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A BILL

To amend sections 1901.261, 1907.261, 2101.162,	1
2151.541, 2153.081, 2301.031, 2303.201, 2953.52,	2
2953.53, 2953.54, 2953.55, and 2953.61 and to	3
enact section 2953.522 of the Revised Code to	4
allow for the sealing of charges dismissed	5
through intervention in lieu of conviction when	6
those charges are connected to a conviction for	7
operating a vehicle under the influence and to	8
allow a clerk of court to spend computerization	9
funds upon request.	10

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

 Section 1. That sections 1901.261, 1907.261, 2101.162,
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 2151.541, 2153.081, 2301.031, 2303.201, 2953.52, 2953.53,
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 2953.54, 2953.55, and 2953.61 be amended and section 2953.522 of
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 the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:
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 Sec. 1901.261. (A) (1) A municipal court may determine that
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 for the efficient operation of the court additional funds are
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required to computerize the court, to make available 17 computerized legal research services, or to do both. Upon making 18 a determination that additional funds are required for either or 19 both of those purposes, the court shall include in its schedule20of fees and costs under section 1901.26 of the Revised Code one21additional fee not to exceed three dollars on the filing of each22cause of action or appeal equivalent to one described in23division (A), (Q), or (U) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code24and shall direct the clerk of the court to charge the fee.25

(2) All fees collected under this section shall be paid on 26 or before the twentieth day of the month following the month in 27 which they are collected to the county treasurer if the court is 28 29 a county-operated municipal court or to the city treasurer if 30 the court is not a county-operated municipal court. The treasurer shall place the funds from the fees in a separate fund 31 to be disbursed upon an order of the court or a request from the 32 clerk of the court, subject to an appropriation by the board of 33 county commissioners if the court is a county-operated municipal 34 court or by the legislative authority of the municipal 35 corporation if the court is not a county-operated municipal 36 court, or upon an order of the court or a request from the clerk 37 of the court, subject to the court making an annual report 38 available to the public listing the use of all such funds, in an 39 amount not greater than the actual cost to the court of 40 computerizing the court, procuring and maintaining computerized 41 legal research services, or both. 42

(3) If the court determines that the funds in the fund 43 described in division (A) (2) of this section are more than 44 sufficient to satisfy the purpose for which the additional fee 45 described in division (A)(1) of this section was imposed, the 46 court may declare a surplus in the fund and, subject to an 47 appropriation by the board of county commissioners if the court 48 is a county-operated municipal court or by the legislative 49 authority of the municipal corporation if the court is not a 50 county-operated municipal court, the court or the clerk of the51court may expend those surplus funds, or upon an order of the52court or request from the clerk of the court, subject to the53court or clerk making an annual report available to the public54listing the use of all such funds, expend those surplus funds,55for other appropriate technological expenses of the court.56

(B)(1) A municipal court may determine that, for the 57 efficient operation of the court, additional funds are required 58 to computerize the office of the clerk of the court and, upon 59 that determination, may include in its schedule of fees and 60 61 costs under section 1901.26 of the Revised Code an additional fee not to exceed ten dollars on the filing of each cause of 62 action or appeal, on the filing, docketing, and endorsing of 63 each certificate of judgment, or on the docketing and indexing 64 of each aid in execution or petition to vacate, revive, or 65 modify a judgment that is equivalent to one described in 66 division (A), (P), (Q), (T), or (U) of section 2303.20 of the 67 Revised Code. Subject to division (B) (2) of this section, all 68 moneys collected under division (B)(1) of this section shall be 69 paid on or before the twentieth day of the month following the 70 month in which they are collected to the county treasurer if the 71 court is a county-operated municipal court or to the city 72 treasurer if the court is not a county-operated municipal court. 73 The treasurer shall place the funds from the fees in a separate 74 fund to be disbursed, upon an order of the municipal court or a 75 request from the clerk of the court and subject to an 76 appropriation by the board of county commissioners if the court 77 is a county-operated municipal court or by the legislative 78 authority of the municipal corporation if the court is not a 79 county-operated municipal court, in an amount no greater than 80 the actual cost to the court of procuring and maintaining 81

computer systems for the office of the clerk of the municipal court.

(2) If a municipal court makes the determination described 84 in division (B)(1) of this section, the board of county 85 commissioners of the county if the court is a county-operated 86 municipal court or the legislative authority of the municipal 87 corporation if the court is not a county-operated municipal 88 court, may issue one or more general obligation bonds for the 89 purpose of procuring and maintaining the computer systems for 90 the office of the clerk of the municipal court. In addition to 91 the purposes stated in division (B)(1) of this section for which 92 the moneys collected under that division may be expended, the 93 moneys additionally may be expended to pay debt charges and 94 financing costs related to any general obligation bonds issued 95 pursuant to division (B)(2) of this section as they become due. 96 General obligation bonds issued pursuant to division (B)(2) of 97 this section are Chapter 133. securities. 98

Sec. 1907.261. (A) (1) A county court may determine that 99 for the efficient operation of the court additional funds are 100 required to computerize the court, to make available 101 computerized legal research services, or to do both. Upon making 102 a determination that additional funds are required for either or 103 both of those purposes, the court shall include in its schedule 104 of fees and costs under section 1907.24 of the Revised Code one 105 additional fee not to exceed three dollars on the filing of each 106 cause of action or appeal equivalent to one described in 107 division (A), (Q), or (U) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code 108 and shall direct the clerk of the court to charge the fee. 109

(2) All fees collected under this section shall be paid onor before the twentieth day of the month following the month in111

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which they are collected to the county treasurer. The treasurer 112 shall place the funds from the fees in a separate fund to be 113 disbursed either upon an order of the court<u>or request from the</u> 114 <u>clerk of the court</u>, subject to an appropriation by the board of 115 county commissioners, or upon an order of the court<u>or request</u> 116 from the clerk of the court, subject to the court or clerk of 117 the court making an annual report available to the public 118 listing the use of all such funds, in an amount not greater than 119 the actual cost to the court of computerizing the court, 120 procuring and maintaining computerized legal research services, 121 or both. 122

