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A BILL

To amend sections 4928.02 and 5703.21 and to enact 1
sections 122.97, 122.971, 4501.85, 4928.1410, 2
4928.1411, 4928.1414, 4928.1417, 4928.1420, 3
4928.1423, 4928.1425, 5739.22, 6301.24, 6301.25, 4
6301.26, 6301.27, 6301.28, and 6301.29 of the 5
Revised Code to authorize incentives for the 6
manufacture and usage of electric vehicles, to 7
permit electric distribution utilities to 8
create, and recover costs of, transportation 9
electrification programs, and to make an 10
appropriation. 11

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

Section 1. That sections 4928.02 and 5703.21 be amended 12
and sections 122.97, 122.971, 4501.85, 4928.1410, 4928.1411, 13
4928.1414, 4928.1417, 4928.1420, 4928.1423, 4928.1425, 5739.22, 14
6301.24, 6301.25, 6301.26, 6301.27, 6301.28, and 6301.29 of the 15
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 16

Sec. 122.97. (A) As used in this section: 17

(1) "Battery electric motor vehicle," "plug-in hybrid 18

electric motor vehicle," and "motor vehicle" have the same 19
meanings as in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code. 20

(2) "Program" means the electric vehicle incentive program 21
created under division (B) of this section. "Program" includes 22
the sales tax exemptions authorized under section 5739.22 of the 23
Revised Code for battery electric motor vehicles and plug-in 24
hybrid electric motor vehicles. 25

(3) "DriveOhio" has the same meaning as in section 4501.85 26
of the Revised Code. 27

(B) There is created the electric vehicle incentive 28
program. The program's purpose is to increase electric vehicle 29
production in the state. The director of development shall 30
administer the program, except for the following: 31

(1) The sales tax exemptions authorized under section 32
5739.22 of the Revised Code for battery electric motor vehicles 33
and plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicles, which shall be 34
administered by the tax commissioner; 35

(2) The public-facing dashboard required under division 36
(E) of this section, which shall be created and maintained as 37
provided in that division. 38

The director may contract with another entity to implement 39
and administer the program. The program terminates on January 1, 40
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(C) The director of development shall adopt rules in 42
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement 43
the program. The rules shall be designed to ensure the efficient 44
operation of the program and shall include procedures for 45
orderly ending operation of the program after its termination 46
date and any other procedures the director finds necessary to 47

efficiently operate the program. 48

(D) The director of development shall advertise the 49
program to consumers, businesses, sellers, and lessors and shall 50
ensure the program is advertised to disadvantaged communities. 51

(E) (1) (a) The executive director of DriveOhio shall create 52
and maintain a public-facing dashboard to provide transparency 53
for the program. At a minimum, the dashboard shall include the 54
following information: 55

(i) The geographic location of each sale subject to a 56
sales tax exemption authorized under section 5739.22 of the 57
Revised Code for battery electric motor vehicles and plug-in 58
hybrid electric motor vehicles; 59

(ii) The total number of sales subject to each such 60
exemption authorized under that section; 61

(iii) Any other information agreed upon between the 62
executive director and the tax commissioner. 63

(b) The executive director of DriveOhio shall incorporate 64
the dashboard described in division (E) (1) (a) of this section 65
into the dashboard maintained by the executive director that 66
provides transparency for registrations in this state of motor 67
vehicles powered by alternative fuels. 68

(2) If DriveOhio ceases to exist, the dashboard described 69
in division (E) (1) (a) of this section shall be maintained by the 70
director of transportation, but only if the director also 71
maintains the dashboard described in division (E) (1) (b) of this 72
section. 73

(3) If DriveOhio ceases to exist and if the director of 74
transportation is not required to maintain the dashboard 75

described in division (E) (1) (a) of this section, the director of development shall maintain that dashboard. 76
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(F) Subject to division (C) (23) of section 5703.21 of the Revised Code: 78
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(1) The director of development may request, and the tax commissioner shall provide, any documentation or information in regards to the sales tax exemptions authorized under section 5739.22 of the Revised code for battery electric motor vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicles. 80
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(2) The executive director of DriveOhio or the director of transportation may request, and the commissioner shall provide, any documentation or information described in division (F) (1) of this section, but only if necessary to satisfy the requirements prescribed by division (E) of this section. 85
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Sec. 122.971. (A) As used in this section: 90

(1) "Battery electric motor vehicle," "motor vehicle," and "plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle" have the same meanings as in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code. 91
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(2) "Original equipment manufacturer" means a business that designs, assembles, or promotes motor vehicles. 94
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(3) "Supplier" means both of the following: 96

(a) A business that produces completed motor vehicle parts for direct sale to an original equipment manufacturer to use in assembling motor vehicles; 97
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(b) A business that produces components from raw materials, including cathode active materials, for a business described in division (A) (3) (a) of this section to use in producing completed motor vehicle parts. 100
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(B) The electric vehicle retooling and new equipment acquisition program is created. The director of development shall administer the program. An original equipment manufacturer or supplier located in this state may apply to the director for a grant under the program to purchase necessary equipment to produce parts or components for or assemble battery electric motor vehicles or plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicles, including equipment necessary for retooling an existing facility or establishing a new facility to produce parts or components for or assemble battery electric motor vehicles or plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicles. 104
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(C) The director shall award grants to original equipment manufacturers and suppliers under the program in accordance with rules adopted under division (E) of this section. The amount of a grant shall be not more than one million five hundred thousand dollars, except that the amount shall not exceed fifty per cent of the cost the original equipment manufacturer or supplier has included in an application for a grant under division (E) (1) of this section. 115
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(D) The director may charge an original equipment manufacturer or supplier for the unamortized value of a grant awarded to the original equipment manufacturer or supplier under division (C) of this section if the director determines that the original equipment manufacturer or supplier is not in compliance with any requirements the original equipment manufacturer or supplier must meet to receive a grant under this section. 123
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(E) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that are necessary for the administration of the program, including rules that do all of the following: 130
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(1) Create an application for an original equipment manufacturer or supplier to apply for a grant under the program and specify the information the original equipment manufacturer or supplier must include in the application, including both of the following: 134
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(a) The cost for the original equipment manufacturer or supplier to retool an existing facility or establish a new facility to produce parts or components for or assemble battery electric motor vehicles or plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicles; 139
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(b) An attestation that the original equipment manufacturer or supplier will comply with any federal or state law to which the original equipment manufacturer or supplier is subject. 144
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(2) Specify the factors the director must consider in determining whether to award a grant to an original equipment manufacturer or supplier, including all of the following: 148
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(a) Whether the original equipment manufacturer's or supplier's plan will increase the production of parts or components for and assembly of battery electric motor vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicles in the state; 151
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(b) The original equipment manufacturer's or supplier's capacity to produce parts or components for or assemble battery electric motor vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicles based on the original equipment manufacturer's or supplier's existing facilities, equipment, and employees, including the capacity to retool an existing facility or establish a new facility to produce parts or components for or assemble battery electric motor vehicles or plug-in hybrid 155
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<u>electric motor vehicles;</u>	163
<u>(c) The number of jobs that will be retained or created,</u>	164
<u>including estimated wage and benefit information for each job</u>	165
<u>type, as a result of the original equipment manufacturer or</u>	166
<u>supplier being awarded a grant under the program;</u>	167
<u>(d) Whether the original equipment manufacturer's or</u>	168
<u>supplier's production of parts or components for or assembly of</u>	169
<u>battery electric motor vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric</u>	170
<u>motor vehicles will facilitate the state's effectiveness in the</u>	171
<u>global economy and result in additional investment in the state</u>	172
<u>to produce parts or components for or assemble battery electric</u>	173
<u>motor vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicles.</u>	174
<u>(3) Specify the scoring criteria used to award grants to</u>	175
<u>original equipment manufacturers and suppliers under the</u>	176
<u>program, including priority guidelines for approving</u>	177
<u>applications that benefit disadvantaged communities;</u>	178
<u>(4) Establish requirements for each original equipment</u>	179
<u>manufacturer or supplier awarded a grant under the program to</u>	180
<u>submit an annual report to the director that includes all of the</u>	181
<u>following:</u>	182
<u>(a) Records or evidence regarding the number of jobs</u>	183
<u>created or retained in the state, including wage and benefit</u>	184
<u>information for each job type;</u>	185
<u>(b) Information on the production of parts or components</u>	186
<u>for or assembly of battery electric motor vehicles and plug-in</u>	187
<u>hybrid electric motor vehicles;</u>	188
<u>(c) Any other information the director requires.</u>	189
<u>(5) Maximize the amount of funds or other investments the</u>	190

