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To amend section 1503.35 and to enact section 1  
131.52 of the Revised Code regarding federal 2  
mineral royalty payments. 3

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

**Section 1.** That section 1503.35 be amended and section 4  
131.52 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 131.52.** (A) As used in this section: 6

(1) "Federal mineral royalty" means the state of Ohio's 7  
share of payments received from the United States department of 8  
the interior's office of natural resources revenue from oil, 9  
gas, or other mineral production on federal lands within this 10  
state, including national forest system lands. 11

(2) "County of origin" means the county where a wellhead 12  
or mine is located to which a federal mineral royalty is 13  
attributable, as identified by the 416 ACH report. 14

(3) "United States department of the interior's office of 15  
natural resources revenue disbursement" means the monthly 16  
payment transmitted to the treasurer of state by the United 17  
States department of the treasury, at the direction of the 18



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United States department of the interior's office of natural 19  
resources revenue. Such disbursement includes only the state's 20  
share of royalty payments from oil and gas leases on federal 21  
lands within this state. 22

(4) "416 ACH report" means the monthly report issued by 23  
the United States department of the interior's office of natural 24  
resources revenue that identifies the portion of the state share 25  
attributable to each county of origin. 26

(B) (1) The treasurer of state shall deposit all federal 27  
mineral royalties received from the United States department of 28  
the interior's office of natural resources revenue disbursement 29  
into the federal mineral royalty fund, which is hereby 30  
established in the state treasury. The fund shall be used to 31  
make payments in accordance with division (C) (2) of this 32  
section. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited 33  
to the fund. 34

(2) The treasurer of state, either prior to making a 35  
deposit in accordance with division (B) (1) of this section or as 36  
soon as possible thereafter, shall obtain and review any 37  
applicable 416 ACH report to determine the amount of federal 38  
mineral royalty revenue attributable to each county of origin 39  
and shall notify the director of the office of budget and 40  
management of such amounts. 41

(3) Not later than ten days after each deposit or not 42  
later than ten days after receiving notice of the amounts in 43  
accordance with division (B) (2) of this section, whichever is 44  
later, the director of the office of budget and management shall 45  
request the controlling board to approve the transfer of money 46  
from the fund by the director to each county of origin that is 47  
in an amount equal to the royalty payments attributable to that 48

county. Such amounts shall be based upon the applicable 416 ACH 49  
report. If the controlling board grants approval, the director 50  
shall make such transfer. 51

(4) No money shall be expended or payment made from the 52  
federal mineral royalty fund in accordance with division (B) (2) 53  
of this section until it has been released by the controlling 54  
board. 55

(C) Money received by a county under division (B) of this 56  
section may be appropriated by the board of county commissioners 57  
for any of the following purposes: 58

(1) Planning; 59

(2) Construction and maintenance of public facilities; 60

(3) Provision of public services. 61

**Sec. 1503.35.** ~~The~~ (A) Except as provided in division (B) 62  
of this section, the director of natural resources shall 63  
distribute money received by the state pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 500 64  
from the sale of national forest timber and other national 65  
forest products to the applicable county or counties in which 66  
the national forest is situated. Money received by a county 67  
under this section shall be used by a county as follows: 68

~~(A)~~ (1) Fifty per cent shall be used to maintain county 69  
roads and bridges; 70

~~(B)~~ (2) Fifty per cent shall be used for the benefit of 71  
public schools. 72

(B) A federal mineral royalty, as defined in section 73  
131.52 of the Revised Code, is not a forest product subject to 74  
distribution under this section. Any federal mineral royalty 75  
received by the state shall be deposited in accordance with that 76

section.

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**Section 2.** That existing section 1503.35 of the Revised  
Code is hereby repealed.

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