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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 as subsequently amended
to require public and chartered nonpublic
schools to purchase and install an exterior
secure master key box for 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 at least one exterior secure master key box for each
school building operated by the district or school that is
assigned an internal retrieval number by the department of
education and workforce. An exterior secure master key box shall
be installed on the school building 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. 21

Each master key box shall meet the standards prescribed under 22

underwriters laboratories standard 1037. Each district or school 23

shall collaborate with law enforcement to include in the master 24

key box all of the following: 25

(1) Master external and internal keys; 26

(2) Access cards; 27

(3) Maps of the school buildings. 28

(B) A district or school shall provide updates of school 29

building maps to local law enforcement agencies and emergency 30

responders when substantial modifications, such as new 31

facilities, are made to a school building. A district or school 32

shall also notify local law enforcement agencies and emergency 33

responders when changes are made to master external keys, master 34

internal keys, or access cards and ensure that all are in 35

current operable form. 36

(C) A district or school may apply for a school safety 37

training grant awarded by the attorney general to pay for the 38

cost of purchasing and installing an exterior secure master key 39

box under this section. 40

(D) Any record that discloses the location of an exterior 41

secure master key box on a school building or on school premises 42

is not a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code. 43

Sec. 3314.03. A copy of every contract entered into under 44

this section shall be filed with the director of education and 45

workforce. The department of education and workforce shall make 46

available on its web site a copy of every approved, executed 47

contract filed with the director under this section. 48

(A) Each contract entered into between a sponsor and the governing authority of a community school shall specify the following:	49 50 51
(1) That the school shall be established as either of the following:	52 53
(a) A nonprofit corporation established under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, if established prior to April 8, 2003;	54 55 56
(b) A public benefit corporation established under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, if established after April 8, 2003.	57 58
(2) The education program of the school, including the school's mission and educational philosophy, the characteristics of the students the school is expected to attract, the ages and grades of students, and the focus of the curriculum;	59 60 61 62
(3) The academic goals to be achieved and the method of measurement that will be used to determine progress toward those goals, which shall include the statewide achievement assessments;	63 64 65 66
(4) Performance standards, including but not limited to all applicable report card measures set forth in section 3302.03 or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, by which the success of the school will be evaluated by the sponsor;	67 68 69 70
(5) The admission standards of section 3314.06 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, section 3314.061 of the Revised Code;	71 72 73
(6) (a) Dismissal procedures;	74
(b) A requirement that the governing authority adopt an attendance policy that includes a procedure for automatically	75 76

withdrawing a student from the school if the student without a 77
legitimate excuse fails to participate in seventy-two 78
consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the 79
student. 80

(7) The ways by which the school will achieve racial and 81
ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves; 82

(8) Requirements for financial audits by the auditor of 83
state. The contract shall require financial records of the 84
school to be maintained in the same manner as are financial 85
records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the auditor of 86
state. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with section 87
117.10 of the Revised Code. 88

(9) An addendum to the contract outlining the facilities 89
to be used that contains at least the following information: 90

(a) A detailed description of each facility used for 91
instructional purposes; 92

(b) The annual costs associated with leasing each facility 93
that are paid by or on behalf of the school; 94

(c) The annual mortgage principal and interest payments 95
that are paid by the school; 96

(d) The name of the lender or landlord, identified as 97
such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the 98
operator, if any. 99

(10) Qualifications of employees, including both of the 100
following: 101

(a) A requirement that the school's classroom teachers be 102
licensed in accordance with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the 103
Revised Code, except that a community school may engage 104

noncertificated persons to teach up to twelve hours or forty	105
hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 of the Revised Code;	106
(b) A prohibition against the school employing an	107
individual described in section 3314.104 of the Revised Code in	108
any position.	109
(11) That the school will comply with the following	110
requirements:	111
(a) The school will provide learning opportunities to a	112
minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred	113
twenty hours per school year.	114
(b) The governing authority will purchase liability	115
insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of	116
the school.	117
(c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs,	118
admission policies, employment practices, and all other	119
operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or	120
religious institution.	121
(d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91,	122
109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 3301.0710,	123
3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.24, 3301.948,	124
3302.037, 3313.472, 3313.473, 3313.474, <u>3313.475</u> , 3313.50,	125
3313.539, 3313.5310, 3313.5318, 3313.5319, 3313.608, 3313.609,	126
3313.6012, 3313.6013, 3313.6014, 3313.6020, 3313.6024,	127
3313.6026, 3313.6028, 3313.6029, 3313.6031, 3313.643, 3313.648,	128
3313.6411, 3313.6413, 3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666,	129
3313.667, 3313.668, 3313.669, 3313.6610, 3313.67, 3313.671,	130
3313.672, 3313.673, 3313.69, 3313.71, 3313.716, 3313.718,	131
3313.719, 3313.7112, 3313.7117, 3313.721, 3313.753, 3313.80,	132
3313.814, 3313.816, 3313.817, 3313.818, 3313.819, 3313.8110,	133

