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# A BILL

| To amend sections 2305.111, 2901.13, and 2933.82 of | 1 |
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| the Revised Code to eliminate the period of         | 2 |
| limitations for the criminal prosecution of a       | 3 |
| person for rape and to extend the period of         | 4 |
| limitations for a civil action by a victim of       | 5 |
| childhood sexual abuse.                             | 6 |

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

| Section 1. That sections 2305.111, 2901.13, and 2933.82 of       | 7  |
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| the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:                  | 8  |
| Sec. 2305.111. (A) As used in this section:                      | 9  |
| (1) "Childhood sexual abuse" means any conduct that              | 10 |
| constitutes any of the violations identified in division (A)(1)  | 11 |
| (a) or (b) of this section and would constitute a criminal       | 12 |
| offense under the specified section or division of the Revised   | 13 |
| Code, if the victim of the violation is at the time of the       | 14 |
| violation a child under eighteen years of age or a child with a  | 15 |
| developmental disability or physical impairment under twenty-one | 16 |
| years of age. The court need not find that any person has been   | 17 |

convicted of or pleaded guilty to the offense under the18specified section or division of the Revised Code in order for19the conduct that is the violation constituting the offense to be20childhood sexual abuse for purposes of this division. This21division applies to any of the following violations committed in22the following specified circumstances:23

(a) A violation of section 2907.02 or of division (A)(1),
(5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), or (12) of section 2907.03
of the Revised Code;

(b) A violation of section 2907.05 or 2907.06 of the
Revised Code if, at the time of the violation, any of the
following apply:

(i) The actor is the victim's natural parent, adoptive parent, or stepparent or the guardian, custodian, or person in loco parentis of the victim.

(ii) The victim is in custody of law or a patient in a
hospital or other institution, and the actor has supervisory or
disciplinary authority over the victim.

(iii) The actor is a teacher, administrator, coach, or 36 other person in authority employed by or serving in a school for 37 which the state board of education prescribes minimum standards 38 pursuant to division (D) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code, 39 the victim is enrolled in or attends that school, and the actor 40 is not enrolled in and does not attend that school. 41

(iv) The actor is a teacher, administrator, coach, or
other person in authority employed by or serving in an
institution of higher education, and the victim is enrolled in
or attends that institution.

(v) The actor is the victim's athletic or other type of 46

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| coach, is the victim's instructor, is the leader of a scouting   | 47 |
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| troop of which the victim is a member, or is a person with       | 48 |
| temporary or occasional disciplinary control over the victim.    | 49 |
| (vi) The actor is a mental health professional, the victim       | 50 |
| is a mental health client or patient of the actor, and the actor | 51 |
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| induces the victim to submit by falsely representing to the      |    |
| victim that the sexual contact involved in the violation is      | 53 |
| necessary for mental health treatment purposes.                  | 54 |
| (vii) The victim is confined in a detention facility, and        | 55 |
| the actor is an employee of that detention facility.             | 56 |
| (viii) The actor is a cleric, and the victim is a member         | 57 |
| of, or attends, the church or congregation served by the cleric. | 58 |
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| (2) "Cleric" has the same meaning as in section 2317.02 of       | 59 |
| the Revised Code.  | 60 |
| (3) "Mental health client or patient" has the same meaning       | 61 |
| as in section 2305.51 of the Revised Code.                       | 62 |
| (4) "Mental health professional" has the same meaning as         | 63 |
| in section 2305.115 of the Revised Code.                         |    |
| IN Section 2303.115 of the Revised Code.                         | 64 |
| (5) "Sexual contact" has the same meaning as in section          | 65 |
| 2907.01 of the Revised Code.                                     | 66 |
| (6) "Victim" means, except as provided in division (B) of        | 67 |
| this section, a victim of childhood sexual abuse.                | 68 |
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| (B) Except as provided in section 2305.115 of the Revised        | 69 |
| Code and subject to division (C) of this section, an action for  | 70 |
| assault or battery shall be brought within one year after the    | 71 |
| cause of the action accrues. For purposes of this section, a     | 72 |
| cause of action for assault or battery accrues upon the later of | 73 |
| the following:   | 74 |

