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To amend sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and
to enact section 3313.475 of the Revised Code
and to amend Section 221.20 of H.B. 96 of the
136th General Assembly to require public and
chartered nonpublic schools to purchase and
install an exterior secure master key box on
each school building.

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

Section 1. That sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 be
amended and section 3313.475 of the Revised Code be enacted to
read as follows:

Sec. 3313.475. (A) Not later than June 30, 2027, each
school district and chartered nonpublic school shall purchase
and install one exterior secure master key box on each school
building that is operated by the district or school or in a
strategic location for optimal law enforcement response on
school premises. The master key box shall permit emergency
access to both law enforcement agencies and emergency responders
from an exterior location designated by the local law
enforcement authorities. Each master key box shall meet the
standards prescribed under underwriters laboratories standard
1037. Each district or school shall collaborate with law

enforcement to include in the master key box all of the 22
following: 23

(1) Master external and internal keys; 24

(2) Access cards; 25

(3) Maps of the school buildings. 26

(B) A district or school shall provide updates of school 27
building maps to local law enforcement agencies and emergency 28
responders when substantial modifications, such as new 29
facilities or modifications to doors or windows, are made to a 30
school building. A district or school shall also notify local 31
law enforcement agencies and emergency responders when changes 32
are made to master external keys, master internal keys, or 33
access cards. 34

(C) A district or school may apply for a school safety 35
training grant awarded by the attorney general to pay for the 36
cost of purchasing and installing an exterior secure master key 37
box under this section. 38

Sec. 3314.03. A copy of every contract entered into under 39
this section shall be filed with the director of education and 40
workforce. The department of education and workforce shall make 41
available on its web site a copy of every approved, executed 42
contract filed with the director under this section. 43

(A) Each contract entered into between a sponsor and the 44
governing authority of a community school shall specify the 45
following: 46

(1) That the school shall be established as either of the 47
following: 48

(a) A nonprofit corporation established under Chapter 49

1702. of the Revised Code, if established prior to April 8,	50
2003;	51
(b) A public benefit corporation established under Chapter	52
1702. of the Revised Code, if established after April 8, 2003.	53
(2) The education program of the school, including the	54
school's mission and educational philosophy, the characteristics	55
of the students the school is expected to attract, the ages and	56
grades of students, and the focus of the curriculum;	57
(3) The academic goals to be achieved and the method of	58
measurement that will be used to determine progress toward those	59
goals, which shall include the statewide achievement	60
assessments;	61
(4) Performance standards, including but not limited to	62
all applicable report card measures set forth in section 3302.03	63
or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, by which the success of the	64
school will be evaluated by the sponsor;	65
(5) The admission standards of section 3314.06 of the	66
Revised Code and, if applicable, section 3314.061 of the Revised	67
Code;	68
(6) (a) Dismissal procedures;	69
(b) A requirement that the governing authority adopt an	70
attendance policy that includes a procedure for automatically	71
withdrawing a student from the school if the student without a	72
legitimate excuse fails to participate in seventy-two	73
consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the	74
student.	75
(7) The ways by which the school will achieve racial and	76
ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves;	77

(8) Requirements for financial audits by the auditor of 78
state. The contract shall require financial records of the 79
school to be maintained in the same manner as are financial 80
records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the auditor of 81
state. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with section 82
117.10 of the Revised Code. 83

(9) An addendum to the contract outlining the facilities 84
to be used that contains at least the following information: 85

(a) A detailed description of each facility used for 86
instructional purposes; 87

(b) The annual costs associated with leasing each facility 88
that are paid by or on behalf of the school; 89

(c) The annual mortgage principal and interest payments 90
that are paid by the school; 91

(d) The name of the lender or landlord, identified as 92
such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the 93
operator, if any. 94

(10) Qualifications of employees, including both of the 95
following: 96

(a) A requirement that the school's classroom teachers be 97
licensed in accordance with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the 98
Revised Code, except that a community school may engage 99
noncertificated persons to teach up to twelve hours or forty 100
hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code; 101

(b) A prohibition against the school employing an 102
individual described in section 3314.104 of the Revised Code in 103
any position. 104

(11) That the school will comply with the following 105

requirements: 106

(a) The school will provide learning opportunities to a 107
minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred 108
twenty hours per school year. 109

(b) The governing authority will purchase liability 110
insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of 111
the school. 112