director is eligible to receive from the federal government to 191
award grants under the program; 192

(6) Identify disadvantaged communities based on available 193
data and screening tools, which may include low income and high 194
or persistent poverty or high unemployment and underemployment. 195

Sec. 4501.85. (A) As used in this section: 196

(1) "DriveOhio" means the statewide center for advancing 197
smart mobility solutions reauthorized by Executive Order 2019- 198
26D, issued on October 24, 2019. 199

(2) "Electric vehicle product" means a battery electric 200
motor vehicle, a hybrid motor vehicle, or a plug-in hybrid 201
electric motor vehicle, as well as the charging stations needed 202
to make use of those vehicles. 203

(B) (1) The accelerating Ohio's automotive industry task 204
force is created within DriveOhio. 205

(2) The task force's purpose is to monitor, and provide 206
expertise regarding, the electric vehicle product market in Ohio 207
and provide suggestions to maximize its benefits to the state. 208

(3) DriveOhio shall provide administrative support to the 209
task force as needed for the task force to carry out its 210
responsibilities. 211

(4) If DriveOhio ceases to exist, the accelerating Ohio's 212
automotive industry task force shall also cease to exist. 213

(C) The accelerating Ohio's automotive industry task force 214
shall be comprised of the following members: 215

(1) The executive director of DriveOhio, or the executive 216
director's designee, who shall serve as the task force's 217

<u>chairperson;</u>	218
<u>(2) The director of transportation, or the director of</u>	219
<u>transportation's designee;</u>	220
<u>(3) The chief investment officer of JobsOhio, or the chief</u>	221
<u>investment officer's designee;</u>	222
<u>(4) The director of environmental protection, or the</u>	223
<u>director's designee;</u>	224
<u>(5) The director of commerce, or the director's designee;</u>	225
<u>(6) The director of development, or the director's</u>	226
<u>designee;</u>	227
<u>(7) The chancellor of higher education, or the</u>	228
<u>chancellor's designee;</u>	229
<u>(8) The chairperson of the public utilities commission, or</u>	230
<u>the chairperson's designee;</u>	231
<u>(9) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president</u>	232
<u>of the senate, one of whom shall be of the same political party</u>	233
<u>as the president of the senate and one of whom shall be from a</u>	234
<u>different political party;</u>	235
<u>(10) Two members of the house of representatives,</u>	236
<u>appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one of</u>	237
<u>whom shall be of the same political party as the speaker of the</u>	238
<u>house of representatives and one of whom shall be from a</u>	239
<u>different political party;</u>	240
<u>(11) Subject to division (D) (2) of this section, thirteen</u>	241
<u>members appointed by the governor as follows:</u>	242
<u>(a) One member representing an association that represents</u>	243
<u>motor vehicle manufacturers that produce both internal</u>	244

<u>combustion and electric vehicles;</u>	245
<u>(b) One member representing motor vehicle manufacturers</u>	246
<u>that produce only electric vehicles;</u>	247
<u>(c) One member representing motor vehicle dealers;</u>	248
<u>(d) One member representing the electric vehicle charging</u>	249
<u>industry;</u>	250
<u>(e) One member representing one or more environmental</u>	251
<u>advocacy organizations;</u>	252
<u>(f) One member representing an electric distribution</u>	253
<u>utility, as defined in section 4928.01 of the Revised Code;</u>	254
<u>(g) One member representing an electric cooperative, as</u>	255
<u>defined in section 4928.01 of the Revised Code;</u>	256
<u>(h) One member representing a municipal electric utility,</u>	257
<u>as defined in section 4928.01 of the Revised Code;</u>	258
<u>(i) One member representing one or more metropolitan</u>	259
<u>planning organizations;</u>	260
<u>(j) One member representing training providers, as defined</u>	261
<u>in section 6301.24 of the Revised Code;</u>	262
<u>(k) One member representing a nonprofit alternative fuel</u>	263
<u>transportation organization;</u>	264
<u>(l) One member representing a community based organization</u>	265
<u>that works with disadvantaged communities;</u>	266
<u>(m) One member representing a public health organization.</u>	267
<u>(12) Two members appointed by the president of the Ohio</u>	268
<u>AFL-CIO, or its successor organization, one of whom shall</u>	269
<u>represent organized labor working in the electric vehicle</u>	270

charging industry the other of whom shall represent organized 271
labor working in the automotive industry. 272

(D) (1) Members of the task force shall be appointed not 273
later than sixty days after the effective date of this section. 274
The task force shall hold its first meeting not later than 275
thirty days after the last member is appointed. Subsequent 276
meetings shall be held at the call of the chairperson. A 277
majority of the task force constitutes a quorum. 278

(2) Prior to appointing any member to the task force 279
pursuant to division (C) (11) of this section, the governor shall 280
establish and advertise a reasonable period, which shall not be 281
less than thirty days, for receiving comments from the public 282
concerning the appointment. A member of the task force appointed 283
by the governor shall serve a four-year term. A member may be 284
reappointed. 285

(3) The governor may remove a member appointed pursuant to 286
division (C) (11) of this section. 287

(4) A vacancy created under division (D) (2) or (3) of this 288
section shall be filled by the governor. 289

(5) A member of the task force that is a member of the 290
general assembly shall serve until the end of the member's 291
current term of office in the general assembly or until the 292
legislator is removed as a member of the task force by the 293
president of the senate or the speaker of the house, as 294
applicable. 295