(3) If the court determines that the funds in the fund 123 described in division (A)(2) of this section are more than 124 sufficient to satisfy the purpose for which the additional fee 125 described in division (A)(1) of this section was imposed, the 126 court may declare a surplus in the fund and, subject to an 127 appropriation by the board of county commissioners, the court or 128 the clerk of the court may expend those surplus funds, or upon 129 an order of the court or the clerk of the court, subject to the 130 court or clerk making an annual report available to the public 131 listing the use of all such funds, expend those surplus funds, 132 for other appropriate technological expenses of the court. 133

(B) (1) A county court may determine that, for the 134 efficient operation of the court, additional funds are required 135 to computerize the office of the clerk of the court and, upon 136 that determination, may include in its schedule of fees and 137 costs under section 1907.24 of the Revised Code an additional 138 fee not to exceed ten dollars on the filing of each cause of 139 action or appeal, on the filing, docketing, and endorsing of 140 each certificate of judgment, or on the docketing and indexing 141 of each aid in execution or petition to vacate, revive, or 142 modify a judgment that is equivalent to one described in 143 division (A), (P), (Q), (T), or (U) of section 2303.20 of the 144 Revised Code. Subject to division (B)(2) of this section, all 145 moneys collected under division (B) (1) of this section shall be 146 paid on or before the twentieth day of the month following the 147 month in which they are collected to the county treasurer. The 148 treasurer shall place the funds from the fees in a separate fund 149 to be disbursed, upon an order of the county court or request 150 from the clerk of the court and subject to an appropriation by 151 the board of county commissioners, in an amount no greater than 152 the actual cost to the court of procuring and maintaining 153 computer systems for the office of the clerk of the county 154 court. 155

(2) If a county court makes the determination described in 156 division (B)(1) of this section, the board of county 157 commissioners of that county may issue one or more general 158 obligation bonds for the purpose of procuring and maintaining 159 the computer systems for the office of the clerk of the county 160 court. In addition to the purposes stated in division (B)(1) of 161 this section for which the moneys collected under that division 162 may be expended, the moneys additionally may be expended to pay 163 debt charges and financing costs related to any general 164 obligation bonds issued pursuant to division (B)(2) of this 165 section as they become due. General obligation bonds issued 166 pursuant to division (B)(2) of this section are Chapter 133. 167 securities. 168

Sec. 2101.162. (A) (1) The probate judge may determine169that, for the efficient operation of the probate court,170additional funds are required to computerize the court, make171available computerized legal research services, or to do both.172Upon making a determination that additional funds are required173

for either or both of those purposes, the probate judge shall 174 charge a fee not to exceed three dollars or authorize and direct 175 a deputy clerk of the probate court to charge a fee not to 176 exceed three dollars, in addition to the fees specified in 177 divisions (A)(1), (3), (4), (6), (14) to (17), (20) to (25), 178 (27), (30) to (32), (34), (35), (37) to (48), (50) to (55), (59) 179 to (61), (63) to (66), (69), and (72) of section 2101.16 of the 180 Revised Code and the fee charged in connection with the 181 docketing and indexing of an appeal. 182

(2) All moneys collected under division (A) (1) of this section shall be paid to the county treasurer. The treasurer shall place the moneys from the fees in a separate fund to be disbursed, upon an order of the probate judge or request from the clerk of the court, in an amount no greater than the actual cost to the court of procuring and maintaining computerization of the court, computerized legal research services, or both.

(3) If the court determines that the funds in the fund
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described in division (A) (2) of this section are more than
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described in division (A) (1) of this section was imposed, the
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court may declare a surplus in the fund and <u>the court or the</u>
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appropriate technological expenses of the court.

(B) (1) The probate judge may determine that, for the 197 efficient operation of the probate court, additional funds are 198 required to computerize the office of the clerk of the court 199 and, upon that determination, may charge a fee, not to exceed 200 ten dollars, or authorize and direct a deputy clerk of the 201 probate court to charge a fee, not to exceed ten dollars, in 202 addition to the fees specified in divisions (A) (1), (3), (4), 203

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(2) If the probate judge makes the determination described 216 in division (B)(1) of this section, the board of county 217 commissioners may issue one or more general obligation bonds for 218 the purpose of procuring and maintaining the computer systems 219 for the office of the clerk of the probate court. In addition to 220 the purposes stated in division (B)(1) of this section for which 221 the moneys collected under that division may be expended, the 222 moneys additionally may be expended to pay debt charges on and 223 financing costs related to any general obligation bonds issued 224 pursuant to this division as they become due. General obligation 225 226 bonds issued pursuant to this division are Chapter 133. securities. 227

Sec. 2151.541. (A) (1) The juvenile judge may determine 228 that, for the efficient operation of the juvenile court, 229 additional funds are required to computerize the court, to make 230 available computerized legal research services, or both. Upon 231 making a determination that additional funds are required for 232 either or both of those purposes, the judge shall do one of the 233 following: 234

(a) If the judge is clerk of the court, charge one
additional fee not to exceed three dollars on the filing of each
cause of action or appeal under division (A), (Q), or (U) of
section 2303.20 of the Revised Code;

(b) If the clerk of the court of common pleas serves as the clerk of the juvenile court pursuant to section 2151.12 of the Revised Code, authorize and direct the clerk to charge one additional fee not to exceed three dollars on the filing of each cause of action or appeal under division (A), (Q), or (U) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code.

(2) All moneys collected under division (A) (1) of this 245 section shall be paid to the county treasurer. The treasurer 246 shall place the moneys from the fees in a separate fund to be 247 disbursed either upon an order of the juvenile judge or request 248 from the clerk of the juvenile court, subject to an 249 appropriation by the board of county commissioners, or upon an 250 order of the juvenile judge or request from the clerk of the 251 juvenile court, subject to the court or clerk making an annual 2.52 report available to the public listing the use of all such 253 2.54 funds, in an amount no greater than the actual cost to the court of procuring and maintaining computerization of the court, 255 256 computerized legal research services, or both.