(c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs, 113
admission policies, employment practices, and all other 114
operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or 115
religious institution. 116

(d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 117
109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 3301.0710, 118
3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.24, 3301.948, 119
3302.037, 3313.472, 3313.473, 3313.474, 3313.475, 3313.50, 120
3313.539, 3313.5310, 3313.5318, 3313.5319, 3313.608, 3313.609, 121
3313.6012, 3313.6013, 3313.6014, 3313.6020, 3313.6024, 122
3313.6026, 3313.6028, 3313.6029, 3313.6031, 3313.643, 3313.648, 123
3313.6411, 3313.6413, 3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666, 124
3313.667, 3313.668, 3313.669, 3313.6610, 3313.67, 3313.671, 125
3313.672, 3313.673, 3313.69, 3313.71, 3313.716, 3313.718, 126
3313.719, 3313.7112, 3313.7117, 3313.721, 3313.753, 3313.80, 127
3313.814, 3313.816, 3313.817, 3313.818, 3313.819, 3313.86, 128
3313.89, 3313.96, 3319.073, 3319.077, 3319.078, 3319.0812, 129
3319.238, 3319.318, 3319.321, 3319.324, 3319.39, 3319.391, 130
3319.393, 3319.41, 3319.46, 3319.90, 3319.614, 3320.01, 3320.02, 131
3320.03, 3320.04, 3321.01, 3321.041, 3321.13, 3321.14, 3321.141, 132
3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 3322.20, 3322.24, 3323.251, 3327.10, 133
4111.17, 4113.52, 5502.262, 5502.703, and 5705.391 and Chapters 134
117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. 135

of the Revised Code as if it were a school district and will 136
comply with section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code in the manner 137
specified in section 3314.17 of the Revised Code. 138

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section 139
2921.42 of the Revised Code. 140

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 141
3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.617, 3313.618, and 3313.6114 of the 142
Revised Code, except that for students who enter ninth grade for 143
the first time before July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 144
3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must 145
successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to 146
receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the 147
curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community 148
school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXVIII of 149
the Revised Code or any rules of the department. Beginning with 150
students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after 151
July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 152
of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the 153
curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a high school 154
diploma shall be met by completing the requirements prescribed 155
in section 3313.6027 and division (C) of section 3313.603 of the 156
Revised Code, unless the person qualifies under division (D) or 157
(F) of that section. Each school shall comply with the plan for 158
awarding high school credit based on demonstration of subject 159
area competency, and beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, 160
with the updated plan that permits students enrolled in seventh 161
and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on 162
subject area competency adopted by the department under 163
divisions (J) (1) and (2) of section 3313.603 of the Revised 164
Code. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the school shall 165
comply with the framework for granting units of high school 166

credit to students who demonstrate subject area competency 167
through work-based learning experiences, internships, or 168
cooperative education developed by the department under division 169
(J) (3) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. 170

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four 171
months after the end of each school year a report of its 172
activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of 173
divisions (A) (3) and (4) of this section and its financial 174
status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled 175
in the school. 176

(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer- 177
based community school, will comply with section 3313.801 of the 178
Revised Code as if it were a school district. 179

(i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant 180
awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), 181
Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery 182
and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, 183
the school will pay teachers based upon performance in 184
accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section 185
3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district. 186

(j) If the school operates a preschool program that is 187
licensed by the department under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of 188
the Revised Code, the school shall comply with sections 3301.50 189
to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and the minimum standards for 190
preschool programs prescribed in rules adopted by the department 191
of children and youth under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code. 192

(k) The school will comply with sections 3313.6021 and 193
3313.6023 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district 194
unless it is either of the following: 195

(i) An internet- or computer-based community school;	196
(ii) A community school in which a majority of the	197
enrolled students are children with disabilities as described in	198
division (B) (2) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code.	199
(l) The school will comply with section 3321.191 of the	200
Revised Code, unless it is an internet- or computer-based	201
community school that is subject to section 3314.261 of the	202
Revised Code.	203
(m) The school will comply with section 3313.7118 of the	204
Revised Code if it serves elementary school students.	205
(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits	206
to employees;	207
(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the	208
beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five	209
years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division	210
(D) of this section.	211
(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be	212
responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract;	213
(15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget	214
for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the	215
total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year.	216
(16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition	217
of employees of the school in the event the contract is	218
terminated or not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the	219
Revised Code;	220
(17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all	221
or part of an existing public school or educational service	222
center building or is to be a new start-up school, and if it is	223

a converted public school or service center building, both of 224
the following: 225