(6) The president of the senate may remove members of the 296
task force who are appointed pursuant to division (C) (9) of this 297
section. The speaker of the house of representatives may remove 298
a member appointed pursuant to division (C) (10) of this section. 299

(7) A vacancy created under division (D) (5) of this section shall be filled in accordance with division (C) (9) or (10) of this section, as applicable. The term of a such a member shall be in accordance with division (D) (4) of this section. 300
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(8) The president of the Ohio AFL-CIO, or its successor organization, may remove a member appointed pursuant to division (C) (12) of this section. 304
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(9) A vacancy created under division (D) (8) of this section shall be filled in accordance with division (C) (12) of this section. 307
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(10) (a) Any member of the task force may recommend that one or more additional members be added to the task force, and the task force may add those additional members by a majority vote of its membership, provided the recommended member accepts the appointment. 310
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(b) A member added to the task force pursuant to division (D) (10) (a) of this section shall serve until removed by majority vote of the task force's members or that member's resignation. 315
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(E) The members of the task force and the members of any subcommittee established under division (G) (1) of this section shall serve without compensation but shall receive travel reimbursement at the same mileage rate allowed for the reimbursement of travel expenses of state agents as provided by rule of the director of budget and management pursuant to division (B) of section 126.31 of the Revised Code. 318
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(F) The task force shall do all of the following: 325

(1) Prepare a statewide plan detailing how electric vehicle product adoption can be advanced; 326
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<u>(2) Complete a statewide economic impact study that</u>	328
<u>evaluates the electric vehicle product market;</u>	329
<u>(3) Determine criteria for determining the success of the</u>	330
<u>electric vehicle incentive program, established under section</u>	331
<u>122.97 of the Revised Code, in increasing electric vehicle</u>	332
<u>production in the state;</u>	333
<u>(4) Educate consumers on the true costs and benefits of</u>	334
<u>electric vehicle products and identify likely electric vehicle</u>	335
<u>product consumers;</u>	336
<u>(5) Review, at least once every two years, each of the</u>	337
<u>following and, if warranted, make a determination on each of the</u>	338
<u>following by a majority vote of the members of the task force:</u>	339
<u>(a) Adjustments to the sales tax exemption amounts</u>	340
<u>described in division (B) of section 5739.22 of the Revised</u>	341
<u>Code;</u>	342
<u>(b) Adjustments to the maximum base model manufacturer's</u>	343
<u>suggested retail prices described in division (D) of that</u>	344
<u>section.</u>	345
<u>In determining whether an adjustment is warranted under</u>	346
<u>division (F) (5) (a) or (b) of this section, the task force shall</u>	347
<u>consider inflation, the manufacturer's suggested retail price</u>	348
<u>for vehicles produced in the state, market growth, the price</u>	349
<u>range of available models, and other criteria the task force</u>	350
<u>considers relevant.</u>	351
<u>If the task force determines that an adjustment is</u>	352
<u>warranted, the task force shall establish and advertise a</u>	353
<u>reasonable period before voting on the report described in this</u>	354
<u>division, which shall not be less than ninety days before that</u>	355
<u>vote, for receiving comments from the public concerning such a</u>	356

<u>determination.</u>	357
<u>After considering all comments submitted by the public</u>	358
<u>during that period, the task force may adopt a report</u>	359
<u>recommending to the general assembly an adjustment to an amount</u>	360
<u>described in division (F) (5) (a) or (b) of this section. The task</u>	361
<u>force shall submit the report to the general assembly in</u>	362
<u>accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code. The report</u>	363
<u>shall include the recommended adjustment, the recommended date</u>	364
<u>the adjustment should begin to apply, and any other information</u>	365
<u>the task force considers necessary.</u>	366
<u>(6) Evaluate existing electric vehicle charging</u>	367
<u>infrastructure and identify needed improvements or expansions to</u>	368
<u>that infrastructure;</u>	369
<u>(7) Develop a strategic siting plan for electric vehicle</u>	370
<u>charging infrastructure that ensures universal charging access;</u>	371
<u>(8) Evaluate improvements needed to the electric utility</u>	372
<u>grid to support the growing demand for electric vehicles;</u>	373
<u>(9) Survey local government efforts to support electric</u>	374
<u>vehicle product adoption;</u>	375
<u>(10) Support local governments in their efforts to support</u>	376
<u>electric vehicle product adoption;</u>	377
<u>(11) Evaluate the inventory of existing electric vehicle</u>	378
<u>product facilities and production capability;</u>	379
<u>(12) Evaluate the inventory of skilled and nonskilled</u>	380
<u>workers in the electric vehicle product industry;</u>	381
<u>(13) Evaluate opportunities and needs for training within</u>	382
<u>the electric vehicle product industry;</u>	383

<u>(14) Identify traditional automotive industry training</u>	384
<u>centers that could be transitioned to training centers promoting</u>	385
<u>careers in the electric vehicle product industry and consider</u>	386
<u>related recommendations to the centers' operators;</u>	387
<u>(15) Identify potential opportunities for the creation of</u>	388
<u>new automotive industry training centers to promote careers in</u>	389
<u>the electric vehicle product industry and make recommendations</u>	390
<u>to potential operators;</u>	391
<u>(16) Identify traditional automotive industry facilities</u>	392
<u>that could be transitioned into electric vehicle product</u>	393
<u>facilities and consider related recommendations to the</u>	394
<u>facilities' operators;</u>	395
<u>(17) Identify and evaluate opportunities for growth within</u>	396
<u>the electric vehicle product industry;</u>	397
<u>(18) Identify and document results from previous instances</u>	398
<u>of retooling and transforming manufacturing facilities in the</u>	399
<u>automotive industry;</u>	400
<u>(19) Identify opportunities for research and development</u>	401
<u>within the electric vehicle product industry;</u>	402
<u>(20) Track employment data from the electric vehicle</u>	403
<u>product industry, including job growth or contraction figures,</u>	404
<u>wages paid, and other factors related to employment;</u>	405
<u>(21) Undertake any other research and offer any other</u>	406
<u>relevant expertise that the task force finds beneficial to its</u>	407
<u>purpose, described in division (B) (2) of this section.</u>	408
<u>(G) (1) The chairperson of the task force may, as the</u>	409
<u>chairperson considers appropriate, establish subcommittees to</u>	410
<u>support the task force's purpose, described in division (B) (2)</u>	411

of this section, and the task force's responsibilities, 412
described in division (F) of this section. A subcommittee 413
established by the chairperson may be terminated at the 414
chairperson's discretion. 415

(2) The chairperson of the task force shall appoint, from 416
the task force's members, a subcommittee chairperson for any 417
subcommittee established under division (G)(1) of this section. 418

(3) The chairperson of any subcommittee established under 419
division (G)(1) of this section shall appoint members to the 420
subcommittee. Those members may, but need not, be members of the 421
task force, and a member of a subcommittee may be removed from 422
the subcommittee at the subcommittee chairperson's discretion. 423

