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# A BILL

To amend sections 5747.50, 5747.502, 5747.51, and	1
5747.53 and to enact sections 9.042, 305.44,	2
701.11, 3701.651, 5747.504, and 5747.505 of the	3
Revised Code to prohibit state funds from being	4
given to any entity that supports, promotes, or	5
provides elective abortions, to require counties	6
and municipal corporations to report spending	7
related to elective abortion, and to withhold	8
and reallocate to pregnancy resource centers	9
state local government funds from a county or	10
municipal corporation that engages in such	11
spending.	12

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

Section 1. That sections 5747.50, 5747.502, 5747.51, and	13
5747.53 be amended and sections 9.042, 305.44, 701.11, 3701.651,	14
5747.504, and 5747.505 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as	15
follows:	16

Sec. 9.042. As used in this section:



"Abortion" has the meaning defined in section 2919.11 of	18
the Revised Code.	19
"Elective abortion" means an abortion that is not	20
necessary to protect the life of the mother.	21
Funds of the state shall not be given directly or	22
indirectly to any entity that directly or indirectly provides	23
elective abortion or elective abortion services, including but	24
not limited to, transportation, housing wage reimbursement, or	25
paid time off directly related to providing for an elective	26
abortion.	27
Sec. 305.44. As used in this section:	28
"Abortion" has the meaning defined in section 2919.11 of	29
the Revised Code.	30
"Elective abortion" means an abortion that is not	31
necessary to protect the life of the mother.	32
A board of county commissioners, not later than the fifth	33
day following any month in which the county spends money to	34
support access to elective abortion, to provide reimbursement	35
for elective abortion services, or for any related activity,	36
including travel and donations to entities that support,	37
promote, or provide elective abortion, shall report all of the	38
following to the auditor of state and the tax commissioner:	39
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(A) The total amount of money spent by the county in the	40
preceding month for those purposes;	41
(B) The source or sources of that money and the amount	42
spent from each source;	43
(C) The recipients of that money and the amount received	44
by each such recipient;	45

(D) The total amount of money received by the county in	46
the preceding month from the federal government to be used for	47
those purposes.	48
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Sec. 701.11. As used in this section:	49
"Abortion" has the meaning defined in section 2919.11 of	50
the Revised Code.	51
"Elective abortion" means an abortion that is not	52
necessary to protect the life of the mother.	53
The legislative authority of a municipal corporation, not	54
later than the fifth day following any month in which the	55
municipal corporation spends money to support access to elective	56
abortion, to provide reimbursement for elective abortion	57
services, or for any related activity, including travel and	58
donations to entities that support, promote, or provide elective	59
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abortion, shall report all of the following to the auditor of	
state and the tax commissioner:	61
(A) The total amount of money spent by the municipal	62
corporation in the preceding month for those purposes;	63
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(B) The source or sources of that money and the amount	64
<u>spent from each source;</u>	65
(C) The recipients of that money and the amount received	66
by each such recipient;	67
(D) The total amount of money received by the municipal	68
corporation in the preceding month from the federal government	69
to be used for those purposes.	70
Sec. 3701.651. (A) The abortion adjustment fund is hereby	71
created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of money	72
deposited to the fund pursuant to division (F) of section	73
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5747.504 of the Revised Code. Pursuant to rules adopted under	74
this section, money in the fund shall be distributed by the	75
director of health to entities providing services under section	76
5101.804 of the Revised Code.	77
(B) The department of health shall adopt rules in	78
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to establish	79
procedures for entities to apply to the department to receive	80
money from the abortion adjustment fund and procedures for the	81
distribution of money from the fund to those entities. The rules	82
shall specify a priority in distributing funds to entities	83
providing services under section 5101.804 of the Revised Code	84
whose services include providing counseling and other services	85
to women who have received abortions.	86
Sec. 5747.50. (A) As used in this section:	87
(1) "County's proportionate share of the calendar year	88
2007 LGF and LGRAF distributions" means the percentage computed	89
for the county under division (B)(1)(a) of section 5747.501 of	90
the Revised Code.	91
(2) "County's proportionate share of the total amount of	92
the local government fund additional revenue formula" means each	93
county's proportionate share of the state's population as	94
determined for and certified to the county for distributions to	95
be made during the current calendar year under division (B)(2)	96
(a) of section 5747.501 of the Revised Code. If prior to the	97
first day of January of the current calendar year the federal	98
government has issued a revision to the population figures	99
reflected in the estimate produced pursuant to division (B)(2)	100
(a) of section 5747.501 of the Revised Code, such revised	101
population figures shall be used for making the distributions	102
during the current calendar year.	103

(3) "2007 LGF and LGRAF county distribution base available
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in that month" means the lesser of the amounts described in
division (A) (3) (a) and (b) of this section, provided that the
amount shall not be less than zero:

(a) The total amount available for distribution to
 counties from the local government fund during the current
 month.

(b) The total amount distributed to counties from the
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local government fund and the local government revenue
assistance fund to counties in calendar year 2007 less the total
amount distributed to counties under division (B) (1) of this
section during previous months of the current calendar year.

(4) "Local government fund additional revenue distribution 116 base available during that month" means the total amount 117 available for distribution to counties during the month from the 118 local government fund, less any amounts to be distributed in 119 that month from the local government fund under division (B)(1) 120 of this section, provided that the local government fund 121 additional revenue distribution base available during that month 122 shall not be less than zero. 123

(5) "Total amount available for distribution to counties"
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means the total amount available for distribution from the local
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government fund during the current month less the total amount
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available for distribution to municipal corporations during the
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current month under division (C) of this section.

