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To enact section 125.848 of the Revised Code to 1
prohibit a state agency from generally providing 2
free charging at an electric vehicle charging 3
station. 4

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

Section 1. That section 125.848 of the Revised Code be 5
enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 125.848. (A) As used in this section: 7

(1) "Electric vehicle" means a vehicle that is powered in 8
part or wholly by a system that can be recharged via an external 9
source of electricity, including a vehicle for public or private 10
use that is a passenger car, commercial car or truck, a vehicle 11
used for public transit, a vehicle used in a vehicle fleet, a 12
vehicle used in construction work, and a vehicle used in 13
industrial or warehouse work. 14

(2) "Electric vehicle charging station" means behind the 15
meter electric equipment by which electric current is 16
transferred to the power system of an electric vehicle. 17

(3) "Public use of an electric vehicle charging station" 18
means use of an electric vehicle charging station by a person, 19
entity, or state agency that is not the owner or the assigned 20

user of both the electric vehicle charging station and the 21
electric vehicle being charged at that electric vehicle charging 22
station. 23

(4) "State agency" means every organized body, office, or 24
agency established by the laws of this state for the exercise of 25
any function of state government, including any state-supported 26
institution of higher education, the courts, or any judicial 27
agency. "State agency" also includes the general assembly, any 28
legislative agency, and the capitol square review and advisory 29
board. 30

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the 31
contrary and except as provided in division (E) of this section, 32
no state agency shall offer public use of an electric vehicle 33
charging station on property that is under the control of that 34
state agency unless the state agency requires a reasonable fee 35
to be paid in an amount set by the director of administrative 36
services under division (C) of this section. 37

(C) The director shall establish a reasonable fee, and may 38
change the fee as necessary, for each electric vehicle charging 39
station on property that is under the control of a state agency 40
in this state and that is intended for public use by taking into 41
account all of the following: 42

(1) The cost of the electric current transferred to the 43
power system of the electric vehicle; 44

(2) The cost of purchasing and installing the electric 45
vehicle charging station; 46

(3) Any costs associated with maintaining the electric 47
vehicle charging station. 48

(D) A state agency shall charge the fee set by the 49

director in accordance with division (C) of this section. 50

(E) A state agency may provide an electric vehicle 51

charging station on property that is under the control of that 52

state agency to charge an electric vehicle that is used 53

exclusively by that state agency without requiring a fee. 54