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(1) The date on which the alleged assault or battery 75 occurred; 76 (2) If the plaintiff did not know the identity of the 77 person who allegedly committed the assault or battery on the 78 date on which it allegedly occurred, the earlier of the 79 following dates: 80 (a) The date on which the plaintiff learns the identity of 81 that person; 82 (b) The date on which, by the exercise of reasonable 83 diligence, the plaintiff should have learned the identity of 84 that person. 85 (C) An Subject to division (D) of this section, an action 86 for assault or battery brought by a victim of childhood sexual 87 abuse based on childhood sexual abuse, or an action brought by a 88 victim of childhood sexual abuse asserting any claim resulting 89 from childhood sexual abuse, against a perpetrator of the 90 childhood sexual abuse or an entity that negligently facilitated 91 that sexual abuse, shall be brought within twelve years after 92 the cause of action accruesat any time until the victim reaches\_ 93 fifty-five years of age. For purposes of this section, a cause-94 of action for assault or battery based on childhood sexual 95 abuse, or a cause of action for a claim resulting from childhood 96 sexual abuse, accrues upon the date on which the victim reaches 97 the age of majority. If the defendant in an action brought by a 98 victim of childhood sexual abuse asserting a claim resulting 99 from childhood sexual abuse that occurs on or after August 3, 100 2006, has fraudulently concealed from the plaintiff facts that 101 form the basis of the claim, the running of the limitations 102 period with regard to that claim is tolled until the time when 103 the plaintiff discovers or in the exercise of due diligence 104

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| should have discovered those facts and the plaintiff discovers               | 105 |
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| those facts after reaching fifty-five years of age, the                      | 106 |
| plaintiff may bring an action asserting a claim resulting from               | 107 |
| the childhood sexual abuse not later than three years after the              | 108 |
| date of the discovery of those facts that form the basis of the              | 109 |
| <u>claim</u> .   | 110 |
| (D) If, on the effective date of this amendment, a cause                     | 111 |
| of action for assault or battery based on childhood sexual abuse             | 112 |
| <u>or a claim resulting from childhood sexual abuse is barred due</u>        | 113 |
| to the expiration of the applicable period of limitation of that             | 114 |
| action or claim that was in effect prior to the effective date               | 115 |
| of this amendment, that cause of action or claim shall be                    | 116 |
| revived and an action for assault or battery by the victim of                | 117 |
| the childhood sexual abuse based on childhood sexual abuse or a              | 118 |
| claim resulting from childhood sexual abuse asserted by the                  | 119 |
| victim of that childhood sexual abuse may be commenced within                | 120 |
| three years after the effective date of this amendment.                      | 121 |
| Sec. 2901.13. (A)(1) Except as provided in division (A)                      | 122 |
| (2), (3), or (4) of this section or as otherwise provided in                 | 123 |
| this section, a prosecution shall be barred unless it is                     | 124 |
| commenced within the following periods after an offense is                   | 125 |
| committed:   | 126 |
| (a) For a felony, six years;   | 127 |
| (b) For a misdemeanor other than a minor misdemeanor, two                    | 128 |
| years;   | 129 |
| (c) For a minor misdemeanor, six months.                                     | 130 |
| (2) There is no period of limitation for the prosecution                     | 131 |
| of a violation of section 2903.01 <del>or</del> , 2903.02, or 2907.02 of the | 132 |
| Revised Code.  | 133 |

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(3) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (B) to (J)
of this section, a prosecution of any of the following offenses
shall be barred unless it is commenced within twenty years after
the offense is committed:

(a) A violation of section 2903.03, 2903.04, 2905.01,
2905.32, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.21, 2909.02, 2909.22, 2909.23,
2909.24, 2909.26, 2909.27, 2909.28, 2909.29, 2911.01, 2911.02,
2911.11, 2911.12, or 2917.02 of the Revised Code, a violation of
section 2903.11 or 2903.12 of the Revised Code if the victim is
a peace officer, a violation of section 2903.13 of the Revised
Code that is a felony, or a violation of former section 2907.12
of the Revised Code;

(b) A conspiracy to commit, attempt to commit, or 146
complicity in committing a violation set forth in division (A) 147
(3) (a) of this section. 148

(4) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (D) to (L) 149
of this section, a prosecution of a violation of section 2907.02 150
or 2907.03 of the Revised Code or a conspiracy to commit, 151
attempt to commit, or complicity in committing a violation of 152
either that section shall be barred unless it is commenced 153
within twenty-five years after the offense is committed. 154

(B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (2) of
this section, if the period of limitation provided in division
(A) (1) or (3) of this section has expired, prosecution shall be
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(2) If the period of limitation provided in division (A)

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(1) or (3) of this section has expired, prosecution for a 163 violation of section 2913.49 of the Revised Code shall be 164 commenced within five years after discovery of the offense 165 either by an aggrieved person or the aggrieved person's legal 166 representative who is not a party to the offense. 167

(C) (1) If the period of limitation provided in division
(A) (1) or (3) of this section has expired, prosecution shall be
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commenced for the following offenses during the following
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specified periods of time:

(a) For an offense involving misconduct in office by a
public servant, at any time while the accused remains a public
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servant, or within two years thereafter;
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(b) For an offense by a person who is not a public servant
but whose offense is directly related to the misconduct in
office of a public servant, at any time while that public
servant remains a public servant, or within two years
thereafter.