(B) On or before the tenth day of each month, the tax
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commissioner shall provide for payment to each county an amount
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equal to the sum of:
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(1) The county's proportionate share of the calendar year 132

2007 LGF and LGRAF distributions multiplied by the 2007 LGF and133LGRAF county distribution base available in that month, provided134that if the 2007 LGF and LGRAF county distribution base135available in that month is zero, no payment shall be made under136division (B)(1) of this section for the month or the remainder137of the calendar year; and138

(2) The county's proportionate share of the total amount
of the local government fund additional revenue formula
multiplied by the local government fund additional revenue
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distribution base available during that month.

Money received into the treasury of a county under this 143 division shall be credited to the undivided local government 144 fund in the treasury of the county on or before the fifteenth 145 day of each month. On or before the twentieth day of each month, 146 the county auditor shall issue warrants against all of the 147 undivided local government fund in the county treasury in the 148 respective amounts allowed as provided in section 5747.51 of the 149 Revised Code, and the treasurer shall distribute and pay such 150 sums to the subdivision therein. 151

(C)(1) As used in division (C) of this section:

(a) "Total amount available for distribution to
municipalities during the current month" means the difference
obtained by subtracting one million dollars from the product
obtained by multiplying the total amount available for
distribution from the local government fund during the current
month by the aggregate municipal share.

(b) "Aggregate municipal share" means the quotient
 obtained by dividing the total amount distributed directly from
 the local government fund to municipal corporations during
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calendar year 2007 by the total distributions from the local 162 government fund and local government revenue assistance fund 163 during calendar year 2007. 164 (c) A municipal corporation's "distribution share" equals 165 one of the following: 166 (i) For municipal corporations with a population of more 167 than fifty thousand, fifty thousand; 168 (ii) For municipal corporations with a population of less 169 than one thousand, zero; 170 (iii) For all other municipal corporations, the municipal 171 corporation's population. 172 (d) A municipal corporation's "distribution percentage" 173 equals the percentage that a municipal corporation's 174 distribution share is of the total of all municipal 175 corporations' distribution shares. 176 (2) On or before the tenth day of each month, the tax 177 commissioner shall provide for payment from the local government 178 fund to each municipal corporation an amount equal to the 179 product derived by multiplying the municipal corporation's 180 distribution percentage by the total amount available for 181 distribution to municipal corporations during the current month. 182 (3) Payments received by a municipal corporation under 183 this division shall be paid into its general fund and may be 184 used for any lawful purpose. 185

(4) The amount distributed to municipal corporations under
this division during any calendar year shall not exceed the
amount distributed directly from the local government fund to
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municipal corporations during calendar year 2007. If that

maximum amount is reached during any month, distributions to 190
municipal corporations in that month shall be as provided in 191
divisions (C)(1) and (2) of this section, but no further 192
distributions shall be made to municipal corporations under 193
division (C) of this section during the remainder of the 194
calendar year. 195

(5) Upon being informed of a municipal corporation's dissolution, the tax commissioner shall cease providing for payments to that municipal corporation under division (C) of this section. The proportionate shares of the total amount available for distribution to each of the remaining municipal corporations under this division shall be increased on a pro rata basis.

The tax commissioner shall reduce payments under division (C) of this section to municipal corporations for which reduced payments are required under section 5747.502 <u>or 5747.504</u> of the Revised Code.

(D) Each municipal corporation which has in effect a tax 207 imposed under Chapter 718. of the Revised Code shall, no later 208 than the thirty-first day of August of each year, certify to the 209 tax commissioner, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, the 210 amount of income tax revenue collected and refunded by such 211 municipal corporation pursuant to such chapter during the 212 preceding calendar year, arranged, when possible, by the type of 213 income from which the revenue was collected or the refund was 214 issued. The municipal corporation shall also report the amount 215 of income tax revenue collected and refunded on behalf of a 216 joint economic development district or a joint economic 217 development zone that levies an income tax administered by the 218 municipal corporation and the amount of such revenue distributed 219

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to contracting parties during the preceding calendar year. The 220 tax commissioner may withhold payment of local government fund 221 moneys pursuant to division (C) of this section from any 222 municipal corporation for failure to comply with this reporting 223 requirement. 224 (E) (1) For the purposes of division (E) of this section: 225 (a) "Eligible taxing district" means a township, township 226 fire district, or joint fire district for which the total 227 taxable value of eligible power plants for tax year 2017 is at 228

least thirty per cent less than the total taxable value of eligible power plants for tax year 2016.

(b) "Eligible power plant" means a power plant that is 231 subject to the requirements of 10 C.F.R. part 73. 232

(c) "Total taxable value of eligible power plants" of an 233 eligible taxing district means the total taxable value of the 234 taxable property of eligible power plants apportioned to the 235 district as shown in a preliminary assessment or amended 236 preliminary assessment and listed on the tax list of real and 237 public utility property. 238

(d) "Taxable property" has the same meaning as in section 2395727.01 of the Revised Code. 240

(e) "Tax rate" of an eligible taxing district means one of 241 the following: 242

(i) For townships, the sum of the rates of levies imposed
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under section 505.39, 505.51, or division (I), (J), (U), or (JJ)
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of section 5705.19 of the Revised Code and extended on the tax
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list of real and public utility property for tax year 2017,
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excluding any levy imposed at whatever rate is required to raise
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a fixed sum of money;

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(ii) For township fire districts and joint fire districts,
the sum of the rates of levies extended on the tax list of real
and public utility property for tax year 2017, excluding any
levy imposed at whatever rate is required to raise a fixed sum
of money.