(a) Specification of any duties or responsibilities of an 226
employer that the board of education or service center governing 227
board that operated the school or building before conversion is 228
delegating to the governing authority of the community school 229
with respect to all or any specified group of employees provided 230
the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining 231
agreement applicable to such employees; 232

(b) Alternative arrangements for current public school 233
students who choose not to attend the converted school and for 234
teachers who choose not to teach in the school or building after 235
conversion. 236

(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving 237
disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the 238
governing authority of the community school; 239

(19) A provision requiring the governing authority to 240
adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside 241
outside the district in which the school is located. That policy 242
shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in 243
sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the 244
sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following: 245

(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside 246
the district in which the school is located; 247

(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in 248
districts adjacent to the district in which the school is 249
located; 250

(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any 251
other district in the state. 252

(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the 253
department to take over the sponsorship of the school in 254
accordance with the provisions of division (C) of section 255
3314.015 of the Revised Code; 256

(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to 257
assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified 258
in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code; 259

(22) A provision recognizing both of the following: 260

(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to 261
inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities 262
closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in 263
compliance with health and safety laws and regulations; 264

(b) The authority of the department as the community 265
school oversight body to suspend the operation of the school 266
under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the department has 267
evidence of conditions or violations of law at the school that 268
pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's 269
students and employees and the sponsor refuses to take such 270
action. 271

(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will 272
be offered to students including both classroom-based and non- 273
classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance 274
with criteria for student participation established by the 275
department under division (H) (2) of section 3314.08 of the 276
Revised Code; 277

(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and 278
3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to 279
be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall 280
be taken by the sponsor of the school. 281

(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school 282
will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of 283
September each school year, unless the mission of the school as 284
specified under division (A) (2) of this section is solely to 285
serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school 286
fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one 287
year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D) 288
of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the 289
school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void. 290

(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning 291
to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent 292
under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code; 293

(27) That the school's attendance and participation 294
policies will be available for public inspection; 295

(28) That the school's attendance and participation 296
records shall be made available to the department, auditor of 297
state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted under and in 298
accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 299
of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, and any 300
regulations promulgated under that act, and section 3319.321 of 301
the Revised Code; 302

(29) If a school operates using the blended learning 303
model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all 304
of the following information: 305

(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models 306
will be used; 307

(b) A description of how student instructional needs will 308
be determined and documented; 309

(c) The method to be used for determining competency, 310

granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level; 311

(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how 312
the school will document participation in learning 313
opportunities; 314

(e) A statement describing how student progress will be 315
monitored; 316

(f) A statement describing how private student data will 317
be protected; 318

(g) A description of the professional development 319
activities that will be offered to teachers. 320

(30) A provision requiring that all moneys the school's 321
operator loans to the school, including facilities loans or cash 322
flow assistance, must be accounted for, documented, and bear 323
interest at a fair market rate; 324

(31) A provision requiring that, if the governing 325
authority contracts with an attorney, accountant, or entity 326
specializing in audits, the attorney, accountant, or entity 327
shall be independent from the operator with which the school has 328
contracted. 329

(32) A provision requiring the governing authority to 330
adopt an enrollment and attendance policy that requires a 331
student's parent to notify the community school in which the 332
student is enrolled when there is a change in the location of 333
the parent's or student's primary residence. 334

(33) A provision requiring the governing authority to 335
adopt a student residence and address verification policy for 336
students enrolling in or attending the school. 337

(34) A provision establishing the process by which the 338

governing authority of the school will be selected in the 339
future. 340

(35) A description of the management and administration of 341
the school. 342

(36) A provision requiring the governing authority to 343
adopt policies and procedures to establish internal financial 344
controls for the school. 345

(B) A contract entered into under section 3314.02 of the 346
Revised Code between a sponsor and the governing authority of a 347
community school may provide for the community school governing 348
authority to make payments to the sponsor, which is hereby 349
authorized to receive such payments as set forth in the contract 350
between the governing authority and the sponsor. The total 351
amount of such payments for monitoring, oversight, and technical 352
assistance of the school shall not exceed three per cent of the 353
total amount of payments for operating expenses that the school 354
receives from the state. 355