(2) As used in this division:

(a) An "offense is directly related to the misconduct in 181 office of a public servant" includes, but is not limited to, a 182 violation of section 101.71, 101.91, 121.61 or 2921.13, division 183 (F) or (H) of section 102.03, division (A) of section 2921.02, 184 division (A) or (B) of section 2921.43, or division (F) or (G) 185 of section 3517.13 of the Revised Code, that is directly related 186 to an offense involving misconduct in office of a public 187 servant. 188

(b) "Public servant" has the same meaning as in section1892921.01 of the Revised Code.190

(D)(1) If a DNA record made in connection with the 191

criminal investigation of the commission of a violation of192section 2907.02 or 2907.03 of the Revised Code is determined to193match another DNA record that is of an identifiable person and194if the time of the determination is later than twenty-five years195after the offense is committed, prosecution of that person for a196violation of the that section may be commenced within five years197after the determination is complete.198

(2) If a DNA record made in connection with the criminal 199 investigation of the commission of a violation of section 200 2907.02 or 2907.03 of the Revised Code is determined to match 201 another DNA record that is of an identifiable person and if the 202 time of the determination is within twenty-five years after the 203 offense is committed, prosecution of that person for a violation 204 of the that section may be commenced within the longer of 205 twenty-five years after the offense is committed or five years 206 after the determination is complete. 207

(3) As used in this division, "DNA record" has the same208meaning as in section 109.573 of the Revised Code.209

(E) An offense is committed when every element of the
offense occurs. In the case of an offense of which an element is
a continuing course of conduct, the period of limitation does
not begin to run until such course of conduct or the accused's
accountability for it terminates, whichever occurs first.

(F) A prosecution is commenced on the date an indictment
is returned or an information filed, or on the date a lawful
arrest without a warrant is made, or on the date a warrant,
summons, citation, or other process is issued, whichever occurs
first. A prosecution is not commenced by the return of an
indictment or the filing of an information unless reasonable
diligence is exercised to issue and execute process on the same.

A prosecution is not commenced upon issuance of a warrant, 222 summons, citation, or other process, unless reasonable diligence 223 is exercised to execute the same. 224

(G) The period of limitation shall not run during any timewhen the corpus delicti remains undiscovered.226

(H) The period of limitation shall not run during any time 227 when the accused purposely avoids prosecution. Proof that the 228 accused departed this state or concealed the accused's identity 229 or whereabouts is prima-facie evidence of the accused's purpose 230 to avoid prosecution. 231

(I) The period of limitation shall not run during any time a prosecution against the accused based on the same conduct is pending in this state, even though the indictment, information, or process that commenced the prosecution is quashed or the proceedings on the indictment, information, or process are set aside or reversed on appeal.

(J) The period of limitation for a violation of any 238 provision of Title XXIX of the Revised Code that involves a 239 physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a 240 nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of a child 241 under eighteen years of age or of a child with a developmental 242 disability or physical impairment under twenty-one years of age 243 shall not begin to run until either of the following occurs: 244