(2) Each fiscal year from fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2028, the tax commissioner shall compute the following amount for each eligible taxing district:

(a) For fiscal years 2018 and 2019, the amount obtained by 257
multiplying the eligible taxing district's tax rate by the 258
difference obtained by subtracting (i) the total taxable value 259
of eligible power plants of the district for tax year 2017 from 260
(ii) the total taxable value of eligible power plants of the 261
district for tax year 2016; 262

(b) For fiscal years 2020 through 2028, ninety per cent ofthe amount calculated for the district under division (E)(2)(a)or (b) of this section for the preceding fiscal year.

The commissioner shall certify the sum of the amounts 266 calculated for all eligible taxing districts under this division 267 for a fiscal year to the director of budget and management who, 268 on or before the seventh day of each month of that fiscal year, 269 shall transfer from the general revenue fund to the local 270 government fund one-twelfth of the amount certified. 271

(3) On or before the tenth day of each month, the tax
commissioner shall provide for payment to each county treasury
in which an eligible taxing district is located an amount equal
to one-twelfth of the amount computed for the district for that
fiscal year under division (E) (2) of this section.

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local government fund in the treasury of the county on or before 279 the fifteenth day of each month. On or before the twentieth day 280 of each month, the county auditor shall issue warrants against 281 the undivided local government fund for the amounts attributable 2.82 to each eligible taxing district, and the treasurer shall 283 284 distribute and pay such amounts to each eligible taxing district. Money received by a township fire district or joint 285 fire district under this division shall be credited to the 286 district's general fund and may be used for any lawful purpose 287 of the district. Money received by a township under this 288 division shall be credited to the township's general fund and 289 shall be used for the purpose of funding fire, police, emergency 290 medical, or ambulance services. 291 Sec. 5747.502. (A) As used in this section: 292 (1) "Local authority" and "traffic law photo-monitoring-293 device" have the same meanings as in section 4511.092 of the 294 Revised Codemeans a county, township, or municipal corporation. 295 296 (2) "School zone" has the same meaning as in section 4511.21 of the Revised Code. 297 (3) "Transportation district" means a territorial district 298 299 established by the director of transportation under section 5501.14 of the Revised Code. 300

division (E) of this section shall be credited to the undivided

(4) "District deputy director" means the person appointed
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and assigned by the director of transportation under section
5501.14 of the Revised Code to administer the activities of a
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transportation district.

(5) "Gross amount" means the entire amount of traffic305camera fines and fees paid by a driver.306

(6) " <del>Local government fund adjustment" or "LGF <u>Traffic</u></del>	307
<u>camera</u> adjustment" means the sum of:	308
(a) The gross amount of all traffic camera fines collected	309
by a local authority during the preceding fiscal year, as	310
reported under division (B)(1) of this section, if such a report	311
is required; plus	312
(b) The residual <u>traffic camera</u> adjustment computed for	313
the local authority under division (B)(4) of this section, if	314
such an adjustment applies.	315
(7) "Local government fund payments" or "LGF payments"	316
means the payments a local authority would receive under	317
sections <del>5747.502<u>5747.503</u>, 5747.51, and 5747.53, and division</del>	318
(C) of section 5747.50 of the Revised Code, as applicable, if	319
not for the reductions required by divisions (C) and (D) of this	320
section.	321
(8) "Residual <u>traffic camera</u> adjustment" means the most	322
recent <del>LGF <u>traffic</u> camera adjustment</del> computed for a local	323
authority under division (B)(2) or (3) of this section minus the	324
sum of the reductions applied after that computation under	325
division (C) of this section to the local authority's LGF	326
payments.	327
(9) "Traffic camera fines" means civil fines for any	328
violation of any local ordinance or resolution that are based	329
upon evidence recorded by a traffic law photo-monitoring device.	330
(10) "Qualifying village" has the same meaning as in	331
section 5747.503 of the Revised Code.	332
(11) "Traffic law photo-monitoring device" has the same	333

(B) (1) Annually, on or before the thirty-first day of 335 July, any local authority that directly or indirectly collected 336 traffic camera fines during the preceding fiscal year shall file 337 a report with the tax commissioner that includes a detailed 338 statement of the gross amount of all traffic camera fines the 339 local authority collected during that period and the gross 340 amount of such fines that the local authority collected for 341 violations that occurred within a school zone. 342

(2) Annually, on or before the tenth day of August, the 343 commissioner shall compute a local government fund traffic 344 <u>camera</u> adjustment for each local authority that files a report 345 under division (B)(1) of this section or with respect to which a 346 residual traffic camera adjustment applies. Subject to division 347 (B) (3) of this section and section 5747.505 of the Revised Code, 348 the LGF traffic camera adjustment shall be used by the 349 commissioner to determine the amount of the reductions required 350 under division (C) of this section for each of the next twelve 351 months, starting with the month in which the LGF traffic camera 352 adjustment is computed. After those twelve months, the LGF-353 traffic camera adjustment ceases to apply and, if an LGF a 354 traffic camera adjustment continues to be required, the amount 355 of the reductions required under division (C) of this section 356 shall be determined based on an updated LGF traffic camera 357 adjustment computed under this division. 358

(3) Upon receipt of a report described by division (B)(1)of this section that is not timely filed, the commissioner shalldo both of the following:

(a) If one or more payments to the local authority has
been withheld under division (D) of this section because of the
local authority's failure to file the report, notify the county
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auditor and county treasurer of the appropriate county that the365report has been received and that, subject to division (C) of366this section, payments to the local authority from the undivided367local government fund are to resume.368