(3) If the court determines that the funds in the fund 257 described in division (A) (2) of this section are more than 258 sufficient to satisfy the purpose for which the additional fee 259 described in division (A)(1) of this section was imposed, the 260 court may declare a surplus in the fund and, subject to an 261 appropriation by the board of county commissioners, the court or 262 the clerk of the juvenile court may expend those surplus funds, 2.63 or upon an order of the court<u>or a request from the clerk of the</u> 264

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<u>juvenile court</u>, subject to the court <u>or clerk making an annual</u> 265 report available to the public listing the use of all such 266 funds, expend those surplus funds, for other appropriate 267 technological expenses of the court. 268

(B) (1) If the juvenile judge is the clerk of the juvenile 269 court, the judge may determine that, for the efficient operation 270 of the juvenile court, additional funds are required to 271 computerize the clerk's office and, upon that determination, may 272 charge an additional fee, not to exceed ten dollars, on the 273 274 filing of each cause of action or appeal, on the filing, docketing, and endorsing of each certificate of judgment, or on 275 the docketing and indexing of each aid in execution or petition 276 to vacate, revive, or modify a judgment under divisions (A), 277 (P), (Q), (T), and (U) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code. 278 Subject to division (B)(2) of this section, all moneys collected 279 under this division shall be paid to the county treasurer to be 280 disbursed, upon an order of the juvenile judge and subject to 281 appropriation by the board of county commissioners, in an amount 282 no greater than the actual cost to the juvenile court of 283 procuring and maintaining computer systems for the clerk's 284 office. 285

(2) If the juvenile judge makes the determination 286 described in division (B)(1) of this section, the board of 287 county commissioners may issue one or more general obligation 288 bonds for the purpose of procuring and maintaining the computer 289 systems for the office of the clerk of the juvenile court. In 290 addition to the purposes stated in division (B)(1) of this 291 section for which the moneys collected under that division may 292 be expended, the moneys additionally may be expended to pay debt 293 charges on and financing costs related to any general obligation 294 bonds issued pursuant to this division as they become due. 295

General obligation bonds issued pursuant to this division are 296 Chapter 133. securities. 297

Sec. 2153.081. (A) (1) The juvenile judges may determine 298 that, for the efficient operation of their court, additional 299 funds are required to computerize the court, to make available 300 computerized legal research services, or both. Upon making a 301 determination that additional funds are required for either or 302 both of those purposes, the judges shall authorize and direct 303 the clerk or a deputy clerk of the court to charge one 304 305 additional fee not to exceed three dollars on the filing of each cause of action or appeal under division (A), (Q), or (U) of 306 section 2303.20 of the Revised Code. 307

(2) All moneys collected under division (A)(1) of this section shall be paid to the county treasurer. The treasurer shall place the moneys from the fees in a separate fund to be disbursed, upon an order of the juvenile judges or upon a request from the clerk of the court, in an amount no greater than the actual cost to the court of procuring and maintaining computer systems for the clerk's office, computerized legal research services, or both.

(3) If the court determines that the funds in the fund
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described in division (A) (2) of this section are more than
sufficient to satisfy the purpose for which the additional fee
described in division (A) (1) of this section was imposed, the
court may declare a surplus in the fund and the court or the
clerk of the court may expend those surplus funds for other
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(B) (1) The juvenile judges may determine that, for the
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court and, upon that determination, may authorize and direct the 326 clerk or a deputy clerk of the court to charge an additional 327 fee, not to exceed ten dollars, on the filing of each cause of 328 action or appeal, on the filing, docketing, and endorsing of 329 each certificate of judgment, or on the docketing and indexing 330 of each aid in execution or petition to vacate, revive, or 331 modify a judgment under divisions (A), (P), (Q), (T), and (U) of 332 section 2303.20 of the Revised Code. Subject to division (B)(2) 333 of this section, all moneys collected under this division shall 334 be paid to the county treasurer to be disbursed, upon an order 335 of the juvenile judges or request from the clerk of the court 336 and subject to appropriation by the board of county 337 commissioners, in an amount no greater than the actual cost to 338 the juvenile court of procuring and maintaining computer systems 339 for the clerk's office. 340

(2) If the juvenile judges make the determination 341 described in division (B)(1) of this section, the board of 342 county commissioners may issue one or more general obligation 343 bonds for the purpose of procuring and maintaining the computer 344 systems for the office of the clerk of the juvenile court. In 345 addition to the purposes stated in division (B)(1) of this 346 section for which the moneys collected under that division may 347 be expended, the moneys additionally may be expended to pay debt 348 charges on and financing costs related to any general obligation 349 bonds issued pursuant to this division as they become due. 350 General obligation bonds issued pursuant to this division are 351 Chapter 133. securities. 352

Sec. 2301.031. (A) (1) The domestic relations judges of a353domestic relations division created by section 2301.03 of the354Revised Code may determine that, for the efficient operation of355their division, additional funds are required to computerize the356

division, to make available computerized legal research357services, or both. Upon making a determination that additional358funds are required for either or both of those purposes, the359judges shall do one of the following:360

(a) Authorize and direct the clerk or a deputy clerk of
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the division to charge one additional fee not to exceed three
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dollars on the filing of each cause of action or appeal under
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division (A), (Q), or (U) of section 2303.20 of the Revised
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Code;

(b) If the clerk of the court of common pleas serves as
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the clerk of the division, authorize and direct the clerk of the
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court of common pleas to charge one additional fee not to exceed
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Revised Code.