3313.86, 3313.89, 3313.96, 3319.073, 3319.077, 3319.078, 134
3319.0812, 3319.238, 3319.318, 3319.321, 3319.324, 3319.39, 135
3319.391, 3319.393, 3319.41, 3319.46, 3319.90, 3319.614, 136
3320.01, 3320.02, 3320.03, 3320.04, 3321.01, 3321.041, 3321.13, 137
3321.14, 3321.141, 3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 3322.20, 3322.24, 138
3323.251, 3327.10, 4111.17, 4113.52, 5502.262, 5502.703, and 139
5705.391 and Chapters 117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 140
4123., 4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code as if it were a 141
school district and will comply with section 3301.0714 of the 142
Revised Code in the manner specified in section 3314.17 of the 143
Revised Code. 144

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section 145
2921.42 of the Revised Code. 146

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 147
3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.617, 3313.618, and 3313.6114 of the 148
Revised Code, except that for students who enter ninth grade for 149
the first time before July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 150
3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code that a person must 151
successfully complete the curriculum in any high school prior to 152
receiving a high school diploma may be met by completing the 153
curriculum adopted by the governing authority of the community 154
school rather than the curriculum specified in Title XXXIII of 155
the Revised Code or any rules of the department. Beginning with 156
students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after 157
July 1, 2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 158
of the Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the 159
curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a high school 160
diploma shall be met by completing the requirements prescribed 161
in section 3313.6027 and division (C) of section 3313.603 of the 162
Revised Code, unless the person qualifies under division (D) or 163
(F) of that section. Each school shall comply with the plan for 164

awarding high school credit based on demonstration of subject 165
area competency, and beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, 166
with the updated plan that permits students enrolled in seventh 167
and eighth grade to meet curriculum requirements based on 168
subject area competency adopted by the department under 169
divisions (J) (1) and (2) of section 3313.603 of the Revised 170
Code. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the school shall 171
comply with the framework for granting units of high school 172
credit to students who demonstrate subject area competency 173
through work-based learning experiences, internships, or 174
cooperative education developed by the department under division 175
(J) (3) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. 176

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four 177
months after the end of each school year a report of its 178
activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of 179
divisions (A) (3) and (4) of this section and its financial 180
status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled 181
in the school. 182

(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer- 183
based community school, will comply with section 3313.801 of the 184
Revised Code as if it were a school district. 185

(i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant 186
awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), 187
Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery 188
and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, 189
the school will pay teachers based upon performance in 190
accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section 191
3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district. 192

(j) If the school operates a preschool program that is 193
licensed by the department under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of 194

the Revised Code, the school shall comply with sections 3301.50 195
to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and the minimum standards for 196
preschool programs prescribed in rules adopted by the department 197
of children and youth under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code. 198

(k) The school will comply with sections 3313.6021 and 199
3313.6023 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district 200
unless it is either of the following: 201

(i) An internet- or computer-based community school; 202

(ii) A community school in which a majority of the 203
enrolled students are children with disabilities as described in 204
division (B) (2) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code. 205

(l) The school will comply with section 3321.191 of the 206
Revised Code, unless it is an internet- or computer-based 207
community school that is subject to section 3314.261 of the 208
Revised Code. 209

(m) The school will comply with section 3313.7118 of the 210
Revised Code if it serves elementary school students. 211

(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits 212
to employees; 213

(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the 214
beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five 215
years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division 216
(D) of this section. 217

(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be 218
responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract; 219

(15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget 220
for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the 221
total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year. 222