(b) Compute the local authority's LGF traffic camera 369 adjustment using the information in the report. An LGF A traffic 370 <u>camera</u> adjustment computed under this division shall be used by 371 the commissioner to determine the amount of the reductions 372 required under division (C) of this section starting with the 373 next required reduction. The LGF traffic camera adjustment 374 ceases to apply on the thirty-first day of the ensuing July, 375 following which, if an LGF a traffic camera adjustment continues 376 to be required, the amount of the reductions required under 377 division (C) of this section shall be determined based on an 378 updated <u>HGF traffic camera adjustment</u> computed under division 379 (B)(2) of this section. 380

(4) Annually, on or before the tenth day of August, the 381 commissioner shall compute a residual traffic camera adjustment 382 for each local authority whose LGF traffic camera adjustment for 383 384 the preceding year exceeds the amount by which the local authority's LGF payments were reduced during that year under 385 division (C) of this section. The residual traffic camera 386 adjustment shall be used to compute the <del>LGF</del>-traffic camera 387 adjustment for the ensuing year under division (B)(2) of this 388 section. 389

(C) The Subject to section 5747.505 of the Revised Code,390the commissioner shall do the following, as applicable,391respecting any local authority to which an LGF a traffic camera392adjustment computed under division (B) of this section applies:393

(1) If the local authority is a municipal corporation with 394

a population of one thousand or more, reduce payments to the 395 municipal corporation under division (C) of section 5747.50 of 396 the Revised Code by one-twelfth of the LGF traffic camera 397 adjustment. If one-twelfth of the LGF-traffic camera adjustment 398 exceeds the amount of money the municipal corporation would 399 otherwise receive under division (C) of section 5747.50 of the 400 Revised Code, the commissioner also shall reduce payments to the 401 402 appropriate county undivided local government fund under division (B) of section 5747.50 of the Revised Code by an amount 403 equal to the lesser of (a) one-twelfth of the excess, or (b) the 404 amount of the payment the municipal corporation would otherwise 405 receive from the fund under section 5747.51 or 5747.53 of the 406 Revised Code. 407

(2) If the local authority is a township or qualifying 408 village, reduce the supplemental payments to the appropriate 409 county undivided local government fund under section 5747.503 of 410 the Revised Code by the lesser of one-twelfth of the LGF traffic 411 412 <u>camera</u> adjustment, or the amount of money the township or qualifying village would otherwise receive under that section. 413 If one-twelfth of the LGF traffic camera adjustment exceeds the 414 amount of money the township or qualifying village would 415 otherwise receive under section 5747.503 of the Revised Code, 416 the commissioner also shall reduce payments to the appropriate 417 county undivided local government fund under division (B) of 418 section 5747.50 of the Revised Code by an amount equal to the 419 lesser of (a) one-twelfth of the excess, or (b) the amount of 420 the payment the township or qualifying village would otherwise 421 receive from the fund under section 5747.51 or 5747.53 of the 422 Revised Code. 423

(3) If the local authority is a county, reduce payments to424the appropriate county undivided local government fund under425

division (B) of section 5747.50 of the Revised Code by an amount426equal to the lesser of (a) one-twelfth of the LGF traffic camera427adjustment, or (b) the amount of the payment the county would428otherwise receive from the fund under section 5747.51 or 5747.53429of the Revised Code.430

(4) For any local authority, on or before the tenth day of 431 each month a reduction is made under division (C)(1), (2), or 432 (3) of this section, make a payment to the local authority in an 433 amount equal to the lesser of (a) one-twelfth of the gross 434 amount of traffic camera fines the local authority collected in 435 the preceding fiscal year for violations that occurred within a 436 school zone, as indicated on the report filed by the local 437 authority pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section, or (b) 438 the amount by which the local authority's LGF payments were 439 reduced that month pursuant to division (C)(1), (2), or (3) of 440 this section. Payments received by a local authority under this 441 division shall be used by the local authority for school safety 442 443 purposes.

(D) Upon Subject to section 5747.505 of the Revised Code, upon discovery, based on information in the commissioner's possession, that a local authority required to file a report under division (B)(1) of this section has failed to do so, the commissioner shall do the following, as applicable:

(1) If the local authority is a municipal corporation with
a population of one thousand or more, cease providing for
payments to the municipal corporation under section 5747.50 of
the Revised Code beginning with the next required payment and
until such time as the report is received by the commissioner;

(2) If the local authority is a township or qualifyingvillage, reduce the supplemental payments to the appropriate455

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county undivided local government fund under section 5747.503 of456the Revised Code by an amount equal to the amount of such457payments the local authority would otherwise receive under that458section, beginning with the next required payment and until such459time as the report is received by the commissioner;460

(3) For any local authority, reduce payments to the
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appropriate county undivided local government fund under
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division (B) of section 5747.50 of the Revised Code by an amount
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equal to the amount of such payments the local authority would
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otherwise receive under section 5747.51 or 5747.53 of the
Revised Code, beginning with the next required payment and until
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such time as the report is received by the commissioner;

(4) For any local authority, notify the county auditor and
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(E) The commissioner shall notify the county auditor and 472 county treasurer on or before the day the commissioner first 473 reduces a county undivided local government fund payment to that 474 county under division (C) of this section. The notice shall 475 include the full amount of the reduction, a list of the local 476 authorities to which the reduction applies, and the amount of 477 reduction attributed to each such local authority. The 478 commissioner shall send an updated notice to the county auditor 479 and county treasurer any time the amount the reduction 480 attributed to any local authority changes. 481