(2) All moneys collected under division (A) (1) of this 372 section shall be paid to the county treasurer. The treasurer 373 shall place the moneys from the fees in a separate fund to be 374 disbursed either upon an order of the domestic relations judges 375 or a request from the clerk of the domestic relations division, 376 subject to an appropriation by the board of county 377 commissioners, or upon an order of the domestic relations judge 378 or request from the clerk of the domestic relations division, 379 subject to the court making an annual report available to the 380 public listing the use of all such funds, in an amount no 381 greater than the actual cost to the division of procuring and 382 maintaining computerization of the court, computerized legal 383 research services, or both. 384

(3) If the court determines that the funds in the fund385described in division (A)(2) of this section are more than386

sufficient to satisfy the purpose for which the additional fee 387 described in division (A)(1) of this section was imposed, the 388 court may declare a surplus in the fund and, subject to an 389 appropriation by the board of county commissioners, the court or 390 the clerk of the domestic relations division may expend those 391 surplus funds, or upon an order of the court<u>or a request from</u> 392 the clerk of the domestic relations division, subject to the 393 court or clerk of the domestic relations division making an 394 annual report available to the public listing the use of all 395 such funds, the court or clerk of the domestic relations 396 division may expend those surplus funds, for other appropriate 397 technological expenses of the court. 398 (B) (1) If the clerk of the court of common pleas is not 399 serving as the clerk of a juvenile or domestic relations 400 division created by section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, the 401 juvenile or domestic relations judges may determine that, for 402 the efficient operation of their division, additional funds are 403 required to computerize the office of the clerk of their division and, upon that determination, may authorize and direct

404 405 the clerk or a deputy clerk of their division to charge an 406 additional fee, not to exceed ten dollars, on the filing of each 407 cause of action or appeal, on the filing, docketing, and 408 endorsing of each certificate of judgment, or on the docketing 409 and indexing of each aid in execution or petition to vacate, 410 revive, or modify a judgment under divisions (A), (P), (Q), (T), 411 and (U) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code. Subject to 412 division (B)(2) of this section, all moneys collected under this 413 division shall be paid to the county treasurer to be disbursed, 414 upon an order of the juvenile or domestic relations judges_or____ 415 request of the clerk of the juvenile or domestic relations 416 division and subject to appropriation by the board of county 417

commissioners, in an amount no greater than the actual cost to418the juvenile or domestic relations division of procuring and419maintaining computer systems for the clerk's office.420

(2) If juvenile or domestic relations judges make the 421 determination described in division (B)(1) of this section, the 422 board of county commissioners may issue one or more general 423 obligation bonds for the purpose of procuring and maintaining 424 the computer systems for the office of the clerk of the juvenile 425 or domestic relations division. In addition to the purposes 426 stated in division (B)(1) of this section for which the moneys 427 428 collected under that division may be expended, the moneys additionally may be expended to pay debt charges on and 429 financing costs related to any general obligation bonds issued 430 pursuant to this division as they become due. General obligation 431 bonds issued pursuant to this division are Chapter 133. 432 4.3.3 securities.

Sec. 2303.201. (A) (1) The court of common pleas of any 434 county may determine that for the efficient operation of the 435 court additional funds are required to computerize the court, to 436 make available computerized legal research services, or to do 437 both. Upon making a determination that additional funds are 438 required for either or both of those purposes, the court shall 439 authorize and direct the clerk of the court of common pleas to 440 charge one additional fee, not to exceed six dollars, on the 441 filing of each cause of action or appeal under divisions (A), 442 (Q), and (U) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code. 443

(2) All fees collected under division (A) (1) of this
section shall be paid to the county treasurer. The treasurer
shall place the funds from the fees in a separate fund to be
disbursed either upon an order of the court or request from the
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clerk of the court of common pleas, subject to an appropriation 448 by the board of county commissioners, or upon an order of the 449 court or request from the clerk of the court of common pleas, 450 subject to the court making an annual report available to the 451 public listing the use of all such funds, in an amount not 4.52 greater than the actual cost to the court of procuring and 453 454 maintaining computerization of the court, computerized legal research services, or both. 455

(3) If the court determines that the funds in the fund described in division (A) (2) of this section are more than sufficient to satisfy the purpose for which the additional fee described in division (A) (1) of this section was imposed, the court may declare a surplus in the fund and, subject to an appropriation by the board of county commissioners, <u>the court or</u> <u>the clerk of the court of common pleas may expend those surplus</u> funds, or upon an order of the court<u>or request from the clerk</u> <u>of the court of common pleas</u>, subject to the court<u>or the clerk</u> <u>of the court of common pleas</u> making an annual report available to the public listing the use of all such funds, expend those surplus funds, for other appropriate technological expenses of the court.

469 (B) (1) The court of common pleas of any county may determine that, for the efficient operation of the court, 470 additional funds are required to make technological advances in 471 or to computerize the office of the clerk of the court of common 472 pleas and, upon that determination, authorize and direct the 473 clerk of the court of common pleas to charge an additional fee, 474 not to exceed twenty dollars, on the filing of each cause of 475 action or appeal, on the filing, docketing, and endorsing of 476 each certificate of judgment, or on the docketing and indexing 477 of each aid in execution or petition to vacate, revive, or 478

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modify a judgment under divisions (A), (P), (Q), (T), and (U) of 479 section 2303.20 of the Revised Code and not to exceed one dollar 480 each for the services described in divisions (B), (C), (D), (F), 481 (H), and (L) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code. Subject to 482 division (B)(2) of this section, all moneys collected under 483 division (B)(1) of this section shall be paid to the county 484 485 treasurer to be disbursed, upon an order of the court of common pleas or request from the clerk of the court of common pleas and 486 subject to appropriation by the board of county commissioners, 487 in an amount no greater than the actual cost to the court of 488 procuring and maintaining technology and computer systems for 489 the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas. 490

(2) If the court of common pleas of a county makes the 491 determination described in division (B)(1) of this section, the 492 board of county commissioners of that county may issue one or 493 more general obligation bonds for the purpose of procuring and 494 maintaining the technology and computer systems for the office 495 of the clerk of the court of common pleas. In addition to the 496 purposes stated in division (B)(1) of this section for which the 497 moneys collected under that division may be expended, the moneys 498 additionally may be expended to pay debt charges on and 499 financing costs related to any general obligation bonds issued 500 pursuant to division (B)(2) of this section as they become due. 501 General obligation bonds issued pursuant to division (B)(2) of 502 this section are Chapter 133. securities. 503