(16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition	223
of employees of the school in the event the contract is	224
terminated or not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the	225
Revised Code;	226
(17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all	227
or part of an existing public school or educational service	228
center building or is to be a new start-up school, and if it is	229
a converted public school or service center building, both of	230
the following:	231
(a) Specification of any duties or responsibilities of an	232
employer that the board of education or service center governing	233
board that operated the school or building before conversion is	234
delegating to the governing authority of the community school	235
with respect to all or any specified group of employees provided	236
the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining	237
agreement applicable to such employees;	238
(b) Alternative arrangements for current public school	239
students who choose not to attend the converted school and for	240
teachers who choose not to teach in the school or building after	241
conversion.	242
(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving	243
disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the	244
governing authority of the community school;	245
(19) A provision requiring the governing authority to	246
adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside	247
outside the district in which the school is located. That policy	248
shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in	249
sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the	250
sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following:	251

(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside the district in which the school is located;	252 253
(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in districts adjacent to the district in which the school is located;	254 255 256
(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any other district in the state.	257 258
(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the department to take over the sponsorship of the school in accordance with the provisions of division (C) of section 3314.015 of the Revised Code;	259 260 261 262
(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code;	263 264 265
(22) A provision recognizing both of the following:	266
(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in compliance with health and safety laws and regulations;	267 268 269 270
(b) The authority of the department as the community school oversight body to suspend the operation of the school under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the department has evidence of conditions or violations of law at the school that pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's students and employees and the sponsor refuses to take such action.	271 272 273 274 275 276 277
(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will be offered to students including both classroom-based and non-	278 279

classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance 280
with criteria for student participation established by the 281
department under division (H) (2) of section 3314.08 of the 282
Revised Code; 283

(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and 284
3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to 285
be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall 286
be taken by the sponsor of the school. 287

(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school 288
will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of 289
September each school year, unless the mission of the school as 290
specified under division (A) (2) of this section is solely to 291
serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school 292
fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one 293
year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D) 294
of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the 295
school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void. 296

(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning 297
to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent 298
under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code; 299

(27) That the school's attendance and participation 300
policies will be available for public inspection; 301

(28) That the school's attendance and participation 302
records shall be made available to the department, auditor of 303
state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted under and in 304
accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 305
of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, and any 306
regulations promulgated under that act, and section 3319.321 of 307
the Revised Code; 308

(29) If a school operates using the blended learning model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all of the following information:	309 310 311
(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models will be used;	312 313
(b) A description of how student instructional needs will be determined and documented;	314 315
(c) The method to be used for determining competency, granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level;	316 317
(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how the school will document participation in learning opportunities;	318 319 320
(e) A statement describing how student progress will be monitored;	321 322
(f) A statement describing how private student data will be protected;	323 324
(g) A description of the professional development activities that will be offered to teachers.	325 326
(30) A provision requiring that all moneys the school's operator loans to the school, including facilities loans or cash flow assistance, must be accounted for, documented, and bear interest at a fair market rate;	327 328 329 330
(31) A provision requiring that, if the governing authority contracts with an attorney, accountant, or entity specializing in audits, the attorney, accountant, or entity shall be independent from the operator with which the school has contracted.	331 332 333 334 335

(32) A provision requiring the governing authority to 336
adopt an enrollment and attendance policy that requires a 337
student's parent to notify the community school in which the 338
student is enrolled when there is a change in the location of 339
the parent's or student's primary residence. 340

(33) A provision requiring the governing authority to 341
adopt a student residence and address verification policy for 342
students enrolling in or attending the school. 343

(34) A provision establishing the process by which the 344
governing authority of the school will be selected in the 345
future. 346

(35) A description of the management and administration of 347
the school. 348

(36) A provision requiring the governing authority to 349
adopt policies and procedures to establish internal financial 350
controls for the school. 351

(B) A contract entered into under section 3314.02 of the 352
Revised Code between a sponsor and the governing authority of a 353
community school may provide for the community school governing 354
authority to make payments to the sponsor, which is hereby 355
authorized to receive such payments as set forth in the contract 356
between the governing authority and the sponsor. The total 357
amount of such payments for monitoring, oversight, and technical 358
assistance of the school shall not exceed three per cent of the 359
total amount of payments for operating expenses that the school 360
receives from the state. 361

(C) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor 362
which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered 363
into with the department under division (B) of section 3314.015 364

of the Revised Code and shall include the following: 365

(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all 366
laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the 367
contract; 368