(C) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor 356
which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered 357
into with the department under division (B) of section 3314.015 358
of the Revised Code and shall include the following: 359

(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all 360
laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the 361
contract; 362

(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal 363
performance and the organization and operation of the community 364
school on at least an annual basis; 365

(3) Provide technical assistance to the community school 366
in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the 367

contract; 368

(4) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to 369
correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare 370
the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 371
3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the 372
school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or 373
terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 374
of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor; 375

(5) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the 376
event the community school experiences financial difficulties or 377
closes prior to the end of a school year. 378

(D) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under 379
this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the 380
approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that 381
contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not 382
ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor 383
finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and 384
terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the 385
academic goals prescribed in the contract have been 386
satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division 387
remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, 388
and 3314.073 of the Revised Code. 389

(E) If a community school fails to open for operation 390
within one year after the contract entered into under this 391
section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 392
of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the 393
expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the 394
school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A 395
school shall not be considered permanently closed because the 396
operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section 397

3314.072 of the Revised Code. 398

Sec. 3326.11. Each science, technology, engineering, and 399
mathematics school established under this chapter and its 400
governing body shall comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65, 401
121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 2921.42, 2921.43, 402
3301.0714, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.24, 3301.948, 3302.037, 403
3313.14, 3313.15, 3313.16, 3313.18, 3313.201, 3313.26, 3313.472, 404
3313.473, 3313.474, 3313.475, 3313.48, 3313.481, 3313.482, 405
3313.50, 3313.539, 3313.5310, 3313.5318, 3313.5319, 3313.608, 406
3313.6012, 3313.6013, 3313.6014, 3313.6020, 3313.6021, 407
3313.6023, 3313.6024, 3313.6026, 3313.6028, 3313.6029, 408
3313.6031, 3313.61, 3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.615, 3313.617, 409
3313.618, 3313.6114, 3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.6411, 3313.6413, 410
3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666, 3313.667, 3313.668, 411
3313.669, 3313.6610, 3313.67, 3313.671, 3313.672, 3313.673, 412
3313.69, 3313.71, 3313.716, 3313.717, 3313.718, 3313.719, 413
3313.7112, 3313.7117, 3313.7118, 3313.721, 3313.753, 3313.80, 414
3313.801, 3313.814, 3313.816, 3313.817, 3313.818, 3313.819, 415
3313.86, 3313.89, 3313.96, 3319.073, 3319.077, 3319.078, 416
3319.0812, 3319.21, 3319.238, 3319.318, 3319.32, 3319.321, 417
3319.324, 3319.35, 3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.393, 3319.41, 418
3319.45, 3319.46, 3319.90, 3319.614, 3320.01, 3320.02, 3320.03, 419
3320.04, 3321.01, 3321.041, 3321.05, 3321.13, 3321.14, 3321.141, 420
3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 3321.191, 3322.20, 3322.24, 3323.251, 421
3327.10, 4111.17, 4113.52, 5502.262, 5502.703, and 5705.391 and 422
Chapters 102., 117., 1347., 2744., 3307., 3309., 3365., 3742., 423
4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were 424
a school district. 425

Sec. 3328.24. A college-preparatory boarding school 426
established under this chapter and its board of trustees shall 427
comply with sections 102.02, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 428

3301.0714, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3302.037, 3313.474, 3313.475, 429
3313.5318, 3313.5319, 3313.6013, 3313.6021, 3313.6023, 430
3313.6024, 3313.6026, 3313.6029, 3313.6031, 3313.617, 3313.618, 431
3313.6114, 3313.6411, 3313.6413, 3313.668, 3313.669, 3313.6610, 432
3313.717, 3313.7112, 3313.7117, 3313.721, 3313.753, 3313.89, 433
3319.073, 3319.077, 3319.078, 3319.318, 3319.324, 3319.39, 434
3319.391, 3319.393, 3319.46, 3320.01, 3320.02, 3320.03, 3320.04, 435
3323.251, and 5502.262, and Chapter 3365. of the Revised Code as 436
if the school were a school district and the school's board of 437
trustees were a district board of education. 438

Section 2. That existing sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 439
3328.24 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 440

Section 3. That Section 221.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th 441
General Assembly be amended to read as follows: 442