(C) The court of common pleas shall collect the sum of
twenty-six dollars as additional filing fees in each new civil
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action or proceeding for the charitable public purpose of
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public defender. This division does not apply to a juvenile
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division of a court of common pleas, except that an additional 510 filing fee of fifteen dollars shall apply to custody, 511 visitation, and parentage actions; to a probate division of a 512 court of common pleas, except that the additional filing fees 513 shall apply to name change, guardianship, adoption, and 514 decedents' estate proceedings; or to an execution on a judgment, 515 proceeding in aid of execution, or other post-judgment 516 proceeding arising out of a civil action. The filing fees 517 required to be collected under this division shall be in 518 addition to any other filing fees imposed in the action or 519 proceeding and shall be collected at the time of the filing of 520 the action or proceeding. The court shall not waive the payment 521 of the additional filing fees in a new civil action or 522 proceeding unless the court waives the advanced payment of all 523 filing fees in the action or proceeding. All such moneys 524 collected during a month except for an amount equal to up to one 525 per cent of those moneys retained to cover administrative costs 526 shall be transmitted on or before the twentieth day of the 527 following month by the clerk of the court to the treasurer of 528 state in a manner prescribed by the treasurer of state or by the 529 Ohio access to justice foundation. The treasurer of state shall 530 deposit four per cent of the funds collected under this division 531 to the credit of the civil case filing fee fund established 532 under section 120.07 of the Revised Code and ninety-six per cent 533 of the funds collected under this division to the credit of the 534 legal aid fund established under section 120.52 of the Revised 535 Code. 536

The court may retain up to one per cent of the moneys it537collects under this division to cover administrative costs,538including the hiring of any additional personnel necessary to539implement this division. If the court fails to transmit to the540

treasurer of state the moneys the court collects under this 541 division in a manner prescribed by the treasurer of state or by 542 the Ohio access to justice foundation, the court shall forfeit 543 the moneys the court retains under this division to cover 544 administrative costs, including the hiring of any additional 545 personnel necessary to implement this division, and shall 546 transmit to the treasurer of state all moneys collected under 547 this division, including the forfeited amount retained for 548 549 administrative costs, for deposit in the legal aid fund.

(D) On and after the thirtieth day after December 9, 1994, 550 the court of common pleas shall collect the sum of thirty-two 551 dollars as additional filing fees in each new action or 552 proceeding for annulment, divorce, or dissolution of marriage 553 for the purpose of funding shelters for victims of domestic 554 violence pursuant to sections 3113.35 to 3113.39 of the Revised 555 Code. The filing fees required to be collected under this 556 division shall be in addition to any other filing fees imposed 557 in the action or proceeding and shall be collected at the time 558 of the filing of the action or proceeding. The court shall not 559 waive the payment of the additional filing fees in a new action 560 or proceeding for annulment, divorce, or dissolution of marriage 561 unless the court waives the advanced payment of all filing fees 562 in the action or proceeding. On or before the twentieth day of 563 each month, all moneys collected during the immediately 564 preceding month pursuant to this division shall be deposited by 565 the clerk of the court into the county treasury in the special 566 fund used for deposit of additional marriage license fees as 567 described in section 3113.34 of the Revised Code. Upon their 568 deposit into the fund, the moneys shall be retained in the fund 569 and expended only as described in section 3113.34 of the Revised 570 Code. 571

(E) (1) The court of common pleas may determine that, for 572 the efficient operation of the court, additional funds are 573 necessary to acquire and pay for special projects of the court, 574 including, but not limited to, the acquisition of additional 575 facilities or the rehabilitation of existing facilities, the 576 acquisition of equipment, the hiring and training of staff, 577 community service programs, mediation or dispute resolution 578 services, the employment of magistrates, the training and 579 education of judges, acting judges, and magistrates, and other 580 related services. Upon that determination, the court by rule may 581 charge a fee, in addition to all other court costs, on the 582 filing of each criminal cause, civil action or proceeding, or 583 judgment by confession. 584

If the court of common pleas offers or requires a special program or additional services in cases of a specific type, the court by rule may assess an additional charge in a case of that type, over and above court costs, to cover the special program or service. The court shall adjust the special assessment periodically, but not retroactively, so that the amount assessed in those cases does not exceed the actual cost of providing the service or program.

All moneys collected under division (E) of this section 593 shall be paid to the county treasurer for deposit into either a 594 general special projects fund or a fund established for a 595 specific special project. Moneys from a fund of that nature 596 shall be disbursed upon an order of the court, subject to an 597 appropriation by the board of county commissioners, in an amount 598 no greater than the actual cost to the court of a project. If a 599 specific fund is terminated because of the discontinuance of a 600 program or service established under division (E) of this 601 section, the court may order, subject to an appropriation by the 602

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board of county commissioners, that moneys remaining in the fund603be transferred to an account established under this division for604a similar purpose.605

(2)	As	used	in	division	(E)	of	this	section:		606	5
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(a) "Criminal cause" means a charge alleging the violation 607 of a statute or ordinance, or subsection of a statute or 608 ordinance, that requires a separate finding of fact or a 609 separate plea before disposition and of which the defendant may 610 be found guilty, whether filed as part of a multiple charge on a 611 single summons, citation, or complaint or as a separate charge 612 on a single summons, citation, or complaint. "Criminal cause" 613 does not include separate violations of the same statute or 614 ordinance, or subsection of the same statute or ordinance, 615 unless each charge is filed on a separate summons, citation, or 616 complaint. 617

(b) "Civil action or proceeding" means any civil618litigation that must be determined by judgment entry.619

Sec. 2953.52. (A) (1) Any person, who is found not quilty 620 of an offense by a jury or a court or who is the defendant named 621 622 in a dismissed complaint, indictment, or information, may apply to the court for an order to seal the person's official records 623 in the case. Except as provided in section 2953.61 of the 624 Revised Code, the application may be filed at any time after the 625 finding of not guilty or the dismissal of the complaint, 626 indictment, or information is entered upon the minutes of the 627 court or the journal, whichever entry occurs first. An_ 628 application permitted under division (B)(2) of section 2953.61 629 of the Revised Code shall include a proposed redacted version of 630 all files associated with the case that are to be sealed under 631 that provision. 632

(2) Any person, against whom a no bill is entered by a
(33) grand jury, may apply to the court for an order to seal his
(34) official records in the case. Except as provided in section
(35) 2953.61 of the Revised Code, the application may be filed at any
(36) time after the expiration of two years after the date on which
(37) the foreperson or deputy foreperson of the grand jury reports to
(38) the court that the grand jury has reported a no bill.

