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To amend section 5919.29 and to enact section 1
5925.01 of the Revised Code to modify the 2
Governor's responsibilities and authority 3
regarding the Ohio National Guard and certain 4
deployments of National Guard units in the 5
state. 6

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

Section 1. That section 5919.29 be amended and section 7
5925.01 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

Sec. 5919.29. ~~(A)~~(A) (1) The governor as commander in chief 9
may order individuals and units of the Ohio national guard to 10
perform any training or duty authorized under the "Act of August 11
10, 1956," 70A Stat. 596, 32 U.S.C.A. 101 to 716, and under 12
regulations prescribed by the president of the United States, 13
the secretary of defense, the secretary of the army, the 14
secretary of the air force, or the chief of the national guard 15
bureau. 16

(2) Within seven calendar days after receipt by the 17
governor of a request made by the president of the United States 18
or secretary of defense pursuant to 32 U.S.C. 502(f) (2) (A), the 19

governor shall accept or refuse the request and notify the 20
public of the governor's acceptance or refusal by publication on 21
the governor's official state web site, each official state 22
social media account operated by the governor, and at least two 23
newspapers of general circulation or the web sites of two such 24
newspapers. 25

(B) When ordered by the governor to perform training or 26
duty under this section or section 5923.12 of the Revised Code, 27
members of the Ohio national guard shall have the protections 28
afforded to persons on federal active duty by the "Service 29
Members Civil Relief Act," Pub. L. No. 108-189, 50 App. U.S.C.A. 30
501-596, and by the "Uniformed Services Employment and 31
Reemployment Rights Act of 1994," 108 Stat. 3149, 38 U.S.C.A. 32
4301 to 4333. 33

Sec. 5925.01. The governor, acting as commander in chief, 34
may establish conditions under which the national guard of a 35
state other than this state, that has not been federalized under 36
Title 10 of the United States Code, may be permitted to operate 37
within the borders of this state. Such national guard units are 38
not permitted to operate in this state absent the prior written 39
authorization of the governor. 40

Section 2. That existing section 5919.29 of the Revised 41
Code is hereby repealed. 42