	23
<u>departments.</u>	24
<u>(B) The commission shall do all of the following:</u>	25
<u>(1) Identify instances of duplication, overlap, or</u>	26
<u>fragmentation across state departments and agencies;</u>	27
<u>(2) Recommend methods to eliminate or improve services;</u>	28
<u>(3) Estimate the potential cost savings of implementing a</u>	29
<u>recommendation;</u>	30
<u>(4) Prepare and deliver, in accordance with section 101.68</u>	31
<u>of the Revised Code, an annual report to the general assembly.</u>	32
<u>The report shall be submitted not later than the first day of</u>	33
<u>March, and shall summarize the work of the commission for the</u>	34
<u>preceding calendar year. The report shall include the findings</u>	35
<u>of the commission and shall offer recommendations. A</u>	36
<u>recommendation shall not be offered unless it has been approved</u>	37
<u>by a majority of the commission members.</u>	38
<u>(C) The commission shall consist of the following seven</u>	39
<u>members:</u>	40
<u>(1) Three members of the house of representatives</u>	41
<u>appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;</u>	42
<u>(2) Three members of the senate appointed by the president</u>	43
<u>of the senate;</u>	44
<u>(3) The director of budget and management or an employee</u>	45
<u>of the office of budget and management designated by the</u>	46
<u>director.</u>	47

(D) Members of the commission who are members of the 48  
general assembly shall serve terms on the commission concurrent 49  
with their term in the general assembly. 50

(E) A member of the commission may be removed at the will 51  
of the member's appointing authority. Vacancies shall be filled 52  
in the same manner as original appointments. 53

(F) The affirmative vote of not fewer than four members of 54  
the commission is required for any action of the commission. 55

(G) Members of the commission are not entitled to 56  
compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary 57  
expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties on 58  
the commission. 59

**Section 2.** That existing section 121.17 of the Revised 60  
Code is hereby repealed. 61