

Sub. S. B. No. 273
As Re-Referred by the House
Rules and Reference Committee

_____ moved to amend as follows:

- In line 1 of the title, after "To" insert "amend sections 4501.11 and 5503.02 and to" 1
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- In line 2 of the title, delete "to provide" 3
- Delete line 3 of the title 4
- In line 4 of the title, delete "storage of firearms" and insert "and to make an appropriation" 5
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- In line 5, after "That" insert "sections 4501.11 and 5503.02 be amended and" 7
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- After line 85, insert: 9
- "Sec. 4501.11.** (A) There is hereby created in the state treasury the security, investigations, and policing fund. 10
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Notwithstanding section 5503.04 of the Revised Code, no fines collected from or money arising from bonds or bail forfeited by persons apprehended or arrested by state highway patrol troopers shall be credited to the general revenue fund until sufficient 12
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revenue to fund appropriations for the activities described 16
under division (B) of this section are credited to the security, 17
investigations, and policing fund. All investment earnings of 18
the security, investigations, and policing fund shall be 19
credited to that fund. 20

This division does not apply to fines for violations of 21
division (B) of section 4513.263 of the Revised Code, or to 22
fines for violations of any municipal ordinance that is 23
substantively comparable to that division, which fines shall be 24
delivered to the treasurer of state as provided in division (E) 25
of section 4513.263 of the Revised Code. 26

(B) The money credited to the security, investigations, 27
and policing fund shall be used to pay the costs of: 28

(1) Providing security for the governor, other eligible 29
individuals, officials, and dignitaries, the capitol square, and 30
other state property pursuant to division (E) of section 5503.02 31
of the Revised Code; 32

(2) Undertaking major criminal investigations that involve 33
state property interests; 34

(3) Providing traffic control and security for the Ohio 35
expositions commission on a full-time, year-round basis; 36

(4) Performing nonhighway-related duties of the state 37
highway patrol at the Ohio state fair. 38

Sec. 5503.02. (A) The state highway patrol shall enforce 39
the laws of the state relating to the titling, registration, and 40
licensing of motor vehicles; enforce on all roads and highways, 41
notwithstanding section 4513.39 of the Revised Code, the laws 42
relating to the operation and use of vehicles on the highways; 43

enforce and prevent the violation of the laws relating to the 44
size, weight, and speed of commercial motor vehicles and all 45
laws designed for the protection of the highway pavements and 46
structures on the highways; investigate and enforce rules and 47
laws of the public utilities commission governing the 48
transportation of persons and property by motor carriers and 49
report violations of such rules and laws to the commission; 50
enforce against any motor carrier as defined in section 4923.01 51
of the Revised Code those rules and laws that, if violated, may 52
result in a forfeiture as provided in section 4923.99 of the 53
Revised Code; investigate and report violations of all laws 54
relating to the collection of excise taxes on motor vehicle 55
fuels; and regulate the movement of traffic on the roads and 56
highways of the state, notwithstanding section 4513.39 of the 57
Revised Code. 58

The patrol, whenever possible, shall determine the 59
identity of the persons who are causing or who are responsible 60
for the breaking, damaging, or destruction of any improved 61
surfaced roadway, structure, sign, marker, guardrail, or other 62
appurtenance constructed or maintained by the department of 63
transportation and shall arrest the persons who are responsible 64
for the breaking, damaging, or destruction and bring them before 65
the proper officials for prosecution. 66

State highway patrol troopers shall investigate and report 67
all motor vehicle accidents on all roads and highways outside of 68
municipal corporations. The superintendent of the patrol or any 69
state highway patrol trooper may arrest, without a warrant, any 70
person, who is the driver of or a passenger in any vehicle 71
operated or standing on a state highway, whom the superintendent 72
or trooper has reasonable cause to believe is guilty of a 73
felony, under the same circumstances and with the same power 74

that any peace officer may make such an arrest. 75

The superintendent or any state highway patrol trooper may 76
enforce the criminal laws on all state properties and state 77
institutions, owned or leased by the state, and, when so ordered 78
by the governor in the event of riot, civil disorder, or 79
insurrection, may, pursuant to sections 2935.03 to 2935.05 of 80
the Revised Code, arrest offenders against the criminal laws 81
wherever they may be found within the state if the violations 82
occurred upon, or resulted in injury to person or property on, 83
state properties or state institutions, or under the conditions 84
described in division (B) of this section. This authority of the 85
superintendent and any state highway patrol trooper to enforce 86
the criminal laws shall extend to the Lake Erie Correctional 87
Institution and the Northeast Ohio Correctional Center, to the 88
same extent as if those prisons were owned by this state. 89