(H)(1) The task force shall annually make a report to the 424
department of transportation, the department of development, the 425
president of the senate, the minority leader of the senate, the 426
speaker of the house of representatives, and the minority leader 427
of the house of representatives. 428

(2) The report shall include a description of all 429
activities undertaken by the task force during the prior year. 430

(3) The report shall be in an electronic format and shall 431
be delivered to the parties identified in division (H)(1) of 432
this section not later than the thirtieth day of September. 433

(4) Upon delivery to the parties identified in division 434
(H)(1) of this section, the report also shall be made available 435
on a publicly accessible web site. 436

Sec. 4928.02. It is the policy of this state to do the 437
following throughout this state: 438

(A) Ensure the availability to consumers of adequate, 439

reliable, safe, efficient, nondiscriminatory, and reasonably
priced retail electric service; 440
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(B) Ensure the availability of unbundled and comparable 442
retail electric service that provides consumers with the 443
supplier, price, terms, conditions, and quality options they 444
elect to meet their respective needs; 445

(C) Ensure diversity of electricity supplies and 446
suppliers, by giving consumers effective choices over the 447
selection of those supplies and suppliers and by encouraging the 448
development of distributed and small generation facilities; 449

(D) Encourage innovation and market access for cost- 450
effective supply- and demand-side retail electric service 451
including, but not limited to, demand-side management, time- 452
differentiated pricing, waste energy recovery systems, smart 453
grid programs, and implementation of advanced metering 454
infrastructure; 455

(E) Encourage cost-effective and efficient access to 456
information regarding the operation of the transmission and 457
distribution systems of electric utilities in order to promote 458
both effective customer choice of retail electric service and 459
the development of performance standards and targets for service 460
quality for all consumers, including annual achievement reports 461
written in plain language; 462

(F) Ensure that an electric utility's transmission and 463
distribution systems are available to a customer-generator or 464
owner of distributed generation, so that the customer-generator 465
or owner can market and deliver the electricity it produces; 466

(G) Recognize the continuing emergence of competitive 467
electricity markets through the development and implementation 468

of flexible regulatory treatment;	469
(H) Ensure effective competition in the provision of	470
retail electric service by avoiding anticompetitive subsidies	471
flowing from a noncompetitive retail electric service to a	472
competitive retail electric service or to a product or service	473
other than retail electric service, and vice versa, including by	474
prohibiting the recovery of any generation-related costs through	475
distribution or transmission rates;	476
(I) Ensure retail electric service consumers protection	477
against unreasonable sales practices, market deficiencies, and	478
market power;	479
(J) Provide coherent, transparent means of giving	480
appropriate incentives to technologies that can adapt	481
successfully to potential environmental mandates;	482
(K) Encourage implementation of distributed generation	483
across customer classes through regular review and updating of	484
administrative rules governing critical issues such as, but not	485
limited to, interconnection standards, standby charges, and net	486
metering;	487
(L) Protect at-risk populations, including, but not	488
limited to, when considering the implementation of any new	489
advanced energy or renewable energy resource;	490
(M) Encourage the education of small business owners in	491
this state regarding the use of, and encourage the use of,	492
energy efficiency programs and alternative energy resources in	493
their businesses;	494
(N) Facilitate the state's effectiveness in the global	495
economy.	496

(O) Encourage cost-effective, timely, and efficient access 497
to and sharing of customer usage data with customers and 498
competitive suppliers to promote customer choice and grid 499
modernization. 500

(P) Ensure that a customer's data is provided in a 501
standard format and provided to third parties in as close to 502
real time as is economically justifiable in order to spur 503
economic investment and improve the energy options of individual 504
customers. 505

In carrying out this policy, the commission shall consider 506
rules as they apply to the costs of electric distribution 507
infrastructure, including, but not limited to, line extensions, 508
for the purpose of development in this state. 509

(Q) Encourage electric distribution utilities to deploy 510
electric grid infrastructure, including additions and 511
improvements to utility property that operate as part of the 512
electric distribution grid, through competitively neutral 513
programs that support the development of electric vehicle 514
charging infrastructure, minimize customer costs for the 515
construction of the infrastructure, and allow for utility 516
recovery of prudently incurred program costs. 517

Sec. 4928.1410. As used in sections 4928.1410 to 4928.1425 518
of the Revised Code: 519

"Electric grid infrastructure" includes additions and 520
improvements to utility property that facilitate transportation 521
electrification and operate as part of the electric distribution 522
grid. 523

"Electric vehicle" means a vehicle that is powered wholly 524
by a system that can be recharged via an external source of 525

electricity, including a vehicle for public or private use that 526
is a passenger car, commercial car or truck, a vehicle used for 527
public transit, a vehicle used in a vehicle fleet, a vehicle 528
used in construction work, and a vehicle used in industrial or 529
warehouse work. 530

"Transportation electrification" means the use of electric 531
vehicles and the deployment of systems and infrastructure for 532
electric vehicle charging. 533

Sec. 4928.1411. An electric distribution utility may 534
develop programs to promote, prepare for, and support 535
transportation electrification within the utility's certified 536
territory. The programs shall be developed as part of the 537
utility's electric security plan established under section 538
4928.143 of the Revised Code. 539

Sec. 4928.1414. (A) Transportation electrification 540
programs developed by an electric distribution utility under 541
sections 4928.1410 to 4928.1425 of the Revised Code shall do the 542
following: 543

(1) Promote competitively neutral transportation 544
electrification; 545

(2) Minimize overall program costs, including any costs 546
paid by customers in aid of construction of electric grid 547
infrastructure; 548

(3) Maximize overall program benefits; 549

(4) Provide for recovery of prudently incurred utility 550
costs for transportation electrification. 551

(B) Transportation electrification programs developed by 552
an electric distribution utility may include the following: 553

<u>(1) Investments or incentives to facilitate the deployment</u>	554
<u>of customer-owned or utility-owned electric vehicle charging</u>	555
<u>infrastructure, including charging facilities, make-ready</u>	556
<u>infrastructure, and associated electrical equipment that support</u>	557
<u>transportation electrification;</u>	558
<u>(2) Investments or incentives to facilitate the transition</u>	559
<u>of public transit vehicles and other vehicle fleets to electric</u>	560
<u>vehicles;</u>	561
<u>(3) Rate designs or programs that encourage electric</u>	562
<u>vehicle charging in a manner that supports the efficient</u>	563
<u>operation of the electric grid;</u>	564
<u>(4) Customer education, outreach, and incentive programs</u>	565
<u>that do the following:</u>	566
<u>(a) Increase awareness of the transportation</u>	567
<u>electrification programs and the benefits of transportation</u>	568
<u>electrification;</u>	569
<u>(b) Encourage greater adoption of electric vehicles.</u>	570
<u>(5) Pilot projects that are designed to test the</u>	571
<u>integration of electric vehicle industry and market innovations</u>	572
<u>and that are conducted with the support of, and in partnership</u>	573
<u>with, the utility.</u>	574
<u>Sec. 4928.1417.</u> <u>The public utilities commission shall</u>	575
<u>approve an electric distribution utility's transportation</u>	576
<u>electrification programs if the programs meet the requirements</u>	577
<u>of division (A) of section 4928.1414 of the Revised Code.</u>	578
<u>Sec. 4928.1420.</u> <u>The public utilities commission shall</u>	579
<u>authorize cost recovery of all prudently incurred costs,</u>	580
<u>including electric grid infrastructure costs, for transportation</u>	581

electrification programs approved under section 4928.1417 of the 582
Revised Code. Costs approved by the commission shall be 583
recovered through a mechanism under a distribution rate case 584
under section 4909.18 of the Revised Code or a distribution 585
rider approved under section 4928.143 of the Revised Code. 586