(B) (1) Upon the filing of an application pursuant to 640 division (A) of this section, the court shall set a date for a 641 hearing and shall notify the prosecutor in the case of the 642 643 hearing on the application. The prosecutor may object to the granting of the application or to the proposed redacted version 644 of the files associated with the case by filing an objection 645 with the court prior to the date set for the hearing. The 646 prosecutor shall specify in the objection the any reasons the 647 prosecutor believes justify a denial of the application and any 648 reason why the proposed redacted version of the files associated 649 with the case does not accurately reflect the materials that may 650 be sealed under division (B)(2) of section 2953.61 of the 651 Revised Code. 652

(2) The court shall do each of the following, except asprovided in division (B)(3) of this section:654

(ii) If the complaint, indictment, or information in the

case was dismissed, determine whether it was dismissed with 663
prejudice or without prejudice and, if it was dismissed without 664
prejudice, determine whether the relevant statute of limitations 665
has expired; 666

(b) Determine whether criminal proceedings are pending against the person;

(c) If the prosecutor has filed an objection in accordance
with division (B)(1) of this section, consider the reasons
against granting the application and the reasons against any
proposed redaction specified by the prosecutor in the objection;
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(d) Weigh the interests of the person in having the
official records pertaining to the case sealed against the
legitimate needs, if any, of the government to maintain those
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records.

(3) If the court determines after complying with division 677 (B) (2) (a) of this section that the person was found not guilty 678 in the case, that the complaint, indictment, or information in 679 the case was dismissed with prejudice, or that the complaint, 680 indictment, or information in the case was dismissed without 681 prejudice and that the relevant statute of limitations has 682 expired, the court shall issue an order to the superintendent of 683 the bureau of criminal identification and investigation 684 directing that the superintendent seal or cause to be sealed the 685 official records in the case consisting of DNA specimens that 686 are in the possession of the bureau and all DNA records and DNA 687 profiles. The determinations and considerations described in 688 divisions (B)(2)(b), (c), and (d) of this section do not apply 689 with respect to a determination of the court described in this 690 division. 691

(4) The determinations described in this division are 692 separate from the determination described in division (B)(3) of 693 this section. If the court determines, after complying with 694 division (B)(2) of this section, that the person was found not 695 guilty in the case, that the complaint, indictment, or 696 information in the case was dismissed, or that a no bill was 697 returned in the case and that the appropriate period of time has 698 expired from the date of the report to the court of the no bill 699 by the foreperson or deputy foreperson of the grand jury; that 700 no criminal proceedings are pending against the person; and the 701 interests of the person in having the records pertaining to the 702 case sealed are not outweighed by any legitimate governmental 703 needs to maintain such records, or if division (E)(2)(b) of 704 section 4301.69 of the Revised Code applies, in addition to the 705 order required under division (B)(3) of this section, the court 706 shall issue an order directing that all official records 707 pertaining to the case be sealed and that, except as provided in 708 section 2953.53 of the Revised Code, the proceedings in the case 709 be deemed not to have occurred. 710 711

(5) An order entered under division (B)(4) of this section for records permitted to be sealed under division (B)(2) of section 2953.61 of the Revised Code shall also include redacted versions of all records associated with the case to be sealed or detailed instructions specifying how those records are to be redacted in a manner that preserves records of the case related to a conviction of section 4511.19 or 4511.194 of the Revised Code that is not eligible to be sealed.

(6) Any DNA specimens, DNA records, and DNA profiles
ordered to be sealed under this section shall not be sealed if
the person with respect to whom the order applies is otherwise
eligible to have DNA records or a DNA profile in the national
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Sec. 2953.522. (A) Any person who is the defendant named	724
in a complaint, indictment, or information containing multiple	725
charges may apply to the court for an order to seal the person's	726
official records in the case if the final disposition of one,	727
and only one of the charges is a conviction under section	728
4511.19 or 4511.194 of the Revised Code, and the remainder of	729
the charged offenses were dismissed at least one year prior to	730
the date of the application due to the successful completion of	731
an intervention plan under division (E) of section 2951.041 of	732
the Revised Code.	733
(B)(1) Upon the filing of an application pursuant to	734
division (A) of this section, the court shall set a date for a	735
hearing and shall notify the prosecutor in the case of the	736
hearing on the application. The prosecutor may object to the	737
granting of the application by filing an objection with the	738
court prior to the date set for the hearing. The prosecutor	739
shall specify in the objection the reasons the prosecutor	740
believes justify a denial of the application.	741
(2) The court shall do each of the following:	742
(a) Determine whether the complaint, indictment, or	743
information in the case consists of several charges, one of	744
which resulted in a conviction under section 4511.19 or 4511.194	745
of the Revised Code, and whether the remainder of the charges	746
were dismissed at least one year prior to the date of the	747
application due to the defendant's successful completion of an	748
intervention plan under division (E) of section 2951.041 of the	749
Revised Code;	750
(b) Determine whether criminal proceedings are pending	751

752 against the person; (c) If the prosecutor has filed an objection in accordance 753 with division (B)(1) of this section, consider the reasons 754 against granting the application specified by the prosecutor in 755 the objection; 756 (d) Weigh the interests of the person in having the 7.57 official records pertaining to the case sealed against the 758 legitimate needs, if any, of the government to maintain those 759 760 <u>records.</u> (3) If the court determines after complying with division 761 (B) (2) of this section that the complaint, indictment, or 762 information in the case consists of several charges, one of 763 which resulted in a conviction under section 4511.19 or 4511.194 764 of the Revised Code, and the remainder of which were dismissed 765 at least one year prior to the date of the application due to 766 the successful completion of an intervention plan under division 767 (E) of section 2951.041 of the Revised Code; that no criminal 768 proceedings are pending against the person; and that the 769 interests of the person in having the records pertaining to the 770 dismissed charges sealed are not outweighed by any legitimate 771 governmental needs to maintain such records, the court shall do 772 both of the following: 773 (a) Order the clerk to create a subfile under the existing 774 case number that shall contain only the following documents 775 related to the case: 776 (i) A record of the conviction under section 4511.19 or 777 4511.194 of the Revised Code, with no reference to other charges 778 that may be sealed or to an intervention in lieu of conviction; 779