A county treasurer that receives a notice from the482commissioner under this division or division (B) (3) (a) or (D) (4)483of this section shall reduce, cease, or resume payments from the484undivided local government fund to the local authority that is485

the subject of the notice as specified by the commissioner in486the notice. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, the487payments shall be reduced, ceased, or resumed beginning with the488next required payment.489

(F) There is hereby created in the state treasury the Ohio 490 highway and transportation safety fund. On or before the tenth 491 day of each month, the commissioner shall deposit in the fund an 492 amount equal to the total amount by which payments to local 493 authorities were reduced or ceased under division (C) or (D) of 494 this section minus the total amount of payments made under 495 division (C)(4) of this section. The amount deposited with 496 respect to a local authority shall be credited to an account to 497 be created in the fund for the transportation district in which 498 that local authority is located. If the local authority is 499 located within more than one transportation district, the amount 500 credited to the account of each such transportation district 501 shall be prorated on the basis of the number of centerline miles 502 of public roads and highways in both the local authority and the 503 respective districts. Amounts credited to a transportation 504 district's account shall be used by the department of 505 transportation and the district deputy director exclusively to 506 enhance public safety on public roads and highways within that 507 transportation district. 508

Sec. 5747.504. (A) As used in this section:	509
(1) "Abortion adjustment" means the sum of the following:	510
(a) The lesser of the amounts reported by the local	511
authority under divisions (A) and (D) of section 305.44 of the	512
Revised Code if the local authority is a county, or divisions	513
(A) and (D) of section 701.11 of the Revised Code if the local	514
authority is a municipal corporation;	515

(b) If positive, the difference obtained by subtracting	516
the following amounts:	517
(i) If the local authority is a municipal corporation, the	518
amount reported under division (A) of section 701.11 of the	519
Revised Code minus the amount reported under division (D) of	520
that section;	521
(ii) If the local authority is a county, the amount	522
reported under division (A) of section 305.44 of the Revised	523
Code minus the amount reported under division (D) of that	524
section.	525
(c) The residual abortion adjustment computed for the	526
local authority under division (B)(2) of this section.	527
(2) "Local authority" means a county or municipal	528
corporation.	529
(3) "Residual abortion adjustment" means the most recent	530
abortion adjustment computed for a local authority under	531
division (B)(1) of this section minus the amount the local	532
authority's LGF payments were reduced that month under division	533
(C) of this section. Reductions under division (D) of this	534
section, due to a local authority's failure to file a report	535
required by section 305.44 or 701.11 of the Revised Code or	536
filing a report with inaccurate information, do not decrease the	537
residual abortion adjustment.	538
(4) "Local government fund payments" or "LGF payments"	539
means the payments a local authority would receive under	540
sections 5747.503, 5747.51, and 5747.53, and division (C) of	541
section 5747.50 of the Revised Code, as applicable, if not for	542
the reductions required by this section.	543
(5) "Qualifying village" has the same meaning as in	544

(B) (1) On or before the tenth day of each month that 546 begins after the effective date of this section, the tax 547 commissioner shall compute an abortion adjustment for each local 548 authority that submits a report under section 305.44 or 701.11 549 of the Revised Code, or for which a positive residual abortion 550 adjustment is computed under division (B)(2) of this section. 551 Except as provided in section 5747.505 of the Revised Code, the 552 commissioner shall subtract the abortion adjustment from the 553 local authority's next LGF payment as described in division (C) 554 of this section. 555

(2) On or before the tenth day of each month, starting with the second month that begins after the effective date of this section, the commissioner shall compute a residual abortion adjustment for each local authority whose abortion adjustment for the preceding month exceeds the amount by which the local authority's LGF payments were reduced for that month under division (C) of this section.

(C) (1) If the local authority is a municipal corporation 563 with a population of one thousand or more, the commissioner 564 shall first reduce payments to the municipal corporation under 565 division (C) of section 5747.50 of the Revised Code by the 566 lesser of the abortion adjustment, or the amount the municipal 567 corporation would otherwise receive under that division. If the 568 abortion adjustment exceeds the amount of money the municipal 569 corporation would otherwise receive under division (C) of 570 section 5747.50 of the Revised Code, the commissioner also shall 571 reduce payments to the appropriate county undivided local 572 government fund under division (B) of section 5747.50 of the 573 Revised Code by the lesser of the excess abortion adjustment or 574

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information, the commissioner shall do the following, as 602 applicable: 603

(1) If the local authority is a municipal corporation that 604

has a population of one thousand or more, cease providing for	605
payments to the municipal corporation under division (C) of	606
section 5747.50 of the Revised Code beginning with the next	607
required payment and until such time as an original or corrected	608
report is received by the commissioner;	609
(2) If the local authority is a qualifying village, reduce	610
the supplemental payments to the appropriate county undivided	611
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by the amount of such payments the qualifying village would	613
otherwise receive under that section, beginning with the next	614
required payment and until such time as an original or corrected	615
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(3) For any local authority, reduce payments to the	617
appropriate county undivided local government fund under	618
division (B) of section 5747.50 of the Revised Code by the	619
amount of such payments the local authority would otherwise	620
receive under section 5747.51 or 5747.53 of the Revised Code,	621
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an original or corrected report is received by the commissioner.	623
(E) The commissioner shall notify the county auditor and	624
county treasurer on or before the day the commissioner first	625
reduces a county undivided local government fund payment to that	626
county under division (C) or (D) of this section. The notice	627
shall include the full amount of the reduction, a list of the	628
local authorities to which the reduction applies, and the amount	629
of reduction attributed to each such local authority. The	630
commissioner shall send an updated notice to the county auditor	631
and county treasurer any time the amount the reduction	632
attributed to any local authority changes.	633
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this section, unless the commission has provided for a formula694pursuant to section 5747.53 of the Revised Code. The695commissioner shall reduce the amount of funds from the undivided696local government fund to a subdivision required to receive697reduced funds under section 5747.502 or 5747.504 of the Revised698Code.699