(1) The victim of the offense reaches the age of majority. 245

(2) A public children services agency, or a municipal or
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| (K) As used in this section, "peace officer" has the same                 | 252 |
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| meaning as in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code.                        | 253 |
| (L) The amendments to divisions (A) and (D) of this                       | 254 |
| section apply to a violation of section <del>2907.02 or 2</del> 907.03 of | 255 |
| the Revised Code committed on and after July 16, 2015, and apply          | 256 |
| to a violation of <del>either of those sections <u>that section</u></del> | 257 |
| committed prior to July 16, 2015, if prosecution for that                 | 258 |
| violation was not barred under this section as it existed on the          | 259 |
| day prior to July 16, 2015.   | 260 |
| Sec. 2933.82. (A) As used in this section:                                | 261 |
| (1)(a) "Biological evidence" means any of the following:                  | 262 |
| (i) The contents of a sexual assault examination kit;                     | 263 |
| (ii) Any item that contains blood, semen, hair, saliva,                   | 264 |
| skin tissue, fingernail scrapings, bone, bodily fluids, or any            | 265 |
| other identifiable biological material that was collected as              | 266 |
| part of a criminal investigation or delinquent child                      | 267 |
| investigation and that reasonably may be used to incriminate or           | 268 |
| exculpate any person for an offense or delinquent act.                    | 269 |
| (b) The definition of "biological evidence" set forth in                  | 270 |
| division (A)(1)(a) of this section applies whether the material           | 271 |
| in question is cataloged separately, such as on a slide or swab           | 272 |
| or in a test tube, or is present on other evidence, including,            | 273 |
| but not limited to, clothing, ligatures, bedding or other                 | 274 |
| household material, drinking cups or containers, or cigarettes.           | 275 |
| (2) "Biological material" has the same meaning as in                      | 276 |
| section 2953.71 of the Revised Code.                                      | 277 |

(3) "DNA," "DNA analysis," "DNA database," "DNA record,"

and "DNA specimen" have the same meanings as in section 109.573 279 of the Revised Code. 280 (4) "Prosecutor" has the same meaning as in section 281 2935.01 of the Revised Code. 282 283 (5) "Governmental evidence-retention entity" means all of the following: 284 285 (a) Any law enforcement agency, prosecutor's office, 286 court, public hospital, crime laboratory, or other governmental or public entity or individual within this state that is charged 287 with the collection, storage, or retrieval of biological 288 evidence; 289 (b) Any official or employee of any entity or individual 290 described in division (A) (5) (a) of this section. 291 (B) (1) Each governmental evidence-retention entity that 292 secures any biological evidence in relation to an investigation 293 or prosecution of a criminal offense or delinquent act that is a 294 violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, or 2903.03, a violation 295 of section 2903.04 or 2903.06 that is a felony of the first or 296 second degree, a violation of section 2907.02 or 2907.03 or 297 division (A)(4) or (B) of section 2907.05 of the Revised Code, 298 or an attempt to commit a violation of section 2907.02 of the 299 Revised Code shall secure the biological evidence for whichever 300 of the following periods of time is applicable: 301 (a) For a violation of section 2903.01-or, 2903.02, or 302 2907.02 of the Revised Code, for the period of time that the 303 offense or act remains unsolved; 304

(b) For a violation of section 2903.03, a violation of305section 2903.04 or 2903.06 that is a felony of the first or306second degree, a violation of section 2907.02 or 2907.03 or of307

division (A) (4) or (B) of section 2907.05 of the Revised Code,308or an attempt to commit a violation of section 2907.02 of the309Revised Code, for a period of thirty years if the offense or act310remains unsolved;311

(c) If any person is convicted of or pleads guilty to the 312 offense, or is adjudicated a delinquent child for committing the 313 delinquent act, for the earlier of the following: (i) the 314 expiration of the latest of the following periods of time that 315 apply to the person: the period of time that the person is 316 incarcerated, is in a department of youth services institution 317 or other juvenile facility, is under a community control 318 sanction for that offense, is under any order of disposition for 319 320 that act, is on probation or parole for that offense, is under judicial release or supervised release for that act, is under 321 post-release control for that offense, is involved in civil 322 litigation in connection with that offense or act, or is subject 323 to registration and other duties imposed for that offense or act 324 under sections 2950.04, 2950.041, 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the 325 Revised Code or (ii) thirty years. If after the period of thirty 326 years the person remains incarcerated, then the governmental 327 evidence-retention entity shall secure the biological evidence 328 until the person is released from incarceration or dies. 329

(2) (a) A law enforcement agency shall review all of its 330 records and reports pertaining to its investigation of any 331 offense specified in division (B)(1) of this section as soon as 332 possible after March 23, 2015. If the law enforcement agency's 333 review determines that one or more persons may have committed or 334 participated in an offense specified in division (B)(1) of this 335 section or another offense committed during the course of an 336 offense specified in division (B)(1) of this section and the 337 agency is in possession of a sexual assault examination kit 338

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secured during the course of the agency's investigation, as soon 339 as possible, but not later than one year after March 23, 2015, 340 the agency shall forward the contents of the kit to the bureau 341 of criminal identification and investigation or another crime 342 laboratory for a DNA analysis of the contents of the kit if a 343 DNA analysis has not previously been performed on the contents 344 of the kit. The law enforcement agency shall consider the period 345 of time remaining under section 2901.13 of the Revised Code for 346 commencing the prosecution of a criminal offense related to the 347 DNA specimens from the kit as well as other relevant factors in 348 prioritizing the forwarding of the contents of sexual assault 349 examination kits. 350