(ii) Any record of the defendant's decision to waive 780

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(iii) The incident tracking number associated with a	782
corresponding set of fingerprint impressions.	783
(b) Issue an order directing that all official records	784
pertaining to the case, other than those contained in the	785
subfile, be sealed and that, except as provided in section	786
2953.53 of the Revised Code and to the extent of records	787
contained in the subfile, the proceedings in the case be deemed	788
not to have occurred;	789
(c) Order the clerk to remove the original case number	790
from the searchable index and replace the original index	791
reference with the new index reference of the subfile.	792
Sec. 2953.53. (A) The court shall send notice of any order	793
to seal official records issued pursuant to division (B)(3) of	794
section 2953.52 of the Revised Code to the bureau of criminal	795
identification and investigation and shall send notice of any	796
order issued pursuant to division (B)(4) of that section or	797
division (B)(3) of section 2953.522 of the Revised Code to any	798
public office or agency that the court knows or has reason to	799
believe may have any record of the case, whether or not it is an	800
official record, that is the subject of the order.	801
(B) A person whose official records have been sealed	802
pursuant to an order issued pursuant to section 2953.52 <u>or</u>	803
2953.522 of the Revised Code may present a copy of that order	804

agency that has a record of the case that is the subject of the 806 order. 807 (C) An order to seal official records issued pursuant to 808

and a written request to comply with it, to a public office or

section 2953.52 or 2953.522 of the Revised Code applies to every

public office or agency that has a record of the case that is 810 the subject of the order, regardless of whether it receives 811 notice of the hearing on the application for the order to seal 812 the official records or receives a copy of the order to seal the official records pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this 814 section. 815

(D) Upon receiving a copy of an order to seal official 816 records pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section or upon 817 otherwise becoming aware of an applicable order to seal official 818 records issued pursuant to section 2953.52 or 2953.522 of the 819 Revised Code, a public office or agency shall comply with the 820 order and, if applicable, with the provisions of section 2953.54 821 822 of the Revised Code, except that it may maintain a record of the case that is the subject of the order if the record is 823 maintained for the purpose of compiling statistical data only 824 and does not contain any reference to the person who is the 825 subject of the case and the order. 826

A public office or agency that receives an order to seal 827 records pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 2953.61 of the 828 Revised Code shall comply with the order and seal those records 829 as specified by the order, independent of a record of conviction 830 of section 4511.19 or 4511.194 of the Revised Code that occurred 831 in connection with the charges to be sealed. The office or 832 agency shall remove from online publication any document 833 affected by the order. The office or agency shall maintain 834 unsealed records of the case related to the conviction of 835 section 4511.19 or 4511.194 of the Revised Code and shall redact 836 all references to the sealed charges from those records, in a 837 manner consistent with the order. 838

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sealed official records, in a form similar to that for sealed 840 records of conviction as set forth in division (F) of section 841 2953.32 of the Revised Code, access to which may not be afforded 842 to any person other than the person who has custody of the 843 sealed official records. The sealed official records to which 844 such an index pertains shall not be available to any person, 845 except that the official records of a case that have been sealed 846 may be made available to the following persons for the following 847 848 purposes:

(1) To the person who is the subject of the records upon
written application, and to any other person named in the
application, for any purpose;
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(2) To a law enforcement officer who was involved in the case, for use in the officer's defense of a civil action arising out of the officer's involvement in that case;

(3) To a prosecuting attorney or the prosecuting
attorney's assistants to determine a defendant's eligibility to
enter a pre-trial diversion program established pursuant to
section 2935.36 of the Revised Code;

(4) To a prosecuting attorney or the prosecuting
attorney's assistants to determine a defendant's eligibility to
enter a pre-trial diversion program under division (E) (2) (b) of
section 4301.69 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 2953.54. (A) Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 863 2950. or division (B) of section 2953.522 of the Revised Code, 864 upon the issuance of an order by a court under division (B) of 865 section 2953.52 of the Revised Code directing that all official 866 records pertaining to a case be sealed and that the proceedings 867 in the case be deemed not to have occurred: 868

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(1) Every law enforcement officer possessing records or 869 reports pertaining to the case that are the officer's specific 870 investigatory work product and that are excepted from the 871 definition of "official records" contained in section 2953.51 of 872 the Revised Code shall immediately deliver the records and 873 reports to the officer's employing law enforcement agency. 874 Except as provided in division (A)(3) or (4) of this section, no 875 such officer shall knowingly release, disseminate, or otherwise 876 make the records and reports or any information contained in 877 them available to, or discuss any information contained in them 878 with, any person not employed by the officer's employing law 879 enforcement agency. 880

(2) Every law enforcement agency that possesses records or 881 reports pertaining to the case that are its specific 882 investigatory work product and that are excepted from the 883 definition of "official records" contained in section 2953.51 of 884 the Revised Code, or that are the specific investigatory work 885 product of a law enforcement officer it employs and that were 886 delivered to it under division (A)(1) of this section shall, 887 except as provided in division (A)(3) or (4) of this section, 888 close the records and reports to all persons who are not 889 directly employed by the law enforcement agency and shall, 890 except as provided in division (A)(3) or (4) of this section, 891 treat the records and reports, in relation to all persons other 892 than those who are directly employed by the law enforcement 893 agency, as if they did not exist and had never existed. Except 894 as provided in division (A)(3) or (4) of this section, no person 895 who is employed by the law enforcement agency shall knowingly 896 release, disseminate, or otherwise make the records and reports 897 in the possession of the employing law enforcement agency or any 898 information contained in them available to, or discuss any 899

information contained in them with, any person not employed by the employing law enforcement agency.