(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal 369
performance and the organization and operation of the community 370
school on at least an annual basis; 371

(3) Provide technical assistance to the community school 372
in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the 373
contract; 374

(4) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to 375
correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare 376
the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 377
3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the 378
school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or 379
terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 380
of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor; 381

(5) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the 382
event the community school experiences financial difficulties or 383
closes prior to the end of a school year. 384

(D) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under 385
this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the 386
approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that 387
contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not 388
ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor 389
finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and 390
terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the 391
academic goals prescribed in the contract have been 392
satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division 393

remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, 394
and 3314.073 of the Revised Code. 395

(E) If a community school fails to open for operation 396
within one year after the contract entered into under this 397
section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 398
of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the 399
expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the 400
school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A 401
school shall not be considered permanently closed because the 402
operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section 403
3314.072 of the Revised Code. 404

Sec. 3326.11. Each science, technology, engineering, and 405
mathematics school established under this chapter and its 406
governing body shall comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65, 407
121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 2921.42, 2921.43, 408
3301.0714, 3301.0715, 3301.0729, 3301.24, 3301.948, 3302.037, 409
3313.14, 3313.15, 3313.16, 3313.18, 3313.201, 3313.26, 3313.472, 410
3313.473, 3313.474, 3313.475, 3313.48, 3313.481, 3313.482, 411
3313.50, 3313.539, 3313.5310, 3313.5318, 3313.5319, 3313.608, 412
3313.6012, 3313.6013, 3313.6014, 3313.6020, 3313.6021, 413
3313.6023, 3313.6024, 3313.6026, 3313.6028, 3313.6029, 414
3313.6031, 3313.61, 3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.615, 3313.617, 415
3313.618, 3313.6114, 3313.643, 3313.648, 3313.6411, 3313.6413, 416
3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666, 3313.667, 3313.668, 417
3313.669, 3313.6610, 3313.67, 3313.671, 3313.672, 3313.673, 418
3313.69, 3313.71, 3313.716, 3313.717, 3313.718, 3313.719, 419
3313.7112, 3313.7117, 3313.7118, 3313.721, 3313.753, 3313.80, 420
3313.801, 3313.814, 3313.816, 3313.817, 3313.818, 3313.819, 421
3313.8110, 3313.86, 3313.89, 3313.96, 3319.073, 3319.077, 422
3319.078, 3319.0812, 3319.21, 3319.238, 3319.318, 3319.32, 423
3319.321, 3319.324, 3319.35, 3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.393, 424

3319.41, 3319.45, 3319.46, 3319.614, 3319.90, 3320.01, 3320.02, 425
3320.03, 3320.04, 3321.01, 3321.041, 3321.05, 3321.13, 3321.14, 426
3321.141, 3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 3321.191, 3322.20, 3322.24, 427
3323.251, 3327.10, 4111.17, 4113.52, 5502.262, 5502.703, and 428
5705.391 and Chapters 102., 117., 1347., 2744., 3307., 3309., 429
3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. of the Revised Code 430
as if it were a school district. 431

Sec. 3328.24. A college-preparatory boarding school 432
established under this chapter and its board of trustees shall 433
comply with sections 102.02, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 434
3301.0714, 3301.0729, 3301.948, 3302.037, 3313.474, 3313.475, 435
3313.5318, 3313.5319, 3313.6013, 3313.6021, 3313.6023, 436
3313.6024, 3313.6026, 3313.6029, 3313.6031, 3313.617, 3313.618, 437
3313.6114, 3313.6411, 3313.6413, 3313.668, 3313.669, 3313.6610, 438
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3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.393, 3319.46, 3320.01, 3320.02, 3320.03, 441
3320.04, 3323.251, and 5502.262, and Chapter 3365. of the 442
Revised Code as if the school were a school district and the 443
school's board of trustees were a district board of education. 444

Section 2. That existing sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 445
3328.24 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 446

Section 3. That Section 221.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th 447
General Assembly (as amended by H.B. 184 of the 136th General 448
Assembly) be amended to read as follows: 449

Sec. 221.20. OHIO CENTER FOR THE FUTURE OF FORENSIC 450
SCIENCE 451

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055321, Operating 452
Expenses, \$650,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the 453