(b) If an investigation is initiated on or after March 23, 351 2015, and if a law enforcement agency investigating an offense 352 specified in division (B)(1) of this section determines that one 353 or more persons may have committed or participated in an offense 354 specified in division (B)(1) of this section or another offense 355 committed during the course of an offense specified in division 356 (B) (1) of this section, the law enforcement agency shall forward 357 the contents of a sexual assault examination kit in the agency's 358 possession to the bureau or another crime laboratory within 359 thirty days for a DNA analysis of the contents of the kit. 360

(c) A law enforcement agency shall be considered in the 361 possession of a sexual assault examination kit that is not in 362 the law enforcement agency's possession for purposes of 363 divisions (B)(2)(a) and (b) of this section if the sexual 364 assault examination kit contains biological evidence related to 365 the law enforcement agency's investigation of an offense 366 specified in division (B)(1) of this section and is in the 367 possession of another government evidence-retention entity. The 368 law enforcement agency shall be responsible for retrieving the 369 sexual assault examination kit from the government evidence-370retention entity and forwarding the contents of the kit to the371bureau or another crime laboratory as required under divisions372(B) (2) (a) and (b) of this section.373

(d) (i) The bureau or a laboratory under contract with the 374 bureau pursuant to division (B)(5) of section 109.573 of the 375 Revised Code shall perform a DNA analysis of the contents of any 376 sexual assault examination kit forwarded to the bureau pursuant 377 to division (B)(2)(a) or (b) of this section as soon as possible 378 after the bureau receives the contents of the kit. The bureau 379 shall enter the resulting DNA record into a DNA database. If the 380 DNA analysis is performed by a laboratory under contract with 381 the bureau, the laboratory shall forward the biological evidence 382 to the bureau immediately after the laboratory performs the DNA 383 analysis. A crime laboratory shall perform a DNA analysis of the 384 contents of any sexual assault examination kit forwarded to the 385 crime laboratory pursuant to division (B)(2)(a) or (b) of this 386 section as soon as possible after the crime laboratory receives 387 the contents of the kit and shall enter the resulting DNA record 388 into a DNA database subject to the applicable DNA index system 389 standards. 390

(ii) Upon the completion of the DNA analysis by the bureau or a crime laboratory under contract with the bureau under this division, the bureau shall return the contents of the sexual assault examination kit to the law enforcement agency. The law enforcement agency shall secure the contents of the sexual assault examination kit in accordance with division (B)(1) of this section, as applicable.

(e) The failure of any law enforcement agency to comply398with any time limit specified in this section shall not create,399

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and shall not be construed as creating, any basis or right to 400 appeal, claim for or right to postconviction relief, or claim 401 for or right to a new trial or any other claim or right to 402 relief by any person. 403

(3) This section applies to evidence likely to contain biological material that was in the possession of any governmental evidence-retention entity during the investigation and prosecution of a criminal case or delinquent child case 407 involving a violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, or 2903.03, a 408 violation of section 2903.04 or 2903.06 that is a felony of the first or second degree, a violation of section 2907.02 or 2907.03 or of division (A)(4) or (B) of section 2907.05 of the Revised Code, or an attempt to commit a violation of section 2907.02 of the Revised Code.

(4) A governmental evidence-retention entity that possesses biological evidence shall retain the biological evidence in the amount and manner sufficient to develop a DNA record from the biological material contained in or included on the evidence.

(5) Upon written request by the defendant in a criminal 419 case or the alleged delinquent child in a delinquent child case 420 involving a violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, or 2903.03, a 421 violation of section 2903.04 or 2903.06 that is a felony of the 422 first or second degree, a violation of section 2907.02 or 423 2907.03 or of division (A)(4) or (B) of section 2907.05 of the 424 Revised Code, or an attempt to commit a violation of section 425 2907.02 of the Revised Code, a governmental evidence-retention 426 entity that possesses biological evidence shall prepare an 427 inventory of the biological evidence that has been preserved in 428 connection with the defendant's criminal case or the alleged 429