Nothing in this section prevents the budget commission, 700 for the purpose of apportioning the undivided local government 701 fund, from inquiring into the claimed needs of any subdivision 702 as stated in its tax budget, or from adjusting claimed needs to 703 reflect actual needs. For the purposes of this section, "current 704 operating expenses" means the lawful expenditures of a 705 subdivision, except those for permanent improvements and except 706 payments for interest, sinking fund, and retirement of bonds, 707 notes, and certificates of indebtedness of the subdivision. 708

(C) The commission shall determine the combined total of 709 the estimated expenditures, including transfers, from the 710 general fund and any special funds other than special funds 711 established for road and bridge; street construction, 712 maintenance, and repair; state highway improvement; and gas, 713 water, sewer, and electric public utilities operated by a 714 subdivision, as shown in the subdivision's tax budget for the 715 ensuing calendar year. 716

(D) From the combined total of expenditures calculated
pursuant to division (C) of this section, the commission shall
deduct the following expenditures, if included in these funds in
the tax budget:

(1) Expenditures for permanent improvements as defined indivision (E) of section 5705.01 of the Revised Code;722

(2) In the case of counties and townships, transfers to
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the road and bridge fund, and in the case of municipalities,
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transfers to the street construction, maintenance, and repair
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fund and the state highway improvement fund;
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- (3) Expenditures for the payment of debt charges; 727
- (4) Expenditures for the payment of judgments. 728

(E) In addition to the deductions made pursuant to
division (D) of this section, revenues accruing to the general
fund and any special fund considered under division (C) of this
section from the following sources shall be deducted from the
combined total of expenditures calculated pursuant to division
(C) of this section:

(1) Taxes levied within the ten-mill limitation, asdefined in section 5705.02 of the Revised Code;736

(2) The budget commission allocation of estimated county public library fund revenues to be distributed pursuant to section 5747.48 of the Revised Code;

(3) Estimated unencumbered balances as shown on the tax
budget as of the thirty-first day of December of the current
year in the general fund, but not any estimated balance in any
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special fund considered in division (C) of this section;
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(4) Revenue, including transfers, shown in the general 744 fund and any special funds other than special funds established 745 for road and bridge; street construction, maintenance, and 746 repair; state highway improvement; and gas, water, sewer, and 747 electric public utilities, from all other sources except those 748 that a subdivision receives from an additional tax or service 749 charge voted by its electorate or receives from special 750 assessment or revenue bond collection. For the purposes of this 751

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division, where the charter of a municipal corporation prohibits 752 the levy of an income tax, an income tax levied by the 753 legislative authority of such municipal corporation pursuant to 754 an amendment of the charter of that municipal corporation to 755 authorize such a levy represents an additional tax voted by the 756 electorate of that municipal corporation. For the purposes of 757 758 this division, any measure adopted by a board of county commissioners pursuant to section 322.02, 4504.02, or 5739.021 759 760 of the Revised Code, including those measures upheld by the electorate in a referendum conducted pursuant to section 761 322.021, 4504.021, or 5739.022 of the Revised Code, shall not be 762 considered an additional tax voted by the electorate. 763

764 Subject to division (F) of section 5705.29 of the Revised Code, money in a reserve balance account established by a 765 county, township, or municipal corporation under section 5705.13 766 of the Revised Code shall not be considered an unencumbered 767 balance or revenue under division (E)(3) or (4) of this section. 768 Money in a reserve balance account established by a township 769 under section 5705.132 of the Revised Code shall not be 770 considered an unencumbered balance or revenue under division (E) 771 (3) or (4) of this section. 772

773 If a county, township, or municipal corporation has created and maintains a nonexpendable trust fund under section 774 775 5705.131 of the Revised Code, the principal of the fund, and any additions to the principal arising from sources other than the 776 reinvestment of investment earnings arising from such a fund, 777 shall not be considered an unencumbered balance or revenue under 778 division (E)(3) or (4) of this section. Only investment earnings 779 arising from investment of the principal or investment of such 780 additions to principal may be considered an unencumbered balance 781 or revenue under those divisions. 782

(F) The total expenditures calculated pursuant to division 783 (C) of this section, less the deductions authorized in divisions 784 (D) and (E) of this section, shall be known as the "relative 785 need" of the subdivision, for the purposes of this section. 786

(G) The budget commission shall total the relative need of 787 all participating subdivisions in the county, and shall compute 788 a relative need factor by dividing the total estimate of the 789 undivided local government fund by the total relative need of 790 all participating subdivisions. 791

(H) The relative need of each subdivision shall be 792 multiplied by the relative need factor to determine the 793 proportionate share of the subdivision in the undivided local 794 government fund of the county; provided, that the maximum 795 proportionate share of a county shall not exceed the following 796 maximum percentages of the total estimate of the undivided local 797 government fund governed by the relationship of the percentage 798 of the population of the county that resides within municipal 799 corporations within the county to the total population of the 800 county as reported in the reports on population in Ohio by the 801 802 department of development as of the twentieth day of July of the year in which the tax budget is filed with the budget 803 804 commission:

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Percentage of municipal population Percentage share of the county shall not exceed:

Sixty per cent

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Less than forty-one per cent

within the county:

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C Forty-one per cent or more but less Fifty per cent than eighty-one per cent

D Eighty-one per cent or more Thirty per cent

Where the proportionate share of the county exceeds the 806 limitations established in this division, the budget commission 807 shall adjust the proportionate shares determined pursuant to 808 this division so that the proportionate share of the county does 809 810 not exceed these limitations, and it shall increase the proportionate shares of all other subdivisions on a pro rata 811 basis. In counties having a population of less than one hundred 812 thousand, not less than ten per cent shall be distributed to the 813 townships therein. 814

(I) The proportionate share of each subdivision in the 815 undivided local government fund determined pursuant to division 816 817 (H) of this section for any calendar year shall not be less than the product of the average of the percentages of the undivided 818 local government fund of the county as apportioned to that 819 subdivision for the calendar years 1968, 1969, and 1970, 820 multiplied by the total amount of the undivided local government 821 822 fund of the county apportioned pursuant to former section 5739.23 of the Revised Code for the calendar year 1970. For the 823 purposes of this division, the total apportioned amount for the 824 calendar year 1970 shall be the amount actually allocated to the 825 county in 1970 from the state collected intangible tax as levied 826 by section 5707.03 of the Revised Code and distributed pursuant 827 to section 5725.24 of the Revised Code, plus the amount received 828 by the county in the calendar year 1970 pursuant to division (B) 829 (1) of former section 5739.21 of the Revised Code, and 830 distributed pursuant to former section 5739.22 of the Revised 831

Code. If the total amount of the undivided local government fund 832 for any calendar year is less than the amount of the undivided 833 local government fund apportioned pursuant to former section 834 5739.23 of the Revised Code for the calendar year 1970, the 835 minimum amount guaranteed to each subdivision for that calendar 836 year pursuant to this division shall be reduced on a basis 837 838 proportionate to the amount by which the amount of the undivided local government fund for that calendar year is less than the 839 amount of the undivided local government fund apportioned for 840 the calendar year 1970. 841

(J) On the basis of such apportionment, the county auditor 842 shall compute the percentage share of each such subdivision in 843 the undivided local government fund and shall at the same time 844 certify to the tax commissioner the percentage share of the 845 county as a subdivision. No payment shall be made from the 846 undivided local government fund, except in accordance with such 847 percentage shares. 848

Within ten days after the budget commission has made its 849 apportionment, whether conducted pursuant to section 5747.51 or 850 5747.53 of the Revised Code, the auditor shall publish a list of 8.51 the subdivisions and the amount each is to receive from the 852 undivided local government fund and the percentage share of each 853 subdivision, in a newspaper or newspapers of countywide 854 circulation, and send a copy of such allocation to the tax 855 commissioner. 856

The county auditor shall also send a copy of such857allocation by ordinary or electronic mail to the fiscal officer858of each subdivision entitled to participate in the allocation of859the undivided local government fund of the county. This copy860shall constitute the official notice of the commission action861

referred to in section 5705.37 of the Revised Code.

All money received into the treasury of a subdivision from 863 the undivided local government fund in a county treasury shall 864 be paid into the general fund and used for the current operating 865 expenses of the subdivision. 866

If a municipal corporation maintains a municipal 867 university, such municipal university, when the board of 868 trustees so requests the legislative authority of the municipal 869 corporation, shall participate in the money apportioned to such 870 municipal corporation from the total local government fund, 871 however created and constituted, in such amount as requested by 872 the board of trustees, provided such sum does not exceed nine 873 per cent of the total amount paid to the municipal corporation. 874

If any public official fails to maintain the records 875 required by sections 5747.50 to 5747.55 of the Revised Code or 876 by the rules issued by the tax commissioner, the auditor of 877 state, or the treasurer of state pursuant to such sections, or 878 fails to comply with any law relating to the enforcement of such 879 sections, the local government fund money allocated to the 880 county may be withheld until such time as the public official 881 has complied with such sections or such law or the rules issued 882 pursuant thereto. 883

Sec. 5747.53. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "City, located wholly or partially in the county, with 885 the greatest population" means the city, located wholly or 886 partially in the county, with the greatest population residing 887 in the county; however, if the county budget commission on or 888 before January 1, 1998, adopted an alternative method of 889 apportionment that was approved by the legislative authority of 890

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the city, located partially in the county, with the greatest population but not the greatest population residing in the 892 county, "city, located wholly or partially in the county, with 893 the greatest population" means the city, located wholly or 894 partially in the county, with the greatest population whether 895 residing in the county or not, if this alternative meaning is 896 adopted by action of the board of county commissioners and a 897 majority of the boards of township trustees and legislative 898 authorities of municipal corporations located wholly or 899 900 partially in the county. (2) "Participating political subdivision" means a 901 municipal corporation or township that satisfies all of the 902 903 following: (a) It is located wholly or partially in the county. 904 (b) It is not the city, located wholly or partially in the 905 906 county, with the greatest population. (c) Undivided local government fund moneys are apportioned 907 to it under the county's alternative method or formula of 908 909 apportionment in the current calendar year. (B) In lieu of the method of apportionment of the 910 undivided local government fund of the county provided by 911 912 section 5747.51 of the Revised Code, the county budget commission may provide for the apportionment of the fund under 913 an alternative method or on a formula basis as authorized by 914 this section. The commissioner shall reduce the amount of funds 915

5747.504 of the Revised Code.