Ohio Center for the Future of Forensic Science at Bowling Green 454
State University. The purpose of the Center shall be to foster 455
forensic science research techniques (BCI Eminent Scholar) and 456
to create professional training opportunities to students (BCI 457
Scholars) in the forensic science fields. 458

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM 459

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055321, Operating 460
Expenses, \$100,000 in each fiscal year may be used by the 461
Attorney General for the purpose of providing funding to 462
domestic violence programs as defined in section 109.46 of the 463
Revised Code. 464

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION RECORDS SYSTEM (BCIRS) 465
LEASE RENTAL PAYMENTS 466

The foregoing appropriation item 055406, BCIRS Lease 467
Rental Payments, shall be used for payments during the period 468
from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, pursuant to leases and 469
agreements entered into pursuant to Section 701.40 of S.B. 310 470
of the 131st General Assembly and other prior acts of the 471
General Assembly, with respect to financing the costs associated 472
with the acquisition, development, implementation, and 473
integration of the BCIRS. 474

COUNTY SHERIFFS' PAY SUPPLEMENT 475

The foregoing appropriation item 055411, County Sheriffs' 476
Pay Supplement, shall be used for the purpose of supplementing 477
the annual compensation of county sheriffs as required by 478
section 325.06 of the Revised Code. 479

At the request of the Attorney General, the Director of 480
Budget and Management may transfer appropriation from 481
appropriation item 055321, Operating Expenses, to appropriation 482

item 055411, County Sheriffs' Pay Supplement. Any appropriation 483
so transferred shall be used to supplement the annual 484
compensation of county sheriffs as required by section 325.06 of 485
the Revised Code. 486

COUNTY PROSECUTORS' PAY SUPPLEMENT 487

The foregoing appropriation item 055415, County 488
Prosecutors' Pay Supplement, shall be used for the purpose of 489
supplementing the annual compensation of certain county 490
prosecutors as required by section 325.111 of the Revised Code. 491

At the request of the Attorney General, the Director of 492
Budget and Management may transfer appropriation from 493
appropriation item 055321, Operating Expenses, to appropriation 494
item 055415, County Prosecutors' Pay Supplement. Any 495
appropriation so transferred shall be used to supplement the 496
annual compensation of county prosecutors as required by section 497
325.111 of the Revised Code. 498

DRUG ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM GRANT PROGRAM 499

The Attorney General shall maintain the Drug Abuse 500
Response Team Grant Program for the purpose of replicating or 501
expanding successful law enforcement programs that address the 502
opioid epidemic similar to the Drug Abuse Response Team 503
established by the Lucas County Sheriff's Department, and the 504
Quick Response Teams established in Colerain Township's 505
Department of Public Safety in Hamilton County and Summit 506
County. Any grants awarded by this grant program may include 507
requirements for private or nonprofit matching support. 508

The foregoing appropriation items 055431, Drug Abuse 509
Response Team Grants, and 055610, Drug Abuse Response Team 510
Grants, shall be used by the Attorney General to fund grants to 511

law enforcement or other government agencies; the primary 512
purpose of the grants shall be to replicate or expand successful 513
law enforcement programs that address the opioid epidemic 514
similar to the Drug Abuse Response Team established by the Lucas 515
County Sheriff's Department and the Quick Response Teams 516
established in Colerain Township's Department of Public Safety 517
in Hamilton County and Summit County. 518

Each recipient of a grant under this program shall, within 519
six months of the end date of the grant, submit a written report 520
describing the outcomes that resulted from the grant to the 521
Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House 522
of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the 523
Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. 524

DRUG TESTING EQUIPMENT 525

The foregoing appropriation item 055432, Drug Testing 526
Equipment, shall be used to purchase, operate, and maintain drug 527
testing equipment for the Bureau of Criminal Identification and 528
Investigation. 529

INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE 530

The foregoing appropriation item 055434, Internet Crimes 531
Against Children Task Force, shall be used by the Attorney 532
General in support of the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children 533
Task Force for the purposes described in section 195.02 of the 534
Revised Code. 535