Sec. 4928.1423. Before approving any cost recovery for 587
investments and other expenditures for an electric distribution 588
utility's transportation electrification programs or approving a 589
cost recovery mechanism for the investments and expenditures, 590
the public utilities commission shall consider whether the 591
investments and expenditures are reasonably expected to do the 592
following: 593

(A) Improve the utility's system efficiency and 594
operational flexibility; 595

(B) Benefit electric customers in the state by optimizing 596
the use of the electric grid to help lower electric rates; 597

(C) Support the safety and reliability of the electric 598
grid; 599

(D) Stimulate increased consumer choices in the automotive 600
sector; 601

(E) Attract private capital investments; 602

(F) Utilize high-quality jobs for skilled and non-skilled 603
workers as identified by the accelerating Ohio's automotive 604
industry task force created under section 4501.85 of the Revised 605
Code; 606

(G) In the totality of the utility's transportation 607
electrification programs, provide electric infrastructure access 608
for underserved populations, which may include providing access 609

through community-based and multi-family electric vehicle 610
charging infrastructure, car share programs, and electrification 611
of public transit; 612

(H) Give due consideration to the rate impact of the 613
utility's transportation electrification programs on underserved 614
populations. 615

Sec. 4928.1425. The public utilities commission may adopt 616
rules regarding the requirements for transportation 617
electrification programs under sections 4928.1410 to 4928.1423 618
of the Revised Code and the minimization of transportation 619
electrification program costs paid by customers in aid of 620
construction for electric grid infrastructure. 621

Sec. 5703.21. (A) Except as provided in divisions (B) and 622
(C) of this section, no agent of the department of taxation, 623
except in the agent's report to the department or when called on 624
to testify in any court or proceeding, shall divulge any 625
information acquired by the agent as to the transactions, 626
property, or business of any person while acting or claiming to 627
act under orders of the department. Whoever violates this 628
provision shall thereafter be disqualified from acting as an 629
officer or employee or in any other capacity under appointment 630
or employment of the department. 631

(B) (1) For purposes of an audit pursuant to section 117.15 632
of the Revised Code, or an audit of the department pursuant to 633
Chapter 117. of the Revised Code, or an audit, pursuant to that 634
chapter, the objective of which is to express an opinion on a 635
financial report or statement prepared or issued pursuant to 636
division (A) (7) or (9) of section 126.21 of the Revised Code, 637
the officers and employees of the auditor of state charged with 638
conducting the audit shall have access to and the right to 639

examine any state tax returns and state tax return information 640
in the possession of the department to the extent that the 641
access and examination are necessary for purposes of the audit. 642
Any information acquired as the result of that access and 643
examination shall not be divulged for any purpose other than as 644
required for the audit or unless the officers and employees are 645
required to testify in a court or proceeding under compulsion of 646
legal process. Whoever violates this provision shall thereafter 647
be disqualified from acting as an officer or employee or in any 648
other capacity under appointment or employment of the auditor of 649
state. 650

(2) For purposes of an internal audit pursuant to section 651
126.45 of the Revised Code, the officers and employees of the 652
office of internal audit in the office of budget and management 653
charged with directing the internal audit shall have access to 654
and the right to examine any state tax returns and state tax 655
return information in the possession of the department to the 656
extent that the access and examination are necessary for 657
purposes of the internal audit. Any information acquired as the 658
result of that access and examination shall not be divulged for 659
any purpose other than as required for the internal audit or 660
unless the officers and employees are required to testify in a 661
court or proceeding under compulsion of legal process. Whoever 662
violates this provision shall thereafter be disqualified from 663
acting as an officer or employee or in any other capacity under 664
appointment or employment of the office of internal audit. 665

(3) As provided by section 6103(d)(2) of the Internal 666
Revenue Code, any federal tax returns or federal tax information 667
that the department has acquired from the internal revenue 668
service, through federal and state statutory authority, may be 669
disclosed to the auditor of state or the office of internal 670

audit solely for purposes of an audit of the department. 671

(4) For purposes of Chapter 3739. of the Revised Code, an 672
agent of the department of taxation may share information with 673
the division of state fire marshal that the agent finds during 674
the course of an investigation. 675

(C) Division (A) of this section does not prohibit any of 676
the following: 677

(1) Divulging information contained in applications, 678
complaints, and related documents filed with the department 679
under section 5715.27 of the Revised Code or in applications 680
filed with the department under section 5715.39 of the Revised 681
Code; 682

(2) Providing information to the office of child support 683
within the department of job and family services pursuant to 684
section 3125.43 of the Revised Code; 685

(3) Disclosing to the motor vehicle repair board any 686
information in the possession of the department that is 687
necessary for the board to verify the existence of an 688
applicant's valid vendor's license and current state tax 689
identification number under section 4775.07 of the Revised Code; 690

(4) Providing information to the administrator of workers' 691
compensation pursuant to sections 4123.271 and 4123.591 of the 692
Revised Code; 693

(5) Providing to the attorney general information the 694
department obtains under division (J) of section 1346.01 of the 695
Revised Code; 696

(6) Permitting properly authorized officers, employees, or 697
agents of a municipal corporation from inspecting reports or 698

information pursuant to section 718.84 of the Revised Code or	699
rules adopted under section 5745.16 of the Revised Code;	700
(7) Providing information regarding the name, account	701
number, or business address of a holder of a vendor's license	702
issued pursuant to section 5739.17 of the Revised Code, a holder	703
of a direct payment permit issued pursuant to section 5739.031	704
of the Revised Code, or a seller having a use tax account	705
maintained pursuant to section 5741.17 of the Revised Code, or	706
information regarding the active or inactive status of a	707
vendor's license, direct payment permit, or seller's use tax	708
account;	709
(8) Releasing invoices or invoice information furnished	710
under section 4301.433 of the Revised Code pursuant to that	711
section;	712
(9) Providing to a county auditor notices or documents	713
concerning or affecting the taxable value of property in the	714
county auditor's county. Unless authorized by law to disclose	715
documents so provided, the county auditor shall not disclose	716
such documents;	717
(10) Providing to a county auditor sales or use tax return	718
or audit information under section 333.06 of the Revised Code;	719
(11) Subject to section 4301.441 of the Revised Code,	720
disclosing to the appropriate state agency information in the	721
possession of the department of taxation that is necessary to	722
verify a permit holder's gallonage or noncompliance with taxes	723
levied under Chapter 4301. or 4305. of the Revised Code;	724
(12) Disclosing to the department of natural resources	725
information in the possession of the department of taxation that	726
is necessary for the department of taxation to verify the	727

taxpayer's compliance with section 5749.02 of the Revised Code 728
or to allow the department of natural resources to enforce 729
Chapter 1509. of the Revised Code; 730