from the undivided local government fund to a subdivision

required to receive reduced funds under section 5747.502 or

Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this 919

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section, the alternative method of apportionment shall have 920 first been approved by all of the following governmental units: 921 the board of county commissioners; the legislative authority of 922 the city, located wholly or partially in the county, with the 923 greatest population; and a majority of the boards of township 924 trustees and legislative authorities of municipal corporations, 925 926 located wholly or partially in the county, excluding the legislative authority of the city, located wholly or partially 927 928 in the county, with the greatest population. In granting or denying approval for an alternative method of apportionment, the 929 board of county commissioners, boards of township trustees, and 930 legislative authorities of municipal corporations shall act by 931 motion. A motion to approve shall be passed upon a majority vote 932 of the members of a board of county commissioners, board of 933 township trustees, or legislative authority of a municipal 934 corporation, shall take effect immediately, and need not be 935 published. 936

Any alternative method of apportionment adopted and 937 approved under this division shall be reviewed by the county 938 budget commission at a public hearing held at least once in the 939 940 year following the effective date of this amendment October 3, 2023, and in every fifth year thereafter. The county budget 941 commission shall provide reasonable advance notice of the 942 hearing to all political subdivisions eligible to participate in 943 the fund and shall take public testimony from any such political 944 subdivision that wishes to testify. 945

Any alternative method of apportionment adopted and946approved under this division may be revised, amended, or947repealed in the same manner as it may be adopted and approved.948If an alternative method of apportionment adopted and approved949under this division is repealed, the undivided local government950

fund of the county shall be apportioned among the subdivisions951eligible to participate in the fund, commencing in the ensuing952calendar year, under the apportionment provided in section9535747.52 of the Revised Code, unless the repeal occurs by954operation of division (C) of this section or a new method for955apportionment of the fund is provided in the action of repeal.956

(C) This division applies only in counties in which the 957 city, located wholly or partially in the county, with the 958 greatest population has a population of twenty thousand or less 959 and a population that is less than fifteen per cent of the total 960 population of the county. In such a county, the legislative 961 authorities or boards of township trustees of two or more 962 participating political subdivisions, which together have a 963 population residing in the county that is a majority of the 964 total population of the county, each may adopt a resolution to 965 exclude the approval otherwise required of the legislative 966 authority of the city, located wholly or partially in the 967 county, with the greatest population. All of the resolutions to 968 exclude that approval shall be adopted not later than the first 969 Monday of August of the year preceding the calendar year in 970 which distributions are to be made under an alternative method 971 of apportionment. 972

A motion granting or denying approval of an alternative 973 method of apportionment under this division shall be adopted by 974 a majority vote of the members of the board of county 975 commissioners and by a majority vote of a majority of the boards 976 of township trustees and legislative authorities of the 977 municipal corporations located wholly or partially in the 978 county, other than the city, located wholly or partially in the 979 county, with the greatest population, shall take effect 980 immediately, and need not be published. The alternative method 981

of apportionment under this division shall be adopted and 982 approved annually, not later than the first Monday of August of 983 the year preceding the calendar year in which distributions are 984 to be made under it. A motion granting approval of an 985 alternative method of apportionment under this division repeals 986 any existing alternative method of apportionment, effective with 987 distributions to be made from the fund in the ensuing calendar 988 year. An alternative method of apportionment under this division 989 shall not be revised or amended after the first Monday of August 990 of the year preceding the calendar year in which distributions 991 are to be made under it. 992

(D) In determining an alternative method of apportionment
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 authorized by this section, the county budget commission may
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 include in the method any factor considered to be appropriate
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 and reliable, in the sole discretion of the county budget
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(E) The limitations set forth in section 5747.51 of the 998
Revised Code, stating the maximum amount that the county may 999
receive from the undivided local government fund and the minimum 1000
amount the townships in counties having a population of less 1001
than one hundred thousand may receive from the fund, are 1002
applicable to any alternative method of apportionment authorized 1003
under this section. 1004

(F) On the basis of any alternative method of 1005 apportionment adopted and approved as authorized by this 1006 section, as certified by the auditor to the county treasurer, 1007 the county treasurer shall make distribution of the money in the 1008 undivided local government fund to each subdivision eligible to 1009 participate in the fund, and the auditor, when the amount of 1010 those shares is in the custody of the treasurer in the amounts 1011

so computed to be due the respective subdivisions, shall at the 1012 same time certify to the tax commissioner the percentage share 1013 of the county as a subdivision. All money received into the 1014 treasury of a subdivision from the undivided local government 1015 fund in a county treasury shall be paid into the general fund 1016 and used for the current operating expenses of the subdivision. 1017 If a municipal corporation maintains a municipal university, the 1018 university, when the board of trustees so requests the 1019 legislative authority of the municipal corporation, shall 1020 participate in the money apportioned to the municipal 1021 corporation from the total local government fund, however 1022 created and constituted, in the amount requested by the board of 1023 trustees, provided that amount does not exceed nine per cent of 1024 the total amount paid to the municipal corporation. 1025

(G) The actions of the county budget commission taken
pursuant to this section are final and may not be appealed to
the board of tax appeals, except on the issues of abuse of
discretion and failure to comply with the formula.

 Section 2. That existing sections 5747.50, 5747.502,
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 5747.51, and 5747.53 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.
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Section 3. Section 5747.53 of the Revised Code is 1032 presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 1033 by H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly and H.B. 62 of the 1034 133rd General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the 1035 principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised 1036 Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable 1037 of simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the 1038 resulting version of the section in effect prior to the 1039 1040 effective date of the section as presented in this act.