(B) In the event of riot, civil disorder, or insurrection, 90
or the reasonable threat of riot, civil disorder, or 91
insurrection, and upon request, as provided in this section, of 92
the sheriff of a county or the mayor or other chief executive of 93
a municipal corporation, the governor may order the state 94
highway patrol to enforce the criminal laws within the area 95
threatened by riot, civil disorder, or insurrection, as 96
designated by the governor, upon finding that law enforcement 97
agencies within the counties involved will not be reasonably 98
capable of controlling the riot, civil disorder, or insurrection 99
and that additional assistance is necessary. In cities in which 100
the sheriff is under contract to provide exclusive police 101
services pursuant to section 311.29 of the Revised Code, in 102
villages, and in the unincorporated areas of the county, the 103
sheriff has exclusive authority to request the use of the 104
patrol. In cities in which the sheriff does not exclusively 105

provide police services, the mayor, or other chief executive 106
performing the duties of mayor, has exclusive authority to 107
request the use of the patrol. 108

The superintendent or any state highway patrol trooper may 109
enforce the criminal laws within the area designated by the 110
governor during the emergency arising out of the riot, civil 111
disorder, or insurrection until released by the governor upon 112
consultation with the requesting authority. State highway patrol 113
troopers shall never be used as peace officers in connection 114
with any strike or labor dispute. 115

When a request for the use of the patrol is made pursuant 116
to this division, the requesting authority shall notify the law 117
enforcement authorities in contiguous communities and the 118
sheriff of each county within which the threatened area, or any 119
part of the threatened area, lies of the request, but the 120
failure to notify the authorities or a sheriff shall not affect 121
the validity of the request. 122

(C) Any person who is arrested by the superintendent or a 123
state highway patrol trooper shall be taken before any court or 124
magistrate having jurisdiction of the offense with which the 125
person is charged. Any person who is arrested or apprehended 126
within the limits of a municipal corporation shall be brought 127
before the municipal court or other tribunal of the municipal 128
corporation. 129

(D) (1) State highway patrol troopers have the same right 130
and power of search and seizure as other peace officers. 131

No state official shall command, order, or direct any 132
state highway patrol trooper to perform any duty or service that 133
is not authorized by law. The powers and duties conferred on the 134

patrol are supplementary to, and in no way a limitation on, the powers and duties of sheriffs or other peace officers of the state.

(2) (a) A state highway patrol trooper, pursuant to the policy established by the superintendent of the state highway patrol under division (D) (2) (b) of this section, may render emergency assistance to any other peace officer who has arrest authority under section 2935.03 of the Revised Code, if both of the following apply:

(i) There is a threat of imminent physical danger to the peace officer, a threat of physical harm to another person, or any other serious emergency situation;

(ii) Either the peace officer requests emergency assistance, or it appears that the peace officer is unable to request emergency assistance and the circumstances observed by the state highway patrol trooper reasonably indicate that emergency assistance is appropriate, or the peace officer requests emergency assistance and in the request the peace officer specifies a particular location and the state highway patrol trooper arrives at that location prior to the time that the peace officer arrives at that location and the circumstances observed by the state highway patrol trooper reasonably indicate that emergency assistance is appropriate.

(b) The superintendent of the state highway patrol shall establish, ~~within sixty days of August 8, 1991,~~ a policy that sets forth the manner and procedures by which a state highway patrol trooper may render emergency assistance to any other peace officer under division (D) (2) (a) of this section. The policy shall include a provision that a state highway patrol trooper never be used as a peace officer in connection with any

strike or labor dispute. 165

(3) (a) A state highway patrol trooper who renders 166
emergency assistance to any other peace officer under the policy 167
established by the superintendent pursuant to division (D) (2) (b) 168
of this section shall be considered to be performing regular 169
employment for the purposes of compensation, pension, indemnity 170
fund rights, workers' compensation, and other rights or benefits 171
to which the trooper may be entitled as incident to regular 172
employment. 173