(3) A law enforcement agency that possesses records or 902 reports pertaining to the case that are its specific 903 investigatory work product and that are excepted from the 904 definition of "official records" contained in division (D) of 905 section 2953.51 of the Revised Code, or that are the specific 906 investigatory work product of a law enforcement officer it 907 employs and that were delivered to it under division (A)(1) of 908 909 this section may permit another law enforcement agency to use the records or reports in the investigation of another offense, 910 if the facts incident to the offense being investigated by the 911 912 other law enforcement agency and the facts incident to an offense that is the subject of the case are reasonably similar. 913 The agency that provides the records and reports may provide the 914 other agency with the name of the person who is the subject of 915 the case, if it believes that the name of the person is 916 necessary to the conduct of the investigation by the other 917 agency. 918

No law enforcement agency, or person employed by a law 919 enforcement agency, that receives from another law enforcement 920 agency records or reports pertaining to a case the records of 921 which have been ordered sealed pursuant to division (B) of 922 section 2953.52 or division (B) of section 2953.522 of the 923 Revised Code shall use the records and reports for any purpose 924 other than the investigation of the offense for which they were 925 obtained from the other law enforcement agency, or disclose the 926 name of the person who is the subject of the records or reports 927 except when necessary for the conduct of the investigation of 928 the offense, or the prosecution of the person for committing the 929 offense, for which they were obtained from the other law 930

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enforcement agency.

(4) The auditor of state may provide to or discuss with 932 other parties records, reports, or audits maintained by the 933 auditor of state pursuant to Chapter 117. of the Revised Code 934 pertaining to the case that are the auditor of state's specific 935 investigatory work product and that are excepted from the 936 definition of "official records" contained in division (D) of 937 section 2953.51 of the Revised Code, or that are the specific 938 investigatory work product of a law enforcement officer the 939 auditor of state employs and that were delivered to the auditor 940 of state under division (A)(1) of this section. 941

(B) Whoever violates division (A)(1), (2), or (3) of this section is guilty of divulging confidential information, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(C) It is not a violation of this section for the bureau of criminal identification and investigation or any authorized employee of the bureau participating in the investigation of criminal activity to release, disseminate, or otherwise make available to, or discuss with, a person directly employed by a law enforcement agency DNA records collected in the DNA database or fingerprints filed for record by the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation.

Sec. 2953.55. (A) In any application for employment, 953 license, or any other right or privilege, any appearance as a 954 witness, or any other inquiry, a person may not be questioned 955 with respect to any record that has been sealed pursuant to 956 section 2953.52 or 2953.522 of the Revised Code. If an inquiry 957 is made in violation of this section, the person whose official 958 record was sealed may respond as if the arrest underlying the 959 case to which the sealed official records pertain and all other 960

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proceedings in that case did not occur, and the person whose 961 official record was sealed shall not be subject to any adverse 962 action because of the arrest, the proceedings, or the person's 963 response. 964

(B) An officer or employee of the state or any of its 965 political subdivisions who knowingly releases, disseminates, or 966 makes available for any purpose involving employment, bonding, 967 licensing, or education to any person or to any department, 968 agency, or other instrumentality of the state, or of any of its 969 political subdivisions, any information or other data concerning 970 any arrest, complaint, indictment, information, trial, 971 adjudication, or correctional supervision, the records of which 972 have been sealed pursuant to section 2953.52 or 2953.522 of the 973 Revised Code, is guilty of divulging confidential information, a 974 misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 975

(C) It is not a violation of this section for the bureau 976 of criminal identification and investigation or any authorized 977 employee of the bureau participating in the investigation of 978 criminal activity to release, disseminate, or otherwise make 979 available to, or discuss with, a person directly employed by a 980 law enforcement agency DNA records collected in the DNA database 981 or fingerprints filed for record by the superintendent of the 982 bureau of criminal identification and investigation. 983

Sec. 2953.61. (A) Except as provided in division (B) (1) or 984 (2) of this section, a person charged with two or more offenses 985 as a result of or in connection with the same act may not apply 986 to the court pursuant to section 2953.32-or, 2953.52, or 987 2953.522 of the Revised Code for the sealing of the person's 988 record in relation to any of the charges when at least one of 989 the charges has a final disposition that is different from the 990

final disposition of the other charges until such time as the 991 person would be able to apply to the court and have all of the 992 records pertaining to all of those charges sealed pursuant to 993 section 2953.32 or 2953.52 of the Revised Code. 994

(B) (1) When a person is charged with two or more offenses 995 as a result of or in connection with the same act and the final 996 disposition of one, and only one, of the charges is a conviction 997 under any section of Chapter 4507., 4510., 4511., or 4549., 998 other than section 4511.19 or 4511.194 of the Revised Code, or 999 under a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to any 1000 section other than section 4511.19 or 4511.194 of the Revised 1001 Code contained in any of those chapters, and if the records 1002 pertaining to all the other charges would be eligible for 1003 sealing under section 2953.52 of the Revised Code in the absence 1004 of that conviction, the court may order that the records 1005 pertaining to all the charges be sealed. In such a case, the 1006 court shall not order that only a portion of the records be 1007 sealed. 1008

(2) When a person is charged with two or more offenses as 1009 a result of or in connection with the same act, the final 1010 disposition of one, and only one of the charges is a conviction 1011 under section 4511.19 or 4511.194 of the Revised Code, one or 1012 more of the charged offenses is dismissed due to the successful 1013 completion of an intervention plan under division (E) of section 1014 2951.041 of the Revised Code, and at least one year has elapsed 1015 since the charge or charges were dismissed due to successful 1016 completion of the plan, the court may order that records 1017 pertaining to the charges dismissed under the plan be sealed 1018 under section 2953.522 of the Revised Code, independent of the 1019 record of conviction under section 4511.19 or 4511.194 of the 1020 Revised Code. 1021

(C) Division (B)(1) of this section does not apply if the 1022 person convicted of the offenses currently holds a commercial 1023 driver's license or commercial driver's license temporary 1024 instruction permit. 1025 Section 2. That existing sections 1901.261, 1907.261, 1026 2101.162, 2151.541, 2153.081, 2301.031, 2303.201, 2953.52, 1027 2953.53, 2953.54, 2953.55, and 2953.61 of the Revised Code are 1028 1029 hereby repealed. Section 3. The General Assembly intends for sections 1030 2953.52, 2953.53, and 2953.61 of the Revised Code, as amended by 1031 this act, to apply to any application for the sealing of a 1032 person's record on or after the effective date of those 1033 amendments, regardless of whether the charges subject to the 1034 application were dismissed prior to that effective date. 1035 Section 4. Sections 1 and 2 of this bill take effect one 1036 year after the effective date of this section. 1037