Sec. 221.20. OHIO CENTER FOR THE FUTURE OF FORENSIC 443
SCIENCE 444

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055321, Operating 445
Expenses, \$650,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the 446
Ohio Center for the Future of Forensic Science at Bowling Green 447
State University. The purpose of the Center shall be to foster 448
forensic science research techniques (BCI Eminent Scholar) and 449
to create professional training opportunities to students (BCI 450
Scholars) in the forensic science fields. 451

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM 452

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055321, Operating 453
Expenses, \$100,000 in each fiscal year may be used by the 454
Attorney General for the purpose of providing funding to 455
domestic violence programs as defined in section 109.46 of the 456
Revised Code. 457

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION RECORDS SYSTEM (BCIRS) 458
LEASE RENTAL PAYMENTS 459

The foregoing appropriation item 055406, BCIRS Lease 460
Rental Payments, shall be used for payments during the period 461
from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, pursuant to leases and 462
agreements entered into pursuant to Section 701.40 of S.B. 310 463
of the 131st General Assembly and other prior acts of the 464
General Assembly, with respect to financing the costs associated 465
with the acquisition, development, implementation, and 466
integration of the BCIRS. 467

COUNTY SHERIFFS' PAY SUPPLEMENT 468

The foregoing appropriation item 055411, County Sheriffs' 469
Pay Supplement, shall be used for the purpose of supplementing 470
the annual compensation of county sheriffs as required by 471
section 325.06 of the Revised Code. 472

At the request of the Attorney General, the Director of 473
Budget and Management may transfer appropriation from 474
appropriation item 055321, Operating Expenses, to appropriation 475
item 055411, County Sheriffs' Pay Supplement. Any appropriation 476
so transferred shall be used to supplement the annual 477
compensation of county sheriffs as required by section 325.06 of 478
the Revised Code. 479

COUNTY PROSECUTORS' PAY SUPPLEMENT 480

The foregoing appropriation item 055415, County 481
Prosecutors' Pay Supplement, shall be used for the purpose of 482
supplementing the annual compensation of certain county 483
prosecutors as required by section 325.111 of the Revised Code. 484

At the request of the Attorney General, the Director of 485
Budget and Management may transfer appropriation from 486

appropriation item 055321, Operating Expenses, to appropriation 487
item 055415, County Prosecutors' Pay Supplement. Any 488
appropriation so transferred shall be used to supplement the 489
annual compensation of county prosecutors as required by section 490
325.111 of the Revised Code. 491

DRUG ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM GRANT PROGRAM 492

The Attorney General shall maintain the Drug Abuse 493
Response Team Grant Program for the purpose of replicating or 494
expanding successful law enforcement programs that address the 495
opioid epidemic similar to the Drug Abuse Response Team 496
established by the Lucas County Sheriff's Department, and the 497
Quick Response Teams established in Colerain Township's 498
Department of Public Safety in Hamilton County and Summit 499
County. Any grants awarded by this grant program may include 500
requirements for private or nonprofit matching support. 501

The foregoing appropriation items 055431, Drug Abuse 502
Response Team Grants, and 055610, Drug Abuse Response Team 503
Grants, shall be used by the Attorney General to fund grants to 504
law enforcement or other government agencies; the primary 505
purpose of the grants shall be to replicate or expand successful 506
law enforcement programs that address the opioid epidemic 507
similar to the Drug Abuse Response Team established by the Lucas 508
County Sheriff's Department and the Quick Response Teams 509
established in Colerain Township's Department of Public Safety 510
in Hamilton County and Summit County. 511

Each recipient of a grant under this program shall, within 512
six months of the end date of the grant, submit a written report 513
describing the outcomes that resulted from the grant to the 514
Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House 515
of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the 516

Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.	517
DRUG TESTING EQUIPMENT	518
The foregoing appropriation item 055432, Drug Testing	519
Equipment, shall be used to purchase, operate, and maintain drug	520
testing equipment for the Bureau of Criminal Identification and	521
Investigation.	522
INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE	523
The foregoing appropriation item 055434, Internet Crimes	524
Against Children Task Force, shall be used by the Attorney	525
General in support of the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children	526
Task Force for the purposes described in section 195.02 of the	527
Revised Code.	528
VICTIMS OF CRIME	529
The foregoing appropriation item 055441, Victims of Crime,	530
shall be allocated to the Crime Victim Services Section. Prior	531
to using the funds from this appropriation item, the Attorney	532
General shall, to the extent possible, first use funds related	533
to the federal Victims of Crime Act.	534
CLEVELAND RAPE CRISIS CENTER	535
Of the foregoing appropriation item 055501, Rape Crisis	536
Centers, \$300,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to	537
the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center to provide services for at-risk	538
youth through the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center Human Trafficking	539
Drop-in Center.	540
SCHOOL SAFETY TRAINING GRANTS	541
(A) The foregoing appropriation item 055502, School Safety	542
Training Grants, shall be used by the Attorney General, in	543