(13) Disclosing to the department of job and family 731
services, industrial commission, and bureau of workers' 732
compensation information in the possession of the department of 733
taxation solely for the purpose of identifying employers that 734
misclassify employees as independent contractors or that fail to 735
properly report and pay employer tax liabilities. The department 736
of taxation shall disclose only such information that is 737
necessary to verify employer compliance with law administered by 738
those agencies. 739

(14) Disclosing to the Ohio casino control commission 740
information in the possession of the department of taxation that 741
is necessary to verify a casino operator's or sports gaming 742
proprietor's compliance with section 5747.063, 5753.02, or 743
5753.021 of the Revised Code and sections related thereto; 744

(15) Disclosing to the state lottery commission 745
information in the possession of the department of taxation that 746
is necessary to verify a lottery sales agent's compliance with 747
section 5747.064 of the Revised Code. 748

(16) Disclosing to the department of development 749
information in the possession of the department of taxation that 750
is necessary to ensure compliance with the laws of this state 751
governing taxation and to verify information reported to the 752
department of development for the purpose of evaluating 753
potential tax credits, tax deductions, grants, or loans. Such 754
information shall not include information received from the 755
internal revenue service the disclosure of which is prohibited 756
by section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code. No officer, 757

employee, or agent of the department of development shall 758
disclose any information provided to the department of 759
development by the department of taxation under division (C) (16) 760
of this section except when disclosure of the information is 761
necessary for, and made solely for the purpose of facilitating, 762
the evaluation of potential tax credits, tax deductions, grants, 763
or loans. 764

(17) Disclosing to the department of insurance information 765
in the possession of the department of taxation that is 766
necessary to ensure a taxpayer's compliance with the 767
requirements with any tax credit administered by the department 768
of development and claimed by the taxpayer against any tax 769
administered by the superintendent of insurance. No officer, 770
employee, or agent of the department of insurance shall disclose 771
any information provided to the department of insurance by the 772
department of taxation under division (C) (17) of this section. 773

(18) Disclosing to the division of liquor control 774
information in the possession of the department of taxation that 775
is necessary for the division and department to comply with the 776
requirements of sections 4303.26 and 4303.271 of the Revised 777
Code. 778

(19) Disclosing to the department of education, upon that 779
department's request, information in the possession of the 780
department of taxation that is necessary only to verify whether 781
the family income of a student applying for or receiving a 782
scholarship under the educational choice scholarship pilot 783
program is equal to, less than, or greater than the income 784
thresholds prescribed by section 3310.032 of the Revised Code. 785
The department of education shall provide sufficient information 786
about the student and the student's family to enable the 787

department of taxation to make the verification. 788

(20) Disclosing to the Ohio rail development commission 789
information in the possession of the department of taxation that 790
is necessary to ensure compliance with the laws of this state 791
governing taxation and to verify information reported to the 792
commission for the purpose of evaluating potential grants or 793
loans. Such information shall not include information received 794
from the internal revenue service the disclosure of which is 795
prohibited by section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code. No 796
member, officer, employee, or agent of the Ohio rail development 797
commission shall disclose any information provided to the 798
commission by the department of taxation under division (C) (20) 799
of this section except when disclosure of the information is 800
necessary for, and made solely for the purpose of facilitating, 801
the evaluation of potential grants or loans. 802

(21) Disclosing to the state racing commission information 803
in the possession of the department of taxation that is 804
necessary for verification of compliance with and for 805
enforcement and administration of the taxes levied by Chapter 806
3769. of the Revised Code. Such information shall include 807
information that is necessary for the state racing commission to 808
verify compliance with Chapter 3769. of the Revised Code for the 809
purposes of issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation of a 810
permit pursuant to section 3769.03 or 3769.06 of the Revised 811
Code and related sections. Unless disclosure is otherwise 812
authorized by law, information provided to the state racing 813
commission under this section remains confidential and is not 814
subject to public disclosure pursuant to section 3769.041 of the 815
Revised Code. 816

(22) Disclosing to the state fire marshal information in 817

the possession of the department of taxation that is necessary 818
for the state fire marshal to verify the compliance of a 819
licensed manufacturer of fireworks or a licensed wholesaler of 820
fireworks with section 3743.22 of the Revised Code. No officer, 821
employee, or agent of the state fire marshal shall disclose any 822
information provided to the state fire marshal by the department 823
of taxation under division (C) (22) of this section. 824

(23) Disclosing to the department of development, the 825
department of transportation, or DriveOhio, as defined in 826
section 4501.85 of the Revised Code, information in the 827
possession of the department of taxation regarding the 828
exemptions authorized under section 5739.22 of the Revised Code 829
that is necessary to operate the electric vehicle incentive 830
program created by section 122.97 of the Revised Code and to 831
satisfy any requirements under that section. Such information 832
shall not include information received from the internal revenue 833
service the disclosure of which is prohibited by section 6103 of 834
the Internal Revenue Code. No officer, employee, or agent of the 835
department of development, the department of transportation, or 836
DriveOhio shall disclose any information provided by the 837
department of taxation under division (C) (23) of this section 838
except as otherwise allowed under that division. 839

Sec. 5739.22. (A) For the purpose of this section: 840

(1) "Battery electric motor vehicle," "motor vehicle," 841
"plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle," and "passenger car" 842
have the same meanings as in section 4501.01 of the Revised 843
Code. 844

(2) "Motor vehicle dealer" has the same meaning as in 845
section 4517.01 of the Revised Code. 846

(3) "Base model manufacturer's suggested retail price" 847
means the manufacturer's price for the lowest-priced trim level 848
of a motor vehicle model. "Base model manufacturer's suggested 849
retail price" does not include charges or fees for optional 850
equipment, taxes, title, or registration. 851

(4) A motor vehicle is used for a "nonbusiness use" if it 852
is primarily for personal, household, or family use. A vehicle 853
used primarily for any other purpose is used for a "business 854
use." 855

(5) A person "operates in this state" if any of the 856
following apply at the time of sales or lease: 857

(a) The person has gross receipts from business 858
transactions in this state within the twelve-month period 859
preceding the sale or lease; 860

(b) The person has payroll in this state; 861

(c) The person owns property in this state. 862

(B) Notwithstanding section 5739.02 of the Revised Code, 863
the tax levied under that section on the retail sale or lease of 864
a battery electric motor vehicle or plug-in hybrid electric 865
motor vehicle sold or leased by a motor vehicle dealer on or 866
after January 1, 2023, or the first day of the fourth month that 867
begins after the effective date of this section, whichever 868
occurs first, but before January 1, 2032, shall be wholly or 869
partially exempt from the tax levied under that section, as 870
provided in this section. 871