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delinquent child's delinquent child case. 430 (6) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(8) of 431 this section, a governmental evidence-retention entity that 432 possesses biological evidence that includes biological material 433 may destroy the evidence before the expiration of the applicable 434 period of time specified in division (B)(1) of this section if 435 all of the following apply: 436 (a) No other provision of federal or state law requires 437 the state to preserve the evidence. 438 (b) The governmental evidence-retention entity, by 439 certified mail, return receipt requested, provides notice of 440 intent to destroy the evidence to all of the following: 441 (i) All persons who remain in custody, incarcerated, in a 442 department of youth services institution or other juvenile 443 facility, under a community control sanction, under any order of 444 disposition, on probation or parole, under judicial release or 445 supervised release, under post-release control, involved in 446 civil litigation, or subject to registration and other duties 447 imposed for that offense or act under sections 2950.04, 448 2950.041, 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the Revised Code as a result 449 of a criminal conviction, delinquency adjudication, or 450 451 commitment related to the evidence in question; (ii) The attorney of record for each person who is in 452 custody in any circumstance described in division (B) (6) (b) (i) 453 of this section if the attorney of record can be located; 454 (iii) The state public defender; 455 (iv) The office of the prosecutor of record in the case 456

(iv) The office of the prosecutor of record in the case
that resulted in the custody of the person in custody in any
circumstance described in division (B) (6) (b) (i) of this section;
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(c) No person who is notified under division (B)(6)(b) of
this section does either of the following within one year after
the date on which the person receives the notice:

(i) Files a motion for testing of evidence under sections2953.71 to 2953.81 or section 2953.82 of the Revised Code;

(ii) Submits a written request for retention of evidence
to the governmental evidence-retention entity that provided
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notice of its intent to destroy evidence under division (B)(6)
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(b) of this section.

(7) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(8) of 469 this section, if, after providing notice under division (B)(6) 470 (b) of this section of its intent to destroy evidence, a 471 governmental evidence-retention entity receives a written 472 request for retention of the evidence from any person to whom 473 the notice is provided, the governmental evidence-retention 474 entity shall retain the evidence while the person referred to in 475 division (B)(6)(b)(i) of this section remains in custody, 476 incarcerated, in a department of youth services institution or 477 478 other juvenile facility, under a community control sanction, under any order of disposition, on probation or parole, under 479 480 judicial release or supervised release, under post-release control, involved in civil litigation, or subject to 481 registration and other duties imposed for that offense or act 482 under sections 2950.04, 2950.041, 2950.05, and 2950.06 of the 483 Revised Code as a result of a criminal conviction, delinquency 484 adjudication, or commitment related to the evidence in question. 485

(8) A governmental evidence-retention entity that486possesses biological evidence that includes biological material487

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may destroy the evidence five years after a person pleads quilty 488 or no contest to a violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, or 489 2903.03, a violation of section 2903.04 or 2903.06 that is a 490 felony of the first or second degree, a violation of section 491 2907.02, 2907.03, division (A)(4) or (B) of section 2907.05, or 492 an attempt to commit a violation of section 2907.02 of the 493 Revised Code and all appeals have been exhausted unless, upon a 494 motion to the court by the person who pleaded guilty or no 495 contest or the person's attorney and notice to those persons 496 described in division (B) (6) (b) of this section requesting that 497 the evidence not be destroyed, the court finds good cause as to 498 why that evidence must be retained. 499

(9) A governmental evidence-retention entity shall not be 500 required to preserve physical evidence pursuant to this section 501 that is of such a size, bulk, or physical character as to render 502 retention impracticable. When retention of physical evidence 503 that otherwise would be required to be retained pursuant to this 504 section is impracticable as described in this division, the 505 governmental evidence-retention entity that otherwise would be 506 required to retain the physical evidence shall remove and 507 508 preserve portions of the material evidence likely to contain biological evidence related to the offense, in a quantity 509 sufficient to permit future DNA testing before returning or 510 disposing of that physical evidence. 511

(C) The office of the attorney general shall administer
and conduct training programs for law enforcement officers and
other relevant employees who are charged with preserving and
cataloging biological evidence regarding the methods and
procedures referenced in this section.

Section 2. That existing sections 2305.111, 2901.13, and

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2933.82 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 518

Section 3. Section 2901.13 of the Revised Code, as amended 519 by this act, applies to a violation of section 2907.02 of the 520 Revised Code committed on and after the effective date of this 521 section and applies to a violation of section 2907.02 of the 522 Revised Code committed prior to the effective date of this 523 section if prosecution for that offense was not barred under 524 section 2901.13 of the Revised Code as it existed on the day 525 prior to the effective date of this section. 526