consultation with the Director of Education and Workforce and 544
the Director of Behavioral Health, solely to make grants to 545
public and chartered nonpublic schools, educational service 546
centers, local law enforcement agencies, and schools operated by 547
county boards of developmental disabilities administering 548
special education services programs pursuant to section 5126.05 549
of the Revised Code for school safety and school climate 550
programs and training. 551

(B) The use of the grants includes, but is not limited to, 552
all of the following: 553

(1) The support of school resource officer certification 554
training; 555

(2) Any type of active shooter and school safety training 556
or equipment; 557

(3) All grade level type educational resources; 558

(4) Training to identify and assist students with mental 559
health issues; 560

(5) School supplies or equipment related to school safety 561
or for implementing the school's safety plan; 562

(6) The purchase and installation of an exterior secure 563
master key box in accordance with section 3313.475 of the 564
Revised Code; 565

(7) Any other training, supplies, services, or equipment 566
related to school safety. 567

(C) The schools, educational service centers, and county 568
boards shall work or contract with the county sheriff's office 569
or a local police department in whose jurisdiction they are 570
located to develop the programs and training described in 571

divisions (B) (1), (2), (3), (5), and ~~(6)~~ (7) of this section. Any 572
grant awarded directly to a local law enforcement agency, or to 573
a nonprofit or charitable law enforcement training organization 574
on the law enforcement agency's behalf, shall not be used to 575
fund a similar request made by a school located within the 576
jurisdiction of the local law enforcement agency. 577

(D) The Attorney General is authorized to make payments 578
directly to school or law enforcement nonprofit or charitable 579
training organizations on behalf of any public and chartered 580
nonpublic schools, educational service centers, local law 581
enforcement agencies, and schools operated by county boards of 582
developmental disabilities administering special education 583
services. 584

(E) As used in this section, "public school" means any 585
school operated by a school district board of education, any 586
community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised 587
Code, and any STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the 588
Revised Code. 589

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS 590

The foregoing appropriation item 055504, Domestic Violence 591
Programs, shall be used by the Attorney General for the purpose 592
of funding domestic violence programs as defined in section 593
109.46 of the Revised Code. 594

FINDING MY CHILDHOOD AGAIN PILOT PROGRAM 595

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055504, Domestic 596
Violence Programs, \$300,000 in each fiscal year shall be 597
distributed to the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina 598
counties for expenses related to the creation and implementation 599
of a pilot program called "Finding my Childhood Again." 600

BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER 601

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055504, Domestic 602
Violence Programs, \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be 603
distributed to the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina 604
counties for the cost of operating the commercial kitchen 605
located at its Market Street Facility, and \$50,000 in each 606
fiscal year shall be distributed to the Battered Women's Shelter 607
of Portage County. 608

TRANSPORTATION GRANTS 609

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055504, Domestic 610
Violence Programs, \$25,000 in fiscal year 2026 shall be provided 611
as grants to Ohio domestic violence shelters to buy 612
transportation vouchers, ridesharing credits, or gas cards for 613
eligible clients. The Attorney General shall adopt any rules 614
necessary for the administration of the grant program. 615

PIKE COUNTY CAPITAL CASE 616

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of 617
appropriation item 055505, Pike County Capital Case, at the end 618
of fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated to the same 619
appropriation item for the same purpose in fiscal year 2026. 620

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of 621
appropriation item 055505, Pike County Capital Case, at the end 622
of fiscal year 2026 is hereby reappropriated to the same 623
appropriation item for the same purpose in fiscal year 2027. 624

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING 625

The foregoing appropriation item 055509, Law Enforcement 626
Training, shall be used by the Attorney General for state 627
funding of the training of peace officers and troopers that is 628

required under section 109.803 of the Revised Code. 629

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055509, Law 630
Enforcement Training, the Attorney General may use up to 631
\$150,000 in each fiscal year for administrative expenses 632
associated with the program, including curriculum development. 633

ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS SYSTEM LEASE RENTAL PAYMENTS 634