Subject to the limitation described in division (C) of 872
this section, the amount of the exemption from the tax levied 873
under section 5739.02 of the Revised Code shall equal the full 874
amount of tax levied under that section for the retail sale or 875

lease of a battery electric motor vehicle or plug-in hybrid 876
electric motor vehicle by a motor vehicle dealer, but the amount 877
of the exemption shall not exceed the following amounts, as 878
applicable: 879

(1) Subject to division (D) of this section, two thousand 880
dollars for the retail sale or lease of a new battery electric 881
motor vehicle; 882

(2) Subject to division (D) of this section, one thousand 883
dollars for the retail sale or lease of a new plug-in hybrid 884
electric motor vehicle; 885

(3) One thousand dollars for the retail sale or lease of a 886
used battery electric motor vehicle. 887

(C) A person purchasing or leasing a battery electric 888
motor vehicle or plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle for 889
business use qualifies for an exemption authorized under this 890
section only if the person operates in this state. 891

(D) If a new battery electric motor vehicle or new plug-in 892
hybrid electric motor vehicle is sold or leased for nonbusiness 893
use, the vehicle's base model manufacturer's suggested retail 894
price shall not exceed the following to qualify for an exemption 895
under this section: 896

(1) Eighty thousand dollars if the vehicle is a van, 897
pickup truck, or sport utility vehicle; 898

(2) Fifty-five thousand dollars if the vehicle is any 899
other passenger car. 900

(E) The tax commissioner shall do all of the following: 901

(1) Compile a list of battery electric motor vehicles and 902
plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicles eligible for each 903

<u>exemption authorized under this section;</u>	904
<u>(2) Update that list at least once each calendar year;</u>	905
<u>(3) Publish that list on the department of taxation's web site.</u>	906 907
<u>(F) The tax commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to administer this section, including procedures for verifying eligibility for the exemptions authorized under this section and the manner by which a motor vehicle dealer may obtain any information necessary for the dealer to enforce the limitation described in division (C) of this section.</u>	908 909 910 911 912 913
<u>Sec. 6301.24. As used in sections 6301.24 to 6301.29 of the Revised Code:</u>	914 915
<u>(A) "Career-technical planning district" has the same meaning as in section 3317.023 of the Revised Code.</u>	916 917
<u>(B) "Electric vehicle" means a battery electric motor vehicle or plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle as defined in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code.</u>	918 919 920
<u>(C) "Electrician apprenticeship program" means an apprenticeship program registered by the department of job and family services under Chapter 4139. of the Revised Code that trains an individual to become an electrician.</u>	921 922 923 924
<u>(D) "Independent college or university" means a nonprofit institution of higher education that has a certificate of authorization under Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code.</u>	925 926 927
<u>(E) "Manufacturer" and "motor vehicle dealer" have the same meanings as in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code.</u>	928 929
<u>(F) "Ohio technical center" has the same meaning as in</u>	930

<u>section 3333.94 of the Revised Code.</u>	931
<u>(G) "Program" means the electric vehicle training and modernization program created in section 6301.25 of the Revised Code.</u>	932 933 934
<u>(H) "State institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.</u>	935 936
<u>(I) "Training program" means all of the following:</u>	937
<u>(1) An electric vehicle technician certificate or credential training program within an automotive technician training program offered by a state institution of higher education, independent college or university, Ohio technical center, or career-technical planning district;</u>	938 939 940 941 942
<u>(2) An electric vehicle infrastructure certificate or credential training program offered by an electrician apprenticeship program at an electrician apprenticeship training center;</u>	943 944 945 946
<u>(3) A training course offered by a motor vehicle dealer, manufacturer, or third-party trainer to train or educate an employee of the motor vehicle dealer or manufacturer to sell, repair, service, or perform maintenance on electric vehicles.</u>	947 948 949 950
<u>(J) "Training provider" means all of the following:</u>	951
<u>(1) A state institution of higher education;</u>	952
<u>(2) An Ohio technical center;</u>	953
<u>(3) An independent college or university;</u>	954
<u>(4) A career-technical planning district;</u>	955
<u>(5) An electrician apprenticeship program;</u>	956

<u>(6) A motor vehicle dealer;</u>	957
<u>(7) A manufacturer;</u>	958
<u>(8) A third-party trainer offering a training course to an employee of a motor vehicle dealer or manufacturer.</u>	959 960
<u>Sec. 6301.25. (A) The electric vehicle training and modernization program is created. The department of development shall develop and administer the program. A training provider may seek a reimbursement under the program for costs for any of the following:</u>	961 962 963 964 965
<u>(1) Acquiring new equipment for use by students, apprentices, employees, and instructors in a training program;</u>	966 967
<u>(2) Providing training for instructors on a new or updated curriculum for a training program, including safety standards and best practices for instructing the curriculum;</u>	968 969 970
<u>(3) Providing grants to individuals who are residents of this state and enroll as students or apprentices or participate as employees in a training program as described in section 6301.27 of the Revised Code;</u>	971 972 973 974
<u>(4) Providing marketing, outreach, or recruiting activities designed to encourage individuals to enroll or participate in a training program;</u>	975 976 977
<u>(5) Installing, modifying, or upgrading a service facility, charging station, or equipment used to repair, service, or perform maintenance on electric vehicles.</u>	978 979 980
<u>(B) A training provider seeking to participate in the program shall submit an application to the director of development during an application period established by the director. The training provider shall include all of the</u>	981 982 983 984

<u>following information in the application:</u>	985
<u>(1) A copy of the training provider's accreditation or</u>	986
<u>apprenticeship program registration, if applicable;</u>	987
<u>(2) A statement of the need for funding;</u>	988
<u>(3) A proposed budget detailing the costs under division</u>	989
<u>(A) of this section for which the training provider will seek a</u>	990
<u>reimbursement;</u>	991
<u>(4) A description of the training provider's resources and</u>	992
<u>capacities at the time of applying and the estimated impact of</u>	993
<u>the reimbursement the training provider will seek, including the</u>	994
<u>number of instructors who are expected to receive training and</u>	995
<u>students, apprentices, or employees who are expected to complete</u>	996
<u>a training program;</u>	997
<u>(5) Any other information the director requires.</u>	998
<u>(C) The director shall consider all applications submitted</u>	999
<u>during an application period after the application period ends.</u>	1000
<u>The director shall consider the scoring criteria adopted in</u>	1001
<u>rules under section 6301.29 of the Revised Code in determining</u>	1002
<u>whether to approve an application submitted under division (B)</u>	1003
<u>of this section.</u>	1004
<u>Sec. 6301.26. (A) Each participating training provider</u>	1005
<u>seeking reimbursement for costs the training provider incurred</u>	1006
<u>under the program as described in division (A) of section</u>	1007
<u>6301.25 of the Revised Code, other than costs for grants as</u>	1008
<u>described in division (A) (3) of that section, shall submit an</u>	1009
<u>application to the director of development that includes all of</u>	1010
<u>the following information:</u>	1011
<u>(1) The actual cost to the training provider for each of</u>	1012

the costs under division (A) of section 6301.25 of the Revised Code for which the training provider is seeking a reimbursement; 1013
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(2) Evidence that the training provider incurred the costs specified in the proposed budget included in the training provider's application under division (B) (3) of section 6301.25 of the Revised Code; 1015
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(3) Any other information the director requires. 1019

