As Introduced

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Representative Butler

Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Dean, Faber, Goodman, Retherford, Riedel, Seitz, Sprague

A BILL

То	enact section 9.05 of the Revised Code to	1
	require the approval of the General Assembly for	2
	a state agency to agree to a consent decree or	3
	court-approved settlement agreement that would	4
	alter or prohibit the enforcement of a law of	5
	this state.	6

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

Section 1. That section 9.05 of the Revised Code be	7
enacted to read as follows:	8
Sec. 9.05. (A) A state agency or public official or	9
employee that, as a result of a civil action brought in a state	10
or federal court, seeks to agree to a consent decree or court-	11
approved settlement agreement that would alter or prohibit the	12
enforcement of a law of this state shall apply to the general	13
assembly for approval of the consent decree or settlement	14
agreement. If, not later than ninety days after the application	15
is submitted, the general assembly enacts a bill approving the	16
consent decree or settlement agreement, the state agency or	17
public official or employee may agree to the consent decree or	18

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settlement agreement.	19
(B) A consent decree or court-approved settlement	20
agreement that alters or prohibits the enforcement of a law of	21
this state, that is agreed to on or after the effective date of	22
this section, and that is not approved by the general assembly	23
under division (A) of this section is void.	24