(b) A state highway patrol trooper who renders emergency 174
assistance to any other peace officer under the policy 175
established by the superintendent pursuant to division (D) (2) (b) 176
of this section retains personal immunity from liability as 177
specified in section 9.86 of the Revised Code. 178

(c) A state highway patrol trooper who renders emergency 179
assistance under the policy established by the superintendent 180
pursuant to division (D) (2) (b) of this section has the same 181
authority as the peace officer for or with whom the state 182
highway patrol trooper is providing emergency assistance. 183

(E) (1) Subject to the availability of funds specifically 184
appropriated by the general assembly for security detail 185
purposes, the state highway patrol shall provide security as 186
follows: 187

~~(a)~~ (a) (i) For the governor, the lieutenant governor, the 188
governor-elect, the lieutenant governor-elect, and, at the 189
direction of the governor, any eligible candidate and immediate 190
family as defined in section 102.01 of the Revised Code; 191

(ii) For the purpose of division (E) (1) (a) (i) of this 192
division, "eligible candidate" means any of the following: 193

<u>(I) A candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant</u>	194
<u>governor, upon being nominated in a primary election as a party</u>	195
<u>candidate for election at the next general election by a major</u>	196
<u>political party as defined in division (F)(1) of section 3501.01</u>	197
<u>of the Revised Code, as of the date that the results of the</u>	198
<u>unofficial count conducted by the boards of elections under</u>	199
<u>section 3505.30 of the Revised Code indicate that the candidate</u>	200
<u>received the most votes in the primary election;</u>	201
<u>(II) A major political party's candidate for the office of</u>	202
<u>governor or lieutenant governor, upon being certified to fill a</u>	203
<u>vacancy on a general election ballot under division (E) of</u>	204
<u>section 3513.311 of the Revised Code.</u>	205
(b) At the direction of the governor, for other officials	206
of the state government of this state; officials of the state	207
governments of other states who are visiting this state;	208
officials of the United States government who are visiting this	209
state; officials of the governments of foreign countries or	210
their political subdivisions who are visiting this state; or	211
other officials or dignitaries who are visiting this state,	212
including, but not limited to, members of trade missions;	213
(c) For the capitol square, as defined in section 105.41	214
of the Revised Code;	215
(d) For the Vern Riffe center and the James A. Rhodes	216
state office tower, as directed by the department of public	217
safety;	218
(e) For other state property.	219
(2) To carry out the security responsibilities of the	220
patrol listed in division (E)(1) of this section, the	221
superintendent may assign state highway patrol troopers to a	222

separate executive protection unit that is responsible for 223
security details, whether on a permanent or temporary basis. The 224
number of troopers assigned to particular security details shall 225
be determined by the superintendent. 226

(3) The superintendent and any state highway patrol 227
trooper, when providing security as part of the executive 228
protection unit pursuant to ~~division~~ divisions (E) (1) and (2) of 229
this section, have the same arrest powers as other peace 230
officers to apprehend offenders against the criminal laws ~~who~~ 231
~~endanger or threaten the security of any person or state~~ 232
~~property being protected under division (E) of this section~~, no 233
matter where the offense occurs. This arrest authority is 234
concurrent with that of any other peace officer, as defined in 235
section 2935.01 of the Revised Code, or any other law 236
enforcement officer, as defined in section 2901.01 of the 237
Revised Code, with jurisdiction at the respective location. 238

The superintendent, any state highway patrol trooper, and 239
any special police officer designated under section 5503.09 of 240
the Revised Code, if providing security pursuant to division (E) 241
(1) (c) of this section as part of the executive protection unit, 242
shall enforce any rules governing capitol square adopted by the 243
capitol square review and advisory board. 244

(F) The governor may order the state highway patrol to 245
undertake major criminal investigations that involve state 246
property interests. If an investigation undertaken pursuant to 247
this division results in either the issuance of a no bill or the 248
filing of an indictment, the superintendent shall file a 249
complete and accurate report of the investigation with the 250
president of the senate, the speaker of the house of 251
representatives, the minority leader of the senate, and the 252

minority leader of the house of representatives within fifteen 253
days after the issuance of the no bill or the filing of an 254
indictment. If the investigation does not have as its result any 255
prosecutorial action, the superintendent shall, upon reporting 256
this fact to the governor, file a complete and accurate report 257
of the investigation with the president of the senate, the 258
speaker of the house of representatives, the minority leader of 259
the senate, and the minority leader of the house of 260
representatives. 261