(B) The amount of the reimbursement shall be not more than twenty-five thousand dollars for each category of costs under division (A) of section 6301.25 of the Revised Code for which a training provider seeks a reimbursement. 1020
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Sec. 6301.27. (A) To be eligible for a reimbursement for costs to provide grants to individuals under division (A) (3) of section 6301.25 of the Revised Code, a training provider shall provide evidence as part of an application under section 6301.26 of the Revised Code of both of the following: 1024
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(1) That an individual to whom the training provider provided a grant is a resident of this state; 1029
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(2) That an individual to whom the training provider provided a grant is one of the following: 1031
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(a) An individual who enrolls as a student in an electric vehicle technician certificate or credential training program offered by a state institution of higher education, independent college or university, Ohio technical center, or career-technical planning district after the effective date of this section; 1033
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(b) An individual who is registered as an apprentice in an electric vehicle infrastructure certificate or credential 1039
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training program offered by an electrician apprenticeship 1041
program; 1042

(c) An individual who is a prospective or incumbent 1043
employee of a motor vehicle dealer or manufacturer and is 1044
participating in a training course offered by the motor vehicle 1045
dealer or manufacturer or a third-party trainer that begins 1046
after the effective date of this section. 1047

(B) An individual enrolled as a student in an electric 1048
vehicle technician certificate or credential training program 1049
shall submit an application to a training provider to be 1050
considered for a grant under this section. The training provider 1051
shall assess the individual's need for financial aid in 1052
determining whether to award the individual a grant. 1053

(C) An individual who is awarded a grant under this 1054
section is eligible to receive one of the following amounts: 1055

(1) If the individual is enrolled as a student in an 1056
electric vehicle technician certificate or credential training 1057
program and has previously received an automotive technician 1058
certificate or credential, a maximum of three thousand dollars; 1059

(2) If the individual is enrolled as a student in an 1060
electric vehicle technician certificate or credential training 1061
program and has not received a previous certificate or 1062
credential, a maximum of fifteen thousand dollars; 1063

(3) If the individual is enrolled as an apprentice in an 1064
electric vehicle infrastructure certificate or credential 1065
training program offered by an electrician apprenticeship 1066
program, an amount determined by the training provider that does 1067
not exceed the total cost of the educational expenses related to 1068
the individual's participation in the program; 1069

(4) If the individual is a prospective or incumbent 1070
employee of a motor vehicle dealer or manufacturer participating 1071
in a training course offered by the motor vehicle dealer or 1072
manufacturer or a third-party trainer, a maximum of three 1073
thousand dollars, except that the amount shall not exceed the 1074
total cost of the educational expenses related to the 1075
individual's participation in the course. 1076

Sec. 6301.28. (A) A training provider that receives a 1077
reimbursement under section 6301.26 or 6301.27 of the Revised 1078
Code shall submit a report to the director of development, at a 1079
frequency determined by the director, that includes information 1080
regarding student, apprentice, or employee progress, including 1081
any wage and benefit information the student, apprentice, or 1082
employee provides to the training provider, for the two years 1083
following the acquisition of new equipment and any other 1084
information the director requires. 1085

(B) The director, beginning one year after the effective 1086
date of this section and every year thereafter, shall submit a 1087
report to the general assembly that includes all of the 1088
following: 1089

(1) The amount of the reimbursement each training provider 1090
received during the previous year under the program; 1091

(2) The information in the reports submitted to the 1092
director under division (A) of this section; 1093

(3) Any other information required by the general 1094
assembly. 1095

Sec. 6301.29. The director of development shall adopt 1096
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code as the 1097
director considers necessary to administer the program, 1098

including rules that do all of the following: 1099

(A) Create an application for a training provider to 1100
participate in the program and an application for reimbursement; 1101

(B) Establish scoring criteria for the director to use in 1102
determining whether to approve an application under division (B) 1103
of section 6301.25 of the Revised Code, including priority 1104
guidelines for approving applications that benefit disadvantaged 1105
communities; 1106

(C) Maximize the amount of funds or other investments the 1107
director is eligible to receive from the federal government to 1108
provide reimbursements under the program; 1109

(D) Identify disadvantaged communities based on available 1110
data and screening tools, which may include low income and high 1111
or persistent poverty or high unemployment and underemployment. 1112

Section 2. That existing sections 4928.02 and 5703.21 of 1113
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1114

Section 3. All items in this act are hereby appropriated 1115
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 1116
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 1117
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 1118
2022 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2023. 1119
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 1120
any other operating appropriations made for the FY 2022-FY 2023 1121
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A		DEV DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT		
B	General Revenue Fund			
C	GRF 195418	Electric Vehicle Incentive Program	\$750,000	\$750,000
D	GRF 195574	Electric Vehicle Retooling and Equipment Program	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
E	GRF 195575	Electric Vehicle Training and Modernization Program	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
F	TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$25,750,000	\$25,750,000
G	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$25,750,000	\$25,750,000

ELECTRIC VEHICLE INCENTIVE PROGRAM 1125

The foregoing appropriation item 195418, Electric Vehicle Incentive Program, shall be used by the Director of Development to pay the administrative costs of the Electric Vehicle Incentive Program created in section 122.97 of the Revised Code. 1126
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ELECTRIC VEHICLE RETOOLING AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM 1130

The foregoing appropriation item 195574, Electric Vehicle Retooling and Equipment Program, shall be used by the Director of Development to provide grants under the Electric Vehicle Retooling and New Equipment Acquisition Program created in section 122.971 of the Revised Code. 1131
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ELECTRIC VEHICLE TRAINING AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAM 1136

The foregoing appropriation item 195575, Electric Vehicle 1137

Training and Modernization Program, shall be used by the 1138
Director of Development pursuant to sections 6301.24 to 6301.29 1139
of the Revised Code. 1140

Section 5. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 1141
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 1142
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 1143
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in 1144
which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures 1145
from operating appropriations contained in this act shall be 1146
accounted for as though made in H.B. 110 of the 134th General 1147
Assembly. The operating appropriations made in this act are 1148
subject to all provisions of H.B. 110 of the 134th General 1149
Assembly that are generally applicable to such appropriations. 1150

Section 6. Section 5703.21 of the Revised Code is 1151
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 1152
by H.B. 29, H.B. 74, H.B. 110, and H.B. 172 of the 134th General 1153
Assembly and H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly. The General 1154
Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of 1155
section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 1156
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, 1157
finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section 1158
in effect prior to the effective date of the section as 1159
presented in this act. 1160