VICTIMS OF CRIME 536

The foregoing appropriation item 055441, Victims of Crime, 537
shall be allocated to the Crime Victim Services Section. Prior 538
to using the funds from this appropriation item, the Attorney 539
General shall, to the extent possible, first use funds related 540

to the federal Victims of Crime Act.	541
CLEVELAND RAPE CRISIS CENTER	542
Of the foregoing appropriation item 055501, Rape Crisis	543
Centers, \$300,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to	544
the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center to provide services for at-risk	545
youth through the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center Human Trafficking	546
Drop-in Center.	547
SCHOOL SAFETY TRAINING GRANTS	548
(A) The foregoing appropriation item 055502, School Safety	549
Training Grants, shall be used by the Attorney General, in	550
consultation with the Director of Education and Workforce and	551
the Director of Behavioral Health, solely to make grants to	552
public and chartered nonpublic schools, educational service	553
centers, local law enforcement agencies, and schools operated by	554
county boards of developmental disabilities administering	555
special education services programs pursuant to section 5126.05	556
of the Revised Code for school safety and school climate	557
programs and training.	558
(B) The use of the grants includes, but is not limited to,	559
all of the following:	560
(1) The support of school resource officer certification	561
training;	562
(2) Any type of active shooter and school safety training	563
or equipment;	564
(3) All grade level type educational resources;	565
(4) Training to identify and assist students with mental	566
health issues;	567

(5) School supplies or equipment related to school safety	568
or for implementing the school's safety plan;	569
<u>(6) The purchase and installation of an exterior secure</u>	570
<u>master key box in accordance with section 3313.475 of the</u>	571
<u>Revised Code;</u>	572
(6) <u>(7)</u> Any other training, supplies, services, or	573
equipment related to school safety.	574
(C) The schools, educational service centers, and county	575
boards shall work or contract with the county sheriff's office	576
or a local police department in whose jurisdiction they are	577
located to develop the programs and training described in	578
divisions (B) (1), (2), (3), (5), and (6) <u>(7)</u> of this section. Any	579
grant awarded directly to a local law enforcement agency, or to	580
a nonprofit or charitable law enforcement training organization	581
on the law enforcement agency's behalf, shall not be used to	582
fund a similar request made by a school located within the	583
jurisdiction of the local law enforcement agency.	584
(D) The Attorney General is authorized to make payments	585
directly to school or law enforcement nonprofit or charitable	586
training organizations on behalf of any public and chartered	587
nonpublic schools, educational service centers, local law	588
enforcement agencies, and schools operated by county boards of	589
developmental disabilities administering special education	590
services.	591
(E) As used in this section, "public school" means any	592
school operated by a school district board of education, any	593
community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised	594
Code, and any STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the	595
Revised Code.	596

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS	597
The foregoing appropriation item 055504, Domestic Violence Programs, shall be used by the Attorney General for the purpose of funding domestic violence programs as defined in section 109.46 of the Revised Code.	598 599 600 601
FINDING MY CHILDHOOD AGAIN PILOT PROGRAM	602
Of the foregoing appropriation item 055504, Domestic Violence Programs, \$300,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina counties for expenses related to the creation and implementation of a pilot program called "Finding my Childhood Again."	603 604 605 606 607
BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER	608
Of the foregoing appropriation item 055504, Domestic Violence Programs, \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina counties for the cost of operating the commercial kitchen located at its Market Street Facility, and \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to the Battered Women's Shelter of Portage County.	609 610 611 612 613 614 615
TRANSPORTATION GRANTS	616
Of the foregoing appropriation item 055504, Domestic Violence Programs, \$25,000 in fiscal year 2026 shall be provided as grants to Ohio domestic violence shelters to buy transportation vouchers, ridesharing credits, or gas cards for eligible clients. The Attorney General shall adopt any rules necessary for the administration of the grant program.	617 618 619 620 621 622
PIKE COUNTY CAPITAL CASE	623
An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of	624

appropriation item 055505, Pike County Capital Case, at the end 625
of fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated to the same 626
appropriation item for the same purpose in fiscal year 2026. 627

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of 628
appropriation item 055505, Pike County Capital Case, at the end 629
of fiscal year 2026 is hereby reappropriated to the same 630
appropriation item for the same purpose in fiscal year 2027. 631

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING 632

The foregoing appropriation item 055509, Law Enforcement 633
Training, shall be used by the Attorney General for state 634
funding of the training of peace officers and troopers that is 635
required under section 109.803 of the Revised Code. 636

Of the foregoing appropriation item 055509, Law 637
Enforcement Training, the Attorney General may use up to 638
\$150,000 in each fiscal year for administrative expenses 639
associated with the program, including curriculum development. 640

ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS SYSTEM LEASE RENTAL PAYMENTS 641

The foregoing appropriation item 055668, Collections 642
System Lease Rental Payments, shall be used to make payments 643
during the period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, 644
pursuant to leases and agreements entered into under Section 645
701.10 of S.B. 310 of the 133rd General Assembly or Section 646
709.01 of H.B. 687 of the 134th General Assembly, with respect 647
to financing the costs associated with the acquisition, 648
development, implementation, and integration of the Attorney 649
General New Collection System. 650

NARCOTICS TASK FORCES 651

The foregoing appropriation item 055614, Narcotics Task 652

Forces, shall be used to support narcotics task forces funded by 653
the Attorney General. 654

WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION 655

The Workers' Compensation Fund (Fund 1950) is entitled to 656
receive quarterly payments from the Bureau of Workers' 657
Compensation and the Ohio Industrial Commission to fund legal 658
services provided to the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the 659
Ohio Industrial Commission during the fiscal year. 660

In addition, the Bureau of Workers' Compensation shall 661
transfer payments for the support of the Workers' Compensation 662
Fraud Unit. 663

All amounts shall be mutually agreed upon by the Attorney 664
General, the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and the Ohio 665
Industrial Commission. 666

GENERAL HOLDING ACCOUNT 667

The foregoing appropriation item 055631, General Holding 668
Account, shall be used to distribute moneys under the terms of 669
grant agreements pertaining to body armor, relevant court 670
orders, or other settlements received in a variety of cases 671
involving the Office of the Attorney General. If it is 672
determined that additional amounts are necessary for this 673
purpose, the amounts are hereby appropriated. 674

ANTITRUST SETTLEMENTS 675

The foregoing appropriation item 055632, Antitrust 676
Settlements, shall be used to distribute moneys under the terms 677
of relevant court orders or other out-of-court settlements in 678
antitrust cases or antitrust matters involving the Office of the 679
Attorney General. If it is determined that additional amounts 680

are necessary for this purpose, the amounts are hereby 681
appropriated. 682

CHARITABLE SETTLEMENT HOLDING ACCOUNT 683

The foregoing appropriation item 055674, Charitable 684
Settlement Holding Account, shall be used to distribute money in 685
the Charitable Settlements Holding Account Fund (Fund 5BY1), 686
which is created in the state treasury, under the terms of 687
relevant court orders or other settlements received in the 688
charitable law cases involving the Office of the Attorney 689
General. If it is determined that additional amounts are 690
necessary for this purpose, the amounts are hereby appropriated. 691

On July 1, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 692
Attorney General shall certify to the Director of Budget and 693
Management the amount of cash receipts related to settlements 694
received in charitable law cases and credited to the General 695
Holding Account (Fund R004). The Director of Budget and 696
Management shall transfer the amounts certified to the 697
Charitable Settlements Holding Account Fund (Fund 5BY1). 698

CONSUMER FRAUDS 699

The foregoing appropriation item 055630, Consumer Frauds, 700
shall be used for distribution of moneys from court-ordered 701
judgments against sellers in actions brought by the Office of 702
the Attorney General under sections 1334.08 and 4549.48 and 703
division (B) of section 1345.07 of the Revised Code. These 704
moneys shall be used to provide restitution to consumers 705
victimized by the fraud that generated the court-ordered 706
judgments. If it is determined that additional amounts are 707
necessary for this purpose, the amounts are hereby appropriated. 708

ORGANIZED CRIME COMMISSION DISTRIBUTIONS 709

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

COLLECTION PAYMENT REDISTRIBUTION 719

The foregoing appropriation item 055650, Collection Payment Redistribution, shall be used for the purpose of allocating the revenue where debtors mistakenly paid the client agencies instead of the Attorney General's Collections Enforcement Section. If it is determined that additional amounts are necessary for this purpose, the amounts are hereby appropriated.

Section 4. That existing Section 221.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly (as amended by H.B. 184 of the 136th General Assembly) is hereby repealed.

Section 5. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections as presented in this act:

Section 3314.03 of the Revised Code as amended by both 738

H.B. 10 and H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly.	739
Section 3326.11 of the Revised Code as amended by both	740
H.B. 10 and H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly.	741
Section 3328.24 of the Revised Code as amended by both	742
H.B. 10 and H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly.	743