The foregoing appropriation item 055668, Collections 635
System Lease Rental Payments, shall be used to make payments 636
during the period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, 637
pursuant to leases and agreements entered into under Section 638
701.10 of S.B. 310 of the 133rd General Assembly or Section 639
709.01 of H.B. 687 of the 134th General Assembly, with respect 640
to financing the costs associated with the acquisition, 641
development, implementation, and integration of the Attorney 642
General New Collection System. 643

NARCOTICS TASK FORCES 644

The foregoing appropriation item 055614, Narcotics Task 645
Forces, shall be used to support narcotics task forces funded by 646
the Attorney General. 647

WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION 648

The Workers' Compensation Fund (Fund 1950) is entitled to 649
receive quarterly payments from the Bureau of Workers' 650
Compensation and the Ohio Industrial Commission to fund legal 651
services provided to the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the 652
Ohio Industrial Commission during the fiscal year. 653

In addition, the Bureau of Workers' Compensation shall 654
transfer payments for the support of the Workers' Compensation 655
Fraud Unit. 656

All amounts shall be mutually agreed upon by the Attorney 657
General, the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and the Ohio 658
Industrial Commission. 659

GENERAL HOLDING ACCOUNT 660

The foregoing appropriation item 055631, General Holding 661
Account, shall be used to distribute moneys under the terms of 662
relevant court orders or other settlements received in a variety 663
of cases involving the Office of the Attorney General. If it is 664
determined that additional amounts are necessary for this 665
purpose, the amounts are hereby appropriated. 666

ANTITRUST SETTLEMENTS 667

The foregoing appropriation item 055632, Antitrust 668
Settlements, shall be used to distribute moneys under the terms 669
of relevant court orders or other out-of-court settlements in 670
antitrust cases or antitrust matters involving the Office of the 671
Attorney General. If it is determined that additional amounts 672
are necessary for this purpose, the amounts are hereby 673
appropriated. 674

CHARITABLE SETTLEMENT HOLDING ACCOUNT 675

The foregoing appropriation item 055674, Charitable 676
Settlement Holding Account, shall be used to distribute money in 677
the Charitable Settlements Holding Account Fund (Fund 5BY1), 678
which is created in the state treasury, under the terms of 679
relevant court orders or other settlements received in the 680
charitable law cases involving the Office of the Attorney 681
General. If it is determined that additional amounts are 682
necessary for this purpose, the amounts are hereby appropriated. 683

On July 1, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 684
Attorney General shall certify to the Director of Budget and 685

Management the amount of cash receipts related to settlements 686
received in charitable law cases and credited to the General 687
Holding Account (Fund R004). The Director of Budget and 688
Management shall transfer the amounts certified to the 689
Charitable Settlements Holding Account Fund (Fund 5BY1). 690

CONSUMER FRAUDS 691

The foregoing appropriation item 055630, Consumer Frauds, 692
shall be used for distribution of moneys from court-ordered 693
judgments against sellers in actions brought by the Office of 694
the Attorney General under sections 1334.08 and 4549.48 and 695
division (B) of section 1345.07 of the Revised Code. These 696
moneys shall be used to provide restitution to consumers 697
victimized by the fraud that generated the court-ordered 698
judgments. If it is determined that additional amounts are 699
necessary for this purpose, the amounts are hereby appropriated. 700

ORGANIZED CRIME COMMISSION DISTRIBUTIONS 701

The foregoing appropriation item 055601, Organized Crime 702
Commission Distributions, shall be used by the Organized Crime 703
Investigations Commission, as provided by section 177.011 of the 704
Revised Code, to reimburse political subdivisions for the 705
expenses the political subdivisions incur when their law 706
enforcement officers participate in an organized crime task 707
force and to support the operations of the retail theft task 708
force. If it is determined that additional amounts are necessary 709
for this purpose, the amounts are hereby appropriated. 710

COLLECTION PAYMENT REDISTRIBUTION 711

The foregoing appropriation item 055650, Collection 712
Payment Redistribution, shall be used for the purpose of 713
allocating the revenue where debtors mistakenly paid the client 714

agencies instead of the Attorney General's Collections 715
Enforcement Section. If it is determined that additional amounts 716
are necessary for this purpose, the amounts are hereby 717
appropriated. 718

Section 4. That existing Section 221.20 of H.B. 96 of the 719
136th General Assembly is hereby repealed. 720