(G) The superintendent may purchase or lease real property 262
and buildings needed by the patrol, negotiate the sale of real 263
property owned by the patrol, rent or lease real property owned 264
or leased by the patrol, and make or cause to be made repairs to 265
all property owned or under the control of the patrol. Any 266
instrument by which real property is acquired pursuant to this 267
division shall identify the agency of the state that has the use 268
and benefit of the real property as specified in section 269
5301.012 of the Revised Code. 270

Sections 123.01 and 125.02 of the Revised Code do not 271
limit the powers granted to the superintendent by this division. 272

Section 2. That existing sections 4501.11 and 5503.02 of 273
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 274

Section 3. All items in this act are hereby appropriated 275
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 276
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 277
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 278
2026 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2027. 279
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 280
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years. 281

Section 4. 282
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A	DPS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY			
B	Highway Safety Fund Group			
C	8400 764617	Security and Investigations	\$250,000	\$9,750,000
D	Highway Safety Fund Group Total		\$250,000	\$9,750,000
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$250,000	\$9,750,000

SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIONS 284

On the effective date of this section, or as soon as 285
possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall 286
transfer \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the 287
Security, Investigations, and Policing Fund (Fund 8400). 288

The foregoing appropriation item 764617, Security and 289
Investigations, shall be used by the State Highway Patrol to 290
provide security, at the direction of the Governor, for any 291
major political party candidate for the office of governor or 292
lieutenant governor, and the immediate family, in the months 293
leading up to the 2026 general election. 294

Of the foregoing appropriation item 764617, Security and 295
Investigations, \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 shall be used by 296
the Department of Public Safety to reimburse law enforcement 297
agencies for costs incurred for assisting the State Highway 298
Patrol, at the request of the State Highway Patrol, to provide 299
security for any major political party candidate for the office 300

of governor or lieutenant governor in the months leading up to 301
the 2026 general election as provided after the effective date 302
of this section. Law enforcement agencies shall submit for 303
reimbursement to the Department of Public Safety in a manner 304
prescribed by the Director. 305

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of 306
the foregoing appropriation item 764617, Security and 307
Investigations, at the end of fiscal year 2026 is hereby 308
reappropriated to the same appropriation item for the same 309
purpose in fiscal year 2027. 310

Section 5. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 311
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 312
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 313
made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which 314
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 315
operating appropriations contained in this act shall be 316
accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all 317
applicable provisions of, H.B. 96 of the 136th General 318
Assembly." 319

In line 86, delete "2" and insert "6" 320

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS 321

Ohio State Highway Patrol security detail 322

R.C. 4501.11 and 5503.02 323

Requires the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) to provide a 324

security detail to the Lieutenant Governor, the Governor-elect, 325
the Lieutenant Governor-elect, and certain eligible 326
gubernatorial candidates and immediate family at the Governor's 327
direction. 328

Expands the OSHP jurisdiction when providing security 329
detail as part of a select executive protection unit to include 330
the same arrest powers as other peace officers to apprehend any 331
offender against the criminal laws, regardless of location. 332

Sections 3, 4, and 5 333

Transfers \$10.0 million from the GRF to the Security, 334
Investigations, and Policing Fund (Fund 8400) used by the 335
Department of Public Safety. 336

Appropriates \$250,000 in FY 2026 and \$9.75 million in FY 337
2027 from Fund 8400 ALI 764617, Security and Investigations, to 338
pay for security operations, at the direction of the Governor, 339
for major political party gubernatorial candidates, and the 340
immediate families, in the months leading to the 2026 General 341
Election. 342

Earmarks \$2.0 million of Fund 8400 ALI 764617, Security 343
and Investigations, in FY 2027 to reimburse law enforcement 344
agencies for costs incurred from assisting the State Highway 345
Patrol, at the request of the State Highway Patrol, to provide 346
security operations for major political party gubernatorial 347
candidates in the months leading to the 2026 General Election. 348

Requires law enforcement agencies to submit for 349
reimbursement to the Department of Public Safety in a manner 350
prescribed by the Director. 351

Reappropriates the unexpended, unencumbered balance of 352

Fund 8400 ALI 764617, Security and Investigations, at the end of	353
FY 2026 to the same ALI for the same purpose in FY 2027.	354