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То	amend section	5123.351 of the Revised Code	1
	regarding the	authority of the Department of	2
	Developmental	Disabilities to adopt rules	3
	regarding the	use of community capital	4
	assistance fur	ds.	5

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

section 1. That section 3123.331 of the Revised Code be	O
amended to read as follows:	7
Sec. 5123.351. The (A) Subject to division (B) of this	8
section, the director of developmental disabilities, with	9
respect to the eligibility for state reimbursement of expenses	10
incurred by facilities and programs established and operated	11
under Chapter 5126. of the Revised Code for persons with	12
developmental disabilities, shall do all of the following:	13
$\frac{A}{A}$ Make rules that may be necessary to carry out the	14
purposes of Chapter 5126. and sections 5123.35, 5123.351, and	15
5123.36 of the Revised Code;	16
$\frac{B}{(2)}$ Define minimum standards for qualifications of	17
personnel, professional services, and in-service training and	18
educational leave programs;	19
(C) (3) Review and evaluate community programs and make	20

recommendations for needed improvements to county boards of			
developmental disabilities and to program directors;			
$\frac{(D)}{(4)}$ Withhold state reimbursement, in whole or in part,	23		
from any county or combination of counties for failure to comply	24		
with Chapter 5126. or section 5123.35 or 5123.351 of the Revised	25		
Code or rules of the department of developmental disabilities;	26		
$\frac{(E)}{(5)}$ Withhold state funds from an agency, corporation,	27		
or association denying or rendering service on the basis of	28		
race, color, sex, religion, ancestry, national origin,	29		
disability as defined in section 4112.01 of the Revised Code, or	30		
inability to pay;	31		
(F)(6) Provide consultative staff service to communities	32		
to assist in ascertaining needs and in planning and establishing			
programs.	34		
(B) The director shall adopt rules establishing a process	35		
for the department to make available community capital	36		
assistance funds appropriated by the general assembly to the	37		
department, to assist county boards of developmental	38		
disabilities to acquire housing for individuals receiving	39		
supported living in accordance with sections 5126.40 to 5126.47	40		
of the Revised Code. The rules shall do all of the following:	41		
(1) Specify that community capital assistance funds may be	42		
used to acquire or construct a single-family home, a duplex, a	43		
quadplex, a permanently sited manufactured home, a condominium,	44		
newly constructed housing, accessory dwelling units, multi-	45		
structure dwellings, or other housing models;	46		
(2) Permit community capital assistance funds to be	47		
combined with other financing sources for the acquisition or	48		
construction of housing described in division (B)(1) of this	49		

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section. The rules shall not permit funds to be combined with	50
other sources if the other sources impose requirements that are	51
contrary to the rules adopted by the director.	52
(3) Permit county boards of developmental disabilities to	53
secure property interests in housing described in division (B)	54
(1) of this section through mortgages, restrictive covenants, or	55
<pre>other property instruments;</pre>	56
(4) Require a county board to provide a resident who will	57
be living in housing acquired or constructed using community	58
capital assistance funds with the opportunity to meaningfully	59
participate in selecting the type of housing in which the	60
resident will live.	61
(C) The director may waive any rule adopted under division	62
(B) of this section if doing so would allow community capital	63
assistance funds to be used for innovative housing options that	64
align with the priorities of the department of developmental	65
disabilities and county boards of developmental disabilities.	66
Section 2. That existing section 5123.351 of the Revised	67

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Code